

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

Priest in Charge

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Sunday 21st May 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

Te Rātapu Tuawhitu o te Aranga

Readings

Acts 1: 6-14

Psalms 68: 1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

John 17: 1-11

Sentence

This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17: 3

Collect

Christ our great high priest, you understand our weakness; you pray for us while we are sinners. Help us, through you, to find a new and living way to God; for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 22nd May – Sunday 28th May 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

Thursday: 10.00am - Playgroup at St Philip's

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

Reflection from Reverend Michael Holdaway

The theme for Clergy School was, "On the Edge".

We all went to Waipiata. The opening, we heard from Jamie from Taranaki who shared his personal story.

He spoke to us about trauma, and the struggle to grieve. People are left without any outlet to express their grief.

Importantly, reminding us that we have an important role to play, by simply being present, offering our time to listen with no judgement.

We had a presentation about change management, which reminded me of St Michael and All Angels, and how you have made some difficult decisions applying many of the principles which were shared with us. We may have a penguin story to illustrate that.

We also had four people from among us who shared periods of their lives when they lived on the edge, again bearing witness to God's faithfulness, inspirational. Maybe something for us to do at St Michael's.

On the Edge theme closing presentation was brought to us by Mike, our Diocesan educator, discussing the book of revelations, reminding us we have just one revelation that is in Jesus Christ

But the point made from this extraordinary book of praise was, the lamb that was slayed has conquered! despite the journey of suffering travelled.

Above we are a people of hope because of the empty tomb.

Alleluia

Blessings Michael

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.

A few words from our Safeguarding Officer – Gilbert McMillan

The Diocese of Dunedin is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and has provided guidance and procedures which must be followed by all paid and unpaid roles in our churches and across the Diocese. This includes responding to concerns, allegations and disclosures.

As part of the procedures for ensuring that our churches are safe for everyone the Vestry is required to appoint a Ministry Unit Safeguarding Officer (MUSO)' That is the role which I have been appointed to in this parish.

If anyone ever has any concerns about breaches of boundaries or inappropriate behaviour or abuse then I am one person you can speak to and I can support you through what further steps need to be taken.

Gilbert can be contacted on: 4545967 or 027 465 9630.

Jams, Jellies and Pickles for Missions

To help toward reaching our Missions fund-raising target for the year, there will be a sales table this Sunday 21st May after church with jams, jellies and pickles made by Alison Latton. Please come to church with cash so you can take home a jar or two of deliciousness! Thank you, Alison, for this generous contribution for Missions.

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.

Online Services

The Scattered People of the Good Shepherd

A reminder that the next monthly on-line service will be held on Sunday 28th 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 our partners in Australia, and for the Anglican Board of Mission and Anglican Overseas Aid.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the parish of Roslyn – Vicar Rev'd Eric Kyte and Curate Rev'd Lisa Barlow. We also pray for the Bishop's Chaplains for Ordained Ministry and those exploring a vocation.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Ralph and Rose Gordon, Mary Greet, Morris Hall

Those who have asked for prayer

H Robert Wilson

In the Community

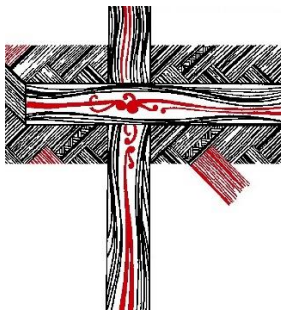
We give thanks for the dedicated ministry of the Hospital Chaplains to patients in our hospitals and Hospice, as they bring words of comfort and the message of God's love to those in hospital, patients, their families, and the staff. We pray for all who are unwell in hospital or at home that they may know God's presence with them.

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:

Acts 2: 1-21 or
Number 11: 24-30
Psalm 104: 24-34,35b
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
or Acts 2: 1-21

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Tuesday 1 - 5 pm Thursday 1 - 5 pm