

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Sunday 16th July 2023
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Tekau mā rima o He wā noa iho

Readings

Isaiah 55: 10-13
Psalm 65 :(1-8),9-13
Romans 8: 1-11
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sentence

The words you have spoken are
spirit and life, O Lord; you have the
words of eternal life.

John 6: 63, 68

Collect

Praise to you, God, for all your
work among us. Yours is the
vigour in creation, yours is the
impulse in our new discoveries.

Make us adventurous, yet
reverent and hopeful in all
we do. This we ask through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 17th July – Sunday 23rd July 2023

- Tuesday:** 10.00am - House Group at Macandrew Bay
Tuesday: 4.00pm - 5.00pm - Prayer for the Parish at St Michael's
Wednesday: 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist at St Michael's
Thursday: 10.00am - Playgroup at St Philip's resumes
Saturday: 11.00am A Rocha gathering at Tirohanga
Sunday: 10.00am - Holy Communion at St Michael's
Sunday: 5.30pm - 7pm - 3 in 1 (see separate item under notices)

Reflection from Reverend Michael Holdaway

“What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God” Micah 6: 8

On Monday this week Toyohiko Kagawa was born in Kobe, Japan in 1888.

He was a social reformer, a hero fighting injustice. As a teenager he was brought to faith by missionaries and baptised then disowned by his family. Later in the 1930's he founded the antiwar league and in the 1940's he publicly apologised to China for the invasion by Japan. And so was arrested.

It is a reminder we are called to follow Jesus both in the public and the private. Toyohiko was quoted saying, “I read a book that a man called Christ went about doing good. It is disconcerting to me that it is so easy to just go about!”

This reminds me of walking with 3 mile an hour God, we don't just walk but we walk and take notice of our surroundings and yes sometimes bravely offer to pray with strangers or sit with them if they are in distress. We are called not just to walk about but walk about doing good in Christ.

And so, Gal 6:9 “Do not grow weary of doing good for in due season (you) will reap at harvest time, if you do not give up!”

Which brings me to this Sunday we join in the celebration of Matariki. First there will be fish cakes and a dawn service 7.15am, Macandrew Bay on the beach.

Then at 10am, we join in the celebration of Matariki at St Michael's church. We are asking people to bring seeds, cuttings, plants ready to share, to plant, and maybe later in the year, or early next year we can also share the harvest. Also bring a story if there is one associated with the plant or seed you bring.

Blessings Michael and Mary-Jo

If you would like to hear the latest sermon, Reverend Michael Holdaway will be adding his sermon to the facebook page below each week. Click on the link below if you are a facebook user and wish to access his sermon:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Otago-Peninsula-Anglican-Parish/100068255425347/>

NOTICES

Bring along a seed or plant cutting this Sunday at 10am.

People are being invited to bring along a seed (vegetable or plant) or a plant cutting. These will be blessed, and there will be an opportunity to exchange seeds/plants with other parishioners. If there is a story that you can share which goes with the seed/cutting, it would be great that you share this with us all.

Farewell to our Parish Secretary - You are welcome to join us at the **Esplanade Café, St Clair**, on Tuesday 18th July at 2.30pm to say farewell to Danielle who has had the opportunity to work full time, so will be leaving us.

Church Life Survey - On Sunday 23rd July and 30th July we will participate together in the 2023 Church Life Survey. It's a nationwide survey of church attenders and a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church. Paper copies will be available as well as a couple of computers. See new link:

<https://clsnz.org/dataentry/online/01GT05X5D9DPB7VQGGECG6W418/en>

3 in 1

20 minute silent prayer meditation, bible study, cup of soup and a roll.

This will continue on a Sunday 5.30pm -7pm

Who is it for?

Anyone who is searching with questions and or looking to reconnect with the church or is looking to deepen their journey in Christ. Led by Bishop Kelvin, amongst others. Share this invitation. All are welcome!

Online Services

The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd

A reminder that the next monthly on-line service will be held on Sunday 23rd July at 10am. To find Sunday church services that are held online, go to the Diocesan website at: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/on-line-worship/>

Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray for the New Zealand Church Missionary Society and for those serving overseas as Mission Partners.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Diocesan Ministry Educator – Ven. Anne van Gend; we also pray for the Diocese of Dunedin Trust Board.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Louise Petherbridge, Alan Petrie, Sue Pierre.

Those who have asked for prayer

H Robert Wilson

In the Community

A Matariki blessing for our community

In mid-winter we teeter on the brink of a promise of hope.

The cold winds of winter whisper of spring.

May the beauty of creation fill you with wonder.

May the love of your ancestors wrap around you like a cloak.

May your life be filled with blessings as numerous as the stars.

And may the blessing of God,

Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life,

be with you always.

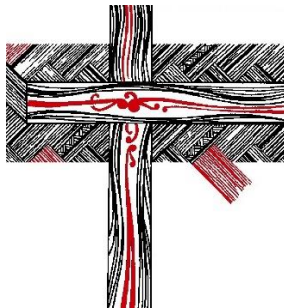
Amen

St Michael and All

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Next week's readings:

Isaiah 44: 6-8

Psalm 86: 11-17

Romans 8: 12-25

Matthews 13: 24-30,36-43

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Tuesday 1 - 5 pm Thursday 1 - 5 pm