

# Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

Priest in Charge

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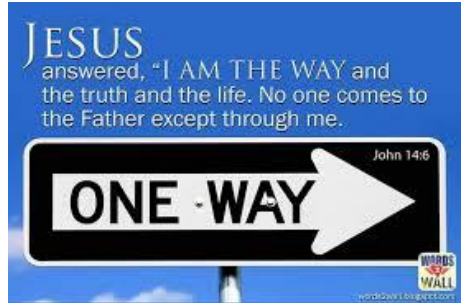
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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Te Rātapu Tuarima o te Aranga**

## **Readings**

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

## **Sentence**

'I am the way, and the truth,  
and the life,' says the Lord.

'No one comes to the  
Father except through me.'

John 14: 6

## **Collect**

Eternal God, your Son Jesus  
Christ is the way, the truth  
and the life for all creation;  
grant us grace to walk in  
his way, to rejoice in his  
truth, and to share his risen  
life; who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

## **DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

**Wednesday:** 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist at St Michael's

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

**Thursday:** 7.00pm - Vestry Meeting in the Harding Lounge

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

### **Reflection from Reverend Michael Holdaway**

Mary-Jo and I want to acknowledge the special warm welcome from Bishop Steven and you all we received Sunday night, thank you!

We feel very blessed to be here.

I was forwarded an article recently; it was titled 'expect the unexpected'.

We know something about those things which are already coursing considerable upheaval, climate change, technical disruption, war in Europe and a global pandemic, yet the article underlines it is the 'unknown unknowns', those things we know nothing about which are the most likely to cause the biggest challenges to us.

The article reflected a Darwinian idea, (still useful) that it is not the most intelligent or the strongest who survive, rather it is the most adaptable.

So why am I using this as opening comment to you all?

One of our readings this Sunday is from 1 Peter 2-10. It talks about us being chosen, each one of us being part of a royal priesthood; telling us that each one of us is a precious living stone whether we are 100 years old or 3 months old, ALL in Christ are living stones with a purpose to be built into something.

In this reading God is calling us 'let yourselves be built into living spiritual house'. You will recall Jesus and his words; 'I will tear down the temple and raise it in three days'. Jesus was speaking about his own death on the cross and his own resurrection three days later and through his resurrection establish, a new living temple, but not out of physical pieces of wood, stone, marble, or gold.

We are a resurrection people! By believing in God we are a people of hope who participate in this mystery by allowing ourselves to be built into a living spiritual house. The church has always been a network of living temples in the world, sometimes it has done it well and sometimes not so well.

The take home is, each one of us is a chosen living stone and called together to form a living spiritual house here in Andersons Bay.

And because we are not bricks and mortar, we can be flexible and responsive, adaptable to change even those changes that are the result of "unknown, unknowns".

This is possible because it is true! 'He has risen indeed, Alleluia'. Luke 24:34

## NOTICES

The **Roster Planning** meeting planned for next Wednesday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> May has been postponed. A new date is still to be confirmed.

### 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 on the Peninsula 1.30pm, 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 the Sisters and Brothers of the many religious orders in the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

### In the Diocese

Today we pray for the East Otago Faith Communities. The local churches: Palmerston – St Mary's and Waikouaiti – St John's.

### From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Ann Forss, Christine Gabbusch, Samuel and Madeleine.

### Those who have asked for prayer

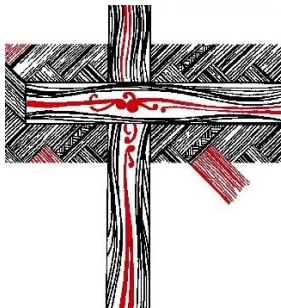
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### In the Community

We give thanks for the work of Anglican Family Care, their administrators and social workers. We pray for those families who struggle, that they will receive the support and guidance they need. We pray for all with housing insecurity in Dunedin that they will find a safe and secure home.

## St Michael and All

**Angels:** Elliot Street,  
Andersons Bay



### Next week's readings:

Acts 17: 22-31  
Psalm 66: 8-20  
1 Peter 3: 13-22  
John 14: 15-21

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Tuesday 1 - 5 pm Thursday 1 - 5 pm