

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 10 November 2024

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Greetings:

Tomorrow we will have a Requiem Mass for **Reece Thomson** who died during the week. It will be a very special occasion, and I have been asked; *'What's the difference between a funeral and a requiem?'* A *requiem* is simply 'a service for a dead person', but it has a very different feel from what we often see at funerals in our church.

Where a funeral also *'celebrates a person's life'*, a requiem is more about worshipping God and giving Him thanks for that person's time with us. Hence, we might celebrate Holy Communion during a requiem, and the eulogy or tributes might not be held until the social time afterwards. In Reece's case we will make liberal use of incense (as a symbol of the Holy Spirit) and in this way he will set off to his final rest with great joy and thanksgiving. *May light perpetual shine upon him; may he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Please continue to pray for Reece's family as they come to terms with his death and the absence of a much-loved brother, uncle and great-uncle.

Sunday is **Remembrance Day**, and I have been asked to help out at Tauranga RSA as Rev'd John Heberton is not well.

“They shall grow not, old, as we who are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.”

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 10 November 2024

Sentence:

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. *Luke 6:38*

Collect:

God of all delight, grant us that joy which none can take from us; of having a work to do, a life to live; that joy in believing which will carry us through temptation, anxiety and grief. Praise to You, our God; You answer prayer. Amen.

OT Reading *1 Kings 17: 8-16*

NT Reading *Hebrews 9: 24-28*

Gospel *Mark 12: 38-44*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for communities on the front line of climate change and for the people of the Papamoa East Anglican Mission and Beachaven Projects and their clergy.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, James F, Hazel, Lynda, Lawrence, Adam, Sheryl T.

We pray for the soul of the recently departed, Reece, and for his family.

Playgroup Morning Tea

We are looking for someone to cover Playgroup morning tea on Thursday 14 and 28 November and 12 December. If you are able to help can you please let Lynda know.

Lavender Craft Morning Tea

Lavender Craft Group will be holding their annual Christmas Devonshire tea in the lounge from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon on Monday 25 November. Admission will be \$5. There will be a sales table with wonderful gifts for Christmas, raffles and a \$200 spot prize. All welcome – and bring a friend.

Mission to Seafarers

We are again running a special Christmas collection for children of seafarers and seafarers. Contributions of small gifts would be appreciated (please indicate on the gift if it is for a female, male or child – for children please also indicate gender and age). Gifts can be placed in the Seafarers collection box in the foyer.

This Week Beginning: 11 November

Tuesday 7.00 pm St John's Women's Fellowship AGM

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist
2.00 pm SAYGo
3.15 pm Service at Radius Matua

Friday 9.00 am Senior Chef

Op Shop 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday

Playgroup 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 17 November –
9.30 am Holy Communion

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