

# Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

Priest in Charge

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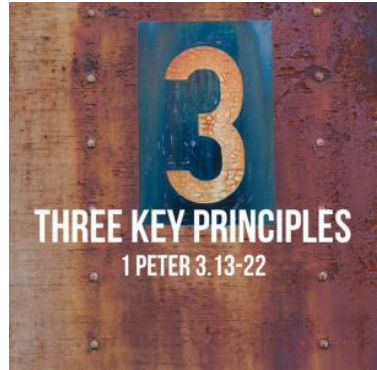
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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Te Rātapu Tuaono o te Aranga**

## **Readings**

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalms 66: 8-20

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

## **Sentence**

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' John 14: 23

## **Collect**

Eternal God, light of the minds that know you, joy of the hearts that love you, strength of the wills that serve you; grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may gladly serve you, now and always. Amen.

## **DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Tuesday:** 10.00am - House Group at Macandrew Bay

**Wednesday:** 10.00am – **no service this week**

**Thursday:** 10.00am - Playgroup at St Philip's

**Sunday:** 10.00am - Holy Communion at St Michael's

## **Reflection from Reverend Michael Holdaway**

On Monday we celebrated the mystic Julian of Norwich who died 1417. For many years she was a recluse living in a cell. Despite this life of solitude people would come and seek her advice.

She is still known for the statement, 'despite our sin, all will be well, all manner of things will be well'.

What is so important about this simple sentence? Well, it underlines God's unconditional love which is extended to all. I am mentioning the statement because it is absolutely, brimming full of confidence, yes God is enough, what his Son has done, dying for our sins taking them to the grave - is enough!

But we are not so naive to think we don't bear the consequences of sin. So, Peter in this Sunday mornings reading reminds us, God gave his son to 'bring us to God, not as removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for good conscious through the resurrection of Jesus'.

So, as we come to God, we do so with good conscious because of the cross.

'Despite our sin all will be well, all manner of things will be well'.

Do you recall last week's possible memory verse from the sermon, Romans 8:32 'He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else'.

You are safe I promise won't ask you in the service.

Just a thought, I would appreciate your feedback. We need to begin by praying for our parish, thinking about the question 'what next?'

The question is invitation to seek God's guidance on how we go forward,

One opportunity to do this might be Wednesday 10am service –

A second opportunity could be Tuesday 5.00pm -6pm at the Harding lounge- we could use night prayer reading for the day.

or

Wednesday night at our home in Chisholm Pl, bible study and prayer for the parish.

Appreciate your feedback, phone, or see you at church on Sunday.

## **NOTICES**

### **Hours for Priest in Charge**

The Reverend Michael Holdaway will be available to meet with parishioners at St Michael's from 1.00 to 5.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or at other times by appointment at his home (mobile phone 027 23698714). Michael's days off will be Mondays, Tuesday mornings, and Saturday mornings.

**Planting, Smiths Creek Catchment Revegetation Project.** Meet at the no exit end of Bacon Street, Broad Bay at 1.30pm, this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Rev'd Michael Holdaway is taking a car, and has one, maybe two at a squeeze spare seats.

Take a hat, thermos, and something to nibble and share.

Contact person for extra seats; Rocha International Selwyn 0273578459

### **Covid Precautions**

Just a reminder, don't come to church if you are unwell. By taking careful steps forward, we protect ourselves, our families, and those around us who are especially vulnerable.

While in most areas it's no longer mandatory to wear a face mask, as variants of the virus continue to spread, their use is strongly encouraged in closed, crowded and confined spaces, especially on public transport. A face mask protects the person wearing it and any people around them who may be at higher risk, for example older people, people who are immunocompromised or people with disabilities.

Stay safe - get boosted. If you are eligible for any booster, make sure you get this. Vaccination decreases these risks, including Long Covid.

### **Online Services**

The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd

A reminder that the next monthly on-line service will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 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 Anglican Financial Care which has provided financial services for clergy and lay workers for almost 50 years.

### In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Maniototo Faith Community. The local churches: Ranfurly – St Hilda; Naseby – St George; St Bathans – St Alban We also pray for the Middlemarch Faith Community – St Chad; for Clergy and Lay Ministers Licenced to the Bishop.

### From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Barbara Gillies, Kit and Deana Girling, Cynthia Goodwin.

### Those who have asked for prayer

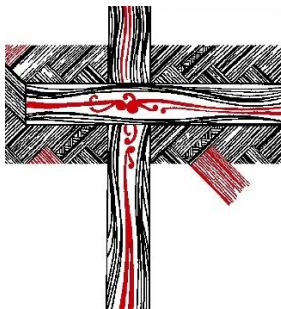
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### In the Community

We pray today for those who as colder weather sets in are struggling to find a warm and dry home this winter - for those priced out of the housing market, for rough sleepers, and for recently released prisoners in Dunedin with nowhere to stay. We give thanks for the work of the Men's Night Shelter in Dunedin and their staff, and for other helping agencies who meet the needs of the homeless.

### St Michael and All

Angels: Elliot Street,  
Andersons Bay



### Next week's readings:

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10,32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

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Tuesday 1 - 5 pm Thursday 1 - 5 pm