

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 6 July 2025

Liturgy: p.456

Sea Sunday

Psalm 107: 23-32

Greetings:

This week we are celebrating Sea Sunday, and I'm delighted to welcome Rev Lance Lukin, the Director of the Mission to Seafarers in New Zealand to preach. Thank you for those who have made a special effort to bring items for the Seafarers donation box today, the items will go a long way towards making the lives of seafarers just a little more comfortable.

If we weren't celebrating Sea Sunday we would hear again the story about Jesus sending out the seventy, in pairs to every place He intended to go Himself. Think about that a little. Was He preparing the way or preparing them? Either way we get the feeling that there is a lot going on here. The fishermen, tax collectors and sinners who were His disciples (just like us) were sent "like lambs among the wolves" with nothing to sustain them (to live solely on His provision), to proclaim God's peace, to cure the sick and to tell everyone that "the kingdom of God has come near." My goodness ... no pressure! Are we ready for that?

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 6 July 2025

Sentence:

The sea is Yours, O God, and You made it; the dry land also which
Your hands have fashioned. *Psalms 95: 5*

Collect:

Hold in Your everlasting arms, O Lord, those who go down to the sea in ships. Give them patience to endure the hardships of their work and keep hope alive, that they may return to their families, knowing that they have served You and Your human family by their strivings. Amen.

OT Reading: *Job 38: 1, 4-11*

NT Reading *Acts 27: 27-32, 39-44*

Gospel *Mark 4: 35-41*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Anglican Church in Melanesia, and for Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke: Bishop Ngarahu Katene and the Rohe of Tauranga, Te Puke, Whakatāne / Ruatoki, Te Kaha, Ohinemutu, Te Ngae, Murupara, Taupō.

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

Soup and Rolls Lunch

The annual Soup and Rolls luncheon will be held this Tuesday. Be there at 11.30 for a 12 o'clock lunch. Entrance fee \$10; raffles \$2 or 3 for \$5. There will be entertainment after the lunch. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. All welcome.

This Week Beginning: 7 July

Tuesday 11.30 am Soup and Rolls luncheon

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 Wednesday, Thursday

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Service for Sunday 13 July -

9.30 am Holy Communion

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