

*Welcome! Haere mai!*

## **St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai**



**Sunday, 4 February 2024**

*AAW Sunday/Candlemas*

### *Greetings:*

Today we **commission the AAW** for their work in the year ahead. The AAW is a mission focussed organisation, and they are stronger in numbers here than in other places I have been. Please pray for them and for their work among us. If anyone is interested in joining this happy and faithful bunch, please see Betty.

Just a word on the  **blessing of candles** ... please remember that there is nothing 'magic' about what we do here, even though much of what we do here is magical/mystical. Many of our symbols can be misunderstood if we don't place them in their right context.

Lit candles are an invitation to remember that when we worship, we bring ourselves into the presence of the Holy Spirit, thus we follow the Light into the Word, and then take the Word into the work for which we are each called. This blessing today, sets *these particular candles* aside for this particular spiritual purpose and nothing else.

Our regular **Mid-Week Eucharist** resumes at its normal time of **10am every Wednesday**. It is a less formal service but no less effective. Cup of tea to follow. All welcome.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 4 February 2024**

### **Sentence**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles. *Isaiah 40:31*

### **Collect**

**Almighty God, You have called us to serve You, yet without Your grace we are not able to please You; mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OT Reading** *Isaiah 40: 21-31*

**NT Reading** *1 Corinthians 9: 16-23*

**Gospel** *Mark 1: 29-39*

### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the church of Mozambique and for our Hospital Chaplains, Matiu Best, Leanne Brooks, Shelley Gilmore and Graham Silkstone.

We pray for those in need, especially those who ask for our prayers: Craig, Reece, James.

### **Taizé at St Georges**

You are invited to join St Georges, Gate Pa for their first Taizé service of the year at 7pm on Sunday 11 February.

## **This Week Beginning: 5 February**

<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	2.00 pm	Golden Age
<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am	Senior Chef
<b>Tues - Sat</b>	8:00 am	Silent Meditation
<b>Op Shop</b>	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Monday, Wednesday to Friday
	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Saturday
<b>Playgroup</b>	9.30 - 11.30 am	Wednesday, Thursday
<b>Toy Library</b>	9.30 - 11.30 am	Thursday, Saturday

## **Services for Sunday 11 February –**

8.30 am	Holy Eucharist
10.00 am	Holy Eucharist

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