

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday 12th June 2022
Trinity Sunday

Dear Friends

Do you need an explanation of a piece of music in order to enjoy it? Perhaps to a certain extent but the explanation isn't the music. Music has to be *experienced*. Worship, too, is something that is performed. The words we say and sing only come alive in the doing. And we realise that our worship always points beyond itself.

In a similar vein, on Trinity Sunday, we realise the impossibility of ever doing God justice by *talking* about God. We ask too much of language when we expect it to carry this profoundest mystery of all. How can we speak about God who is beyond us yet within us, encompassing all that has been, and is, and is yet to come?

Trinity Sunday doesn't celebrate an event. It celebrates the *experience* early Christians had of God in relationship, an experience of dynamism and mutuality within which these believers were caught up. To describe that experience, talk began of 'three persons in one God', of mutual giving and receiving between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit whom they knew from scripture.

The human imagination – including yours and mine – operates at a deep spiritual level and is rooted in the image of God in each of us. Our imagination comes from our Creator's imagination. Sometimes our hearts know better than our heads, so that when our own spirit of imagination is working at the deepest level we can intuitively know truths, truths given by God, at which our human reasoning powers have not yet arrived.

In the Trinity, we see a pattern of relationship that speaks of how we are to be towards others and towards the world. The three-fold nature of Trinity means community, a society of persons in relationship: self-giving, living and being in that perfect oneness we call by the name of 'love'. Trinity Sunday calls us to the life of active love: love for each other as we worship and work together in the parish, love for neighbour and community, love for the world.

Remember that New Testament isn't the report of a committee after some notable events. It is more like a crater after an explosion. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is our reflection on the source of the explosion of love and healing and wholeness which is at the heart of the Christian faith. We handle the glorious debris. We ponder what the fall out means. We live within the continued flow of divine love.

Arohanui,

Sue (Vicar)

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 12th June 2022

Sentence

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6:3

Collect

**God,
glorious in Trinity,
no dimensions can define you
or thoughts contain you.
Beyond stretch of time and space
you unfold the cosmos,
from the rising of the sun,
to its setting, blessed are you,
trinity in unity.**

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Mediator.

Amen

1st Reading *Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31*

2nd Reading *Romans 5.1-5*

Gospel *John 16.12-15*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the staff and Board of Anglican Missions and for the people of the Te Puke parish and their clergy.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Colin, Shirley.

OP SHOP MANAGER

Shelley Varnam has been our Op Shop Manager for two years and our Community Activities Coordinator for a year. Sadly she will be leaving us on 23 June for a new job in the holistic, wellness profession. We thank her for her excellent contribution to our community in the time she has been with us. Both jobs will be advertised soon. If you know anyone who may be interested in either role (which will be held by different people) please speak to the Vicar or Parish Administrator.

Word and Light OUR PARISH MAGAZINE

The theme for the next edition will be **Stars**. Articles on other topics are also welcome. Photos add interest. Please send your contributions to Lynda, the Parish Administrator, by **4th July 2022**. Remember that, to keep readers' attention, your articles should not be too long (*up to around 700 words*).

WATCH OUT THERE ARE BUGS ABOUT

In addition to Covid, other respiratory illnesses – such as colds, 'flu and sore throats – and stomach upsets are infectious. **Please do not come to church if you are unwell or have had any symptoms of these illnesses in the prior 48-72 hours.** Let's keep each other safe!

This Week Beginning: 13th June

Tuesday	1.00 pm	AAW meeting in the lounge
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	2.00 pm	SAYGo in the hall
Thursday	8.00 am	Holy Eucharist for Corpus Christi <i>(Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion)</i>
Friday	9.00 am	Senior Chef
Op Shop	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)
Playgroup	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Toy Library	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Services for Sunday 19th June – OT 12 / Te Pouhere Sunday

8.30 am Holy Eucharist
10.00 am Holy Eucharist

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