

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai



Sunday 18 October 2020
St Luke the Evangelist

Dear Friends

St Luke the Evangelist, whom we celebrate on Sunday, is traditionally remembered as the author of the 3rd Gospel – the story of Jesus' earthly life – and of the Acts of the Apostles, the story of the first disciples and the early church after Jesus' earthly life.

There is a tradition that Luke was a doctor and also that he was an artist: some icons and paintings portray him painting the portrait of Mary the mother of Jesus. It is easy to see why this image came to be – it is only in Luke's Gospel that we hear about Mary the woman and her Magnificat song and find focus on her in the infancy narrative.

Luke is an attractive and interesting biblical figure not just as an evangelist, but also as a writer who provided fascinating accounts of his travels – according to one source I read, he names 32 countries, 54 cities and 9 islands. Without Luke, it would be impossible to know about the earliest missionary endeavours of the Church.

Luke's is the only Gospel where the author obviously writes himself into the text. It is very much written out of faith for faith, aimed at putting onto paper what had so inspired those first men and women whose lives had been changed because of Jesus Christ. In crafting his story of the good news, the Gospel, Luke did many things at once. He not only told the story of Jesus of Nazareth and his early followers, he placed that story in a context of past, present, and future.

Not only did Luke write an account for all time; he wrote an account for a particular community in a particular place and time. His community of Jews and non-Jews needed encouragement as they struggled against rejection and persecution by both Jewish and Roman authorities. When Luke's community heard the good news, they passed it on and we can take it for granted that the story was meant for us, today, as well.

One characteristic of Luke's writing is his inclusiveness: his is a gospel for all comers – for gentiles like himself, for the poor and outcast, for women and even for outcasts like the thief crucified beside Jesus to whom paradise is promised. The great stories for which Luke's gospel is so memorable are nearly always about inclusion: the parable of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, as we familiarly call them, are cases in point. These Lucan stories tell us about the nature of God and about the heaven he has prepared for us.

Arohanui

Sue (Vicar)

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 18th OCTOBER 2020

Sentence

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good tidings of salvation. *Isaiah 52: 7*

Collect

**Almighty God,
you inspired Luke the physician to proclaim
the love and healing power of your Son;
give your Church grace through his teaching
to strengthen the afflicted,
heal the desolate
and bind up the broken-hearted;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

1st Reading *Isaiah 35.3-6*

2nd Reading *2 Timothy 4.5-17*

Gospel *Luke 10.1-9*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the people of the Westshore Parish and their clergy, and for New Zealand Churches seeking to minister to immigrants and refugees.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Cherie, Craig, Phyllis, Mike & Rachael, Ron & Sue, Norman & Dinah.

PARISH MAGAZINE – LATEST EDITION IS HERE!

The **October edition ‘Friends and Friendship’** is available in print and on our website. Thank you to our contributors. It’s a good read!

TIME TO REMEMBER

Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7.00pm there will be an *All Souls’ Service for the Commemoration of the Departed*. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the lives of those dear to us who have died. It is appropriate for people who have lost a loved one recently or many years ago. The names of those to be remembered will be read out during the service and, if you wish, you may light a candle in memory of your loved one. *Please see the website or separate flyer for details.*

PLEASE BE AWARE OF PHONE AND EMAIL SCAMMERS

Sadly in the last few weeks, a number of parishioners across the Diocese have received either malicious phone calls or malicious emails. The emails often appear to come from people within the parish or Diocese (some even posing as the vicar!) and are extremely convincing. They ask you to respond to a plea for help and attempt to obtain bank details or money. **Please beware of these scams – they are fraudulent.** Do not respond to these emails and do not hand over bank or credit card details. At no time would we ever ask for these details.

LAVENDER CRAFT GROUP MONDAY 19th OCTOBER

Meet at Liss Lloyd's, 20 Andrew Place (ph. 576 9103).

CLERGY CONFERENCE

Sue will be attending Clergy Conference this week so will be away from the Parish from Monday to Thursday.

This Week Beginning: 19th October

Monday	9.00 am	Walking Group
	10.00 am	Lavender Craft Group meet
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	2.00 pm	SAYGo in the hall
	4.00 pm	Music Group

Op Shop	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)
Playgroup	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Toy Library	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Services for Sunday 25th October - OT 30

Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

8.30 am	Holy Eucharist
10.00 am	Holy Eucharist

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