

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 22 June 2025

Liturgy: p.476

Te Pouhere Sunday

Psalm 67

Greetings:

Today is *Te Pouhere Sunday* ... a birthday of another sort.

Today is the day we celebrate the *three stranded* nature of our Constitution (the original was signed on 13 June 1857 but was significantly updated in November 1990). It now recognises each of the cultural voices in our church as “equals” and gives each an *equal* say in how we develop and express our identity from solid ground within one family of faith. While I have some personal issues about the word *equal* in this context (as we are not equally resourced) I completely agree with the principle. My own preference would be that we shared/contributed *equitably*, based on the principle in Acts 2, but that’s just me.

On another matter, I have had some questions this week about the ministry into the Port that I mentioned last Sunday. Just to be clear, I do not envisage any change to the current cycle of Sunday or Wednesday services, nor to the current frequency/timing of services at Matua, or at Bob Owens. What it does mean though is that I will be in the office less during the week and may have less availability for emergent needs within a short response time.

There will be a period of adjustment as we move forward, but you can be assured that I will still be here each week and will be available on the phone, even if you have to leave a message for me to call back.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 22 June 2025

Sentence:

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. *Galatians 3: 28*

Collect:

Almighty God, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in You. So lead us by Your Spirit, that in this life we may live to Your glory, and in the life to come enjoy You forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading: *Isaiah 42: 10-20*

NT Reading *2 Corinthians 5: 14-19*

Gospel *Luke 6: 46-49*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for refugees as they settle into life in New Zealand, and for the people of the Rotorua Parish and their clergy.

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

Soup and Rolls Lunch

Mark your calendar - the annual Soup and Rolls luncheon will be held on 8 July. All welcome. There will be raffles and entertainment. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

This Week Beginning: 23 June

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Communion
 2.00 pm SAYGO in the hall

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 29 June -

9.30 am Holy Communion

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