

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai



Sunday 1 November 2020
All Saints' Day

Dear Friends

The four Sundays from All Saints' to Advent mark a transition in Ordinary Time. We begin with the celebration of the *Feast of All Saints'* on 1st November and conclude with the *Feast of Christ the King* (22nd November this year) and the following days up to Advent.

While not part of the Church calendar (certainly in its commonly celebrated form), *Hallowe'en* is one of the points in the year when the secular calendar touches on the Church Year. The term 'Halloween' is shortened from 'All-hallow-even'. It is the evening before the Feast of All Hallows (or 'holy ones') which is known today as All Saints' Day. The Lord's Prayer contains the phrase 'hallowed be your name'. Christians hallow, or honour, not only God, but also all the saints who worked for God in the world and glorified the Church with their prayers and service.

On the *Feast of All Saints'* we celebrate and give thanks for the grace of God active in the lives of people through the ages. It is a time of celebration and joy in the revelation of God's Kingdom and the day when the Church honours all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. While we have knowledge of many saints, and we celebrate their lives on specific days during the year, there are many unknown or unsung saints and martyrs who may have been forgotten or never given much honour. It is those saints in particular who we celebrate on this day.

All Souls' Day follows *All Saints' Day*. In the New Testament, the term 'saints' is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community. From very early times in the Church, however, the word 'saint' came to be applied primarily to persons of heroic sanctity, whose deeds were recalled with gratitude by later generations.

Beginning in the 10th century, it became customary to set aside another day – as an extension of *All Saints'* – on which the Church remembered that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church. It has also become a day for particular remembrance of departed family members and friends. This day, usually kept on 2nd November, is one of thanksgiving, remembrance and prayer for the departed and the bereaved. It is on this day that we will hold our *Time to Remember* service (see below).

Arohanui

Sue (Vicar)

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 1st NOVEMBER 2020

Sentence

Know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe.

Ephesians 1: 18-19

Collect

**Almighty God, your saints are one with you
in the mystical body of Christ;
give us grace to follow them
in all virtue and holiness
until we come to those inexpressible joys which
you have prepared for those who truly love you;
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

1st Reading *Revelation 7.9-17*

2nd Reading *1 John 3.1-3*

Gospel *Matthew 5.1-12*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for retired Bishops of Waiapu, Peter Atkins, Murray Mills, George Connor, John Bluck, David Rice, and for the work of Anglican Care Polynesia.

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

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. We hope you will be able to join us for this special service.

WORKING BEE SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Let's get the Church is spick and span for the run up to Christmas! There will be teams for the grounds, church, hall, kitchen & lounge, exterior (eg windows, sweeping paths). Even a little help is good. To indicate how you can help there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. At 10.00am we will have morning tea together.

ORDINATION AS PRIEST OF THE REV'D SUE GENNER

Sue will be ordained priest in Napier Cathedral in a service to be held at 1pm on Saturday 28 November. All are welcome to attend. You may like to share lifts. Nearer the time Lynda will be able to collect names of those offering lifts and those wanting lifts.

THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Lynda will be on well-earned leave from 3rd–13th November. The Office will be open when the Vicar is there!

ADVENT CONVERSATIONS: LIVING IN HOPE

Our Advent Conversations will offer the opportunity to think about what it means to live well and to die well. We are people of history and people of hope. We look back to see where we have come from and we look forward in hope to what lies ahead.

The sessions will be on Wednesdays: 25th November and 2nd, 9th, 16th December at 11.00 am or 7.00 pm. If you are interested in participating please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. *Leaflets giving more details are available in the foyer.*

This Week Beginning: 2nd November

Monday	9.00 am	Walking Group
	7.00 pm	'Time to Remember' All Souls' Service
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	2.00 pm	Golden Age in the hall
	4.00 pm	Music group practice
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 8th November – OT 32

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

8.30 am Holy Eucharist

10.00 am Holy Eucharist

4.00 pm Messy Church

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