

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 7 June 2026

Liturgy: p476

Te Pouhere Sunday

Psalm 33:1-12

Greetings all:

I really enjoyed being with you all last Sunday. Thanks for the warm welcome and great conversations.

This Sunday is Te Pouhere Sunday and Angela is preaching. I read the various readings laid down for the day in order to write something for this newsletter and I was particularly captivated by the gospel reading in The Message paraphrase version. If you don't have a Message bible, you can access it on www.biblegateway.com.

I started at Matthew 7:24-29 and this stood out to me worthy of some pondering:

“But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

Then I decided to read all of Matthew 7 and spend some time chewing it over for my life ...

maybe you would like to too ...

Chapter 7 starts with:

“Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults— unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It’s easy to see a smudge on your neighbor’s face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do

you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this whole traveling road-show mentality all over again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor.

Oh! Worth some time pondering and applying. And forgiving yourself and trying again ... over and over ... which is what life seems to be about.

I look forward to seeing you again this coming Sunday.

Gendi, OHC

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 7 June 2026

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:

Lord of the Church, you have called us to witness to every nation. May we do your work and bear your cross, await your time and see your glory. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. **Amen.**

OT Reading *Isaiah 42: 10-20*

NT Reading *Acts 10:34-43*

Gospel *Matthew 7:24-29*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and for the people of the East Coast Parish.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Lynda, Lawrence, Reg, Jon, Angela R, Dilly.

Services while John is on Sick Leave

Sunday June 7th - Rev Gendi Burwell will be presiding and Angela Stensness will be preaching.

Sunday June 14th - Tim Cross will be leading a Service of the Word and will also be preaching.

Choral Evensong

All Parishioners are invited to attend the liturgy of Choral Evensong at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Mount Maunganui on the first Sunday of every month at 4.00pm. **June:** Music of the Tudor Church: Works by Byrd, Tallis & others

Senior Chef

A reminder that our Senior Chef cooking and nutrition course for over-60s starts again on June 12th. All are welcome — it's as much about friendship and fun as it is about cooking!

Playgroup – Volunteer Needed

Do you have a few hours a fortnight? Playgroup need a volunteer to help in the kitchen between 9am & 11am, once a fortnight on a Wednesday, as one of our long-term helpers is moving away. Please let Erica know if you can help.

Henry Williams - Trader, Peacemaker, Missionary

On Thursday 25 June in Tauranga Moana, bicentenary commemorations for Henry Williams (Karuwihā) will take place. For tickets go to: <https://www.waiapuanglicans.org.nz/post/bicentenary-celebrations-for-henry-williams-arrival>

This Week Beginning: 8th June

Tuesday	1:00 pm St John's Women's Fellowship 3:15 pm Communion at Radius Matua
Wednesday	10:00 am Mid-week Communion 2:00 pm SAYGo in the hall
Friday	9:30 am Senior Chef
Sunday	9:30 am Holy Communion

Op Shop 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday to Friday
10:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday
Playgroup 9:30am – 11:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Toy Library 9:30am – 11:30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

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