

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 8 June 2025

Liturgy: p.476

Pentecost

Psalm 104: 25-35

Greetings:

Happy Birthday Church! Today was the day when the disciples and 3,000 of the faithful came to experience the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit on a hillside just outside Jerusalem. It also marks the end of the Easter season, during which we have heard again the Acts of the apostles in those first days after the Resurrection and ascension of Jesus. About how the church initially got going, even though it has changed a bit since then.

Pentecost is a Jewish Festival Day too. It's the *Festival of Weeks* (Leviticus 23:15); a season of spiritual preparation, of connection and remembrance that might be characterised by the phrase: "*let us create sacred space together.*" It symbolises the connection between the Exodus and the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai (Shavuot). You may have heard of the expression "*counting the omer*" in connection with farmers bringing their first fruits; it's a discipline that reminds the faithful of the progression through the first fifty days after Passover. This is one of those things that you have to come from the northern hemisphere to understand properly ... this is the season when crops would be harvested ... if we weren't entering our winter.

[An omer is a measure of dry goods (grain) equivalent to about 1-2kgs although that varies considerably with the type of grain. It will suffice to say that ten omers equals one ephah!]

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 8 June 2025

Sentence:

God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Who has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

Collect:

Living God, eternal Holy Spirit, let Your bright intoxicating energy, which fired those first disciples, fall on us to turn the world again. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.

OT Reading: *Genesis 11: 1-9*

NT Reading *Acts 2: 1-21*

Gospel *John 14: 8-17, 25-27*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the resilience of communities and individuals who are affected by disasters, and for the people of the Mount Maunganui Parish and their clergy.

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

This Week Beginning: 9 June

Tuesday 1.00 pm St John's Women's Fellowship meet

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Communion

2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

3.15 pm Service at Radius Matua

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 15 June -

9.30 am Holy Communion

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