

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Sunday 23rd July 2023 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Te Rātapu Tekau mā ono o He wā noa iho

Readings

Isaiah 44: 6-8
Psalm 86: 11-17
Romans 8: 12-25
Matthews 13: 24-30,36-43

Sentence

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 86:15*

Collect

God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 24th July – Sunday 30th 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
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

Some time ago I swam from Rangitoto to St Heliers beach. Today when Mary -Jo and I made a short film clip with Andrew at the Diocesan office it reminded me of the experience.

I remember being so careful walking down the steps of the wharf into the water from Rangitoto Island, finding it only to be treacherous, so slippery. It was far safer to simply jump of the edge of the wharf. There is a lesson there!

As I set off, I was surrounded by huge number of swimmers- arms flying in all directions like a bunch of seagulls, but it wasn't long before I found myself on my own, because everyone soon spread out.

On the Rangitoto side, you swim past the open mouth of the harbour (unlike Dunedin no molars to make their mark) and there I became aware of the roll of the sea. There is this huge movement, which gently lifted and then lowered my body as I swim through it.

I'll never forget it because I was very aware of my vulnerability and smallness, yet there I was, swimming, a good but scary feeling-I think of it being in God space.

I often reflect on this with the thought that God does not mean for us to be comfortable. I have the view we are called; churches are called to go out on adventure, adventures which make us feel vulnerable and stretches us, so we feel the roll – in God's space.

This Sunday we again have a parable to do with plants, parable of weeds amongst the wheat which is poignant because it reminds us that the natural inclination of the kingdom of God is to grow.

For our part we are called to move out of our comfortable zone to the more unpredictable spaces to grow.

By the way thankyou to everyone who brought seeds and plants last Sunday to church and sharing stories about them. Now we can look forward to a harvest in the summer!

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

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/01GT05X5D9DPB7VQGQECG6W418/en>

Many thanks to all who have already completed the survey. If not, we would be grateful to have this done this week.

3 in 1

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

Sunday 5.30pm -7pm

Who is it for?

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

Stewardship: 2 Cor 9:7 'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver'.

For new givers, for giving by direct credit, use the account for the Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish: 06-0911-0317403-00

Online Services

The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd

A reminder that the next monthly on-line service will be held on this 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/>

A Rocha Tree Planting Saturday this 22nd July

If you would like to join Michael to participate in this event at Tirohanga, he has spare seats in his car and will be leaving at 10.00am. Please contact Michael.

Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray for the Bishops, clergy, and people of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for St Martha's Local Church, and Priest-in-charge, Rev'd Esther Clarke-Prebble, Priests Assistants, Rev'ds Sue McCafferty and Dr Edward Prebble.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Elizabeth and Bill Purdie, Maryalyce Reed.

In the Community

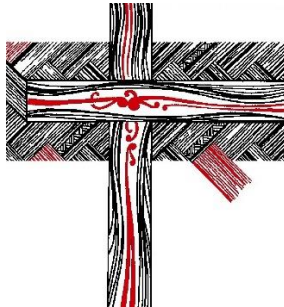
Today we pray for the residents and staff of Marne Street Home and Hospital, and of Montecillo Residential Home.

St Michael and All

Angels: Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay

Safeguarding Officer

Contact Gilbert
McMillan on 454 5967
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Next week's readings:

1 Kings 3: 5-12
Psalm 119: 129-136
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33,44-52

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Tuesday 1 - 5 pm Thursday 1 - 5 pm