

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Sunday 18th June 2023
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Tekau mā tahi o He wā noa iho

Readings

Exodus 19: 2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5: 1-8
Matthew 9: 35; 10: 8[9-23]

Sentence

We have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained
access to this grace in which we
stand. Romans 5: 1-2

Collect

Almighty God, by your grace
alone we are accepted and
called to your service; strengthen
us by your Holy Spirit and
empower our calling; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 19th June – Sunday 25th June 2023

- Tuesday:** 10.00am - House Group at Macandrew Bay
Tuesday: 4.00-5.00pm - Prayer for the Parish at St Michael's
Wednesday: 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist at St Michael's
Wednesday: 7.00pm – Building a Climate of Hope Webinar at St Michael's
Thursday: 10.00am - Playgroup at St Philip's
Sunday: 10.00am - Holy Communion at St Michael's
Sunday: 12.00pm – Mid Winter Christmas Lunch
Sunday: 5.30pm -7pm - 3 in 1 (see separate item under notices)

Reflection from Reverend Michael Holdaway

Do you remember your old school days and the feeling of about to enter the seventh form, oops year 13. Up until this point there has been no real responsibility and then suddenly you find yourself in the final year of school and now are a house prefect, or worse the school social committee

After reading today's gospel passage I wonder how the disciples felt. Up until this point they have been spectators, marvelling at Jesus; what he said and what he did, supportive onlookers as their rabbi cured every disease, giving people new life physically spiritually and emotionally.

And now Jesus turns to them, the 12, note Matthew pointedly refers to them as the apostles, meaning 'sent ones'. Jesus says the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. Then Jesus asks the Lord of the harvest to send them out giving them authority in his name.

But to do what?

To preach the kingdom of God is near, cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons.

Wow, this must have been terrifying. This was throwing them into the realm of the unknown. Although they had observed Jesus do all those extraordinary things; Jesus their teacher, their Lord was commissioning them to do the same!

Last pew news I mentioned the thought of us participating in kingdom actions. These kingdom actions Jesus charges his disciples with are risky and daunting.

However, Matthew in his gospel reminds us, Jesus sends us to do kingdom actions in his name and he has given us authority.

In our service last Sunday when we affirmed our faith, we replaced the word believe with trust. Reminding us that, though we may doubt ourselves we are called to trust, in one God, to trust in the one Lord, Jesus Christ, to trust in the Holy Spirit and trust in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

Blessings Michael

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

3 in 1

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

Sunday 5.30pm -7pm beginning 18th June

This will Initially run for 6 weeks at St Michael and All Angels in the Harding Lounge, 44 Elliot St.

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 25th June 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/>

Building a Climate of Hope - Webinars

The second webinar is Wednesday 21st June. Refer to the email sent out on Thursday 18th May for additional information, or the notice/flyer in the Harding Lounge. An invitation has been extended to the local community to join us from 7.00pm for a cup of tea or coffee, prior to webinars starting at 7.30pm.

PARISH 'MIDWINTER CHRISTMAS' LUNCH

**A two-course roast meal is planned to raise funds
towards Missions**

Sunday 25th June at 12md at St Michael's

**Cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for children over 7 years, free under 7
Whilst numbers are limited you are welcome to invite others, with
places on a first come basis.**

Please email or phone Joan Carter if you would like to come:

joancarter@extra.co.nz or phone 027 554 4705

by Wednesday 21st June

BYO

Please bring some cash for a raffle

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Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray for mission agencies around the world and give thanks for the amazing work they do.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Parish of Oamaru and Maheno - St Luke, Oamaru; St Andrew, Maheno and their Vicar – Rev'd Dr Andrea McDougall.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Marion McLean, Cushla and Gilbert McMillan, Jean Marchant.

Those who have asked for prayer

H Robert Wilson

In the Community

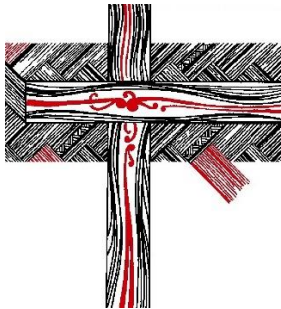
Today we pray for those in our community leading actions to mitigate climate change - recyclers, tree-planters, those working to minimise food waste in supermarkets and cafés, and all who guide us in ways to live sustainably. We pray especially for the work of La Rocha and for a successful tree planting afternoon at Broad Bay on Sunday.

St Michael and All

Angels: Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay

Safeguarding Officer

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Next week's readings:

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

Psalm 69: 8-11,
(12-17),18-20

Romans 6: 1b-11

Matthew 10: 24-39

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Tuesday 1 - 5 pm Thursday 1 - 5 pm