



Sunday 7 May 2017
4th Sunday of Easter
Te Rātapu Tuawhā o te Aranga

Naumāi, Haere māi! Welcome!

It's good to have you here with us today. We hope that in our worship you may encounter God afresh and enjoy the company of others.

If you are new to our faith community, visiting with us, or bringing greetings from another faith community, we'd love to chat with you before or after our worship.

Please stay for morning tea and fellowship after our worship.

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| Sentence | 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' <i>John 10:11</i> |
| Collect | God of our futures; you go ahead of us to prepare a place for us. Help us put our trust in you: in this life, may we be freed from our fears; and, in the life to come, know you face to face. We ask this through Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. |

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| Readings | <i>Revised English Bible</i> |
| Isaiah 40:28-31 | <i>The Lord gives strength</i> |
| Acts 2:42-47 | <i>Life among the believers</i> |
| John 10:1-10 | <i>Jesus the good shepherd</i> |



Welcome to children and families today.

Today it's games and fun to see in the new term. Children gather at the front after the first song for a prayer of blessing, then return to worship in time for Communion.

| Today | 10am Eucharist at Wellesley |
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| Presider | Reverend Eleanor Sanderson |
| Preacher | Don McIlroy |
| Set-up / pack-up | Chris Burt, Wendy Manson |
| Welcomers | Keith Levy, John Nippert, Jeremy Lovell-Smith, Wendy Manson |
| Liturgical Assistant | Stuart Mossman |
| 2nd chalice | Mike Parker |
| Readers | Phyllis Mossman, Jutta Chisholm |
| Intercessions | Stuart Mossman |
| Musicians | Music team |
| Sound / tech | Chris Burt |
| Morning tea | Val Meyer, Jill Chinn |

Prayers

- ◆ **Easter:** *“Easter is not an event that has occurred; it's an adventure that has begun”.* During the 50 days of the Easter season we pray for a continuing sense of hope as a resurrection people, raising our eyes to Jesus Christ as each new day dawns. 
- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for schools - for all staff and students as they return to school for the new term, especially our local schools and school families.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** We pray for members of our parish and local community in the midst of major transitions, eg moving to new homes or retirement villages, having children or family members move away, or facing chronic illness or new health challenges. *Have no fear for I have redeemed you; I call you by name and you are mine. I am the Lord your God, your deliverer. Isaiah 43:1, 3.*
- ◆ **Our Pacific neighbours:** We pray for the Diocese of Polynesia, giving thanks for the intensive discipleship training led by Bishop Justin and Reverend Ellie (and Joe!), and we give thanks for the gift that both Justin and Ellie are to the wider church in our region. We pray for the rest of their Synod as it continues, especially for the Holy Family parish (in “Ellie’s village”).
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Riverslea Board: Alison Camplin, Chris Casey, Jenna Harris, Chelsea Kirby, Diana Langdon, Alan Maxwell, Andrew Spence and Gendy Thomson.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, particularly for training programmes at provincial and diocesan levels to equip and upskill people, especially in the areas of ministry formation and outreach.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Ndokwa - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd David Obiosa.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** As turmoil in the Middle East escalates, we pray for God’s help as a shield to Christians in the region. Enable them and us to rejoice and trust in God and God’s unfailing love, whatever is happening around us and in the wider world.
- ◆ **Homes and families:** We pray that our homes and families will be places where the Christian story comes alive day by day in our love, encouragement and support of one another.
- ◆ **Rhythm of prayer:** Thank you to those who have committed to praying for our parish in a regular rhythm through the week. There are also specific prayer requests which we receive in our parish, which Reverend Ellie circulates. Do talk with Ellie if you would like to participate in this rhythm of prayer, or the ministry of intercession, or if you would like to receive prayer support.

AGM Thank you to everyone who came out for our AGM on Thursday night to honour and give thanks for the many people who give of themselves in the life of our church. Vestry members will be commissioned for the year ahead on Sunday 14 May during our 10am service.

KnitWits Update

The KnitWits have met twice this year. We are making beanies and rugs, plus trying our skills at bedsocks and socks without shaping and maybe some little toys. Come and join us, you don't have to be able to knit before you start. Please contact Joy Baird 568 3225 if you'd like more information. Our next gathering is at the home of Margaret Turner, Rona House, Rimu Street on Tuesday 16 May, 2-4pm. Please let Margaret know on 562 8378 if you are able to come. See you then!

'Reflection Time for Women', Every Tuesday, 7.30 - 8.30pm, at St Ronan's

All women welcome, each week or every so often. Come to catch up and reflect on God's word. Jennie 562 0242.

Farewell Gift for Reverend Ellie

Contributions are welcome towards a farewell gift for Reverend Ellie. You can do this online to our bank account BNZ 020 500 0821577 00 (reference "Ellie gift"), or by dropping it into the parish office, or in an envelope in the Sunday offertory marked "Ellie gift". *Thank you.*

Evensong at St James, Lower Hutt - come and sing!

A traditional sung Evensong service is held at St James on the 2nd Sunday of each month - next one 5pm, 14 May. If you would like to join the "friends of the choir" group that practises the Evensong music with the St James Choir on the 2 Wednesday nights before the service and sings the Evensong service with the choir, please contact Heather Easting h.fortepiano@gmail.com or 027 270 0133.

A Caring Space - for Caregivers

Thursday 18 May, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay, 11am-2pm.

Thursday 25 May, Our Lady of Grace Church, 5 Palmer St, Heretaunga, Upper Hutt, 11am-2pm

An invitation to spend a few hours exploring with God the blessings and burdens of the caregivers' role. If you or someone you know cares for a loved one at home you might enjoy this chance to pause and reflect.

BYO lunch, hot drinks provided. \$10. Contact Veronica Parton vjpdap@gmail.com or 021 238 6675.

This week

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| Mon | Rev'd Ellie at Wellesley: <i>morning Wellesley Chapel service: 9.15am</i> Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> |
| Tues | Reflection Time for Women: <i>7.30pm, St Ronan's</i> |
| Wed | Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> Centering Prayer: <i>12noon, vicarage</i> Rev'd Ellie at Wellesley: <i>afternoon</i> Vestry meeting: <i>7pm</i> |
| Thurs | Intercessory Prayer: <i>7am, 6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay</i> Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Eucharist: <i>10am, St Ronan's</i> Take A Break seniors' activities & lunch: <i>11am-1pm, St Ronan's</i> |
| Fri | Pop in and Play: <i>9am, St Ronan's</i> |
| Sat | Contemplative Prayer: <i>8am, 1 / 47 Pukatea St</i> Family Missional Games Night |

Coming Up

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| Tue 16 May | Knit Wits: <i>2-4pm, Home of Margaret Turner, 3D Rona House</i> |
| Fri 26 May | Evening: Community farewell for Reverend Ellie at RSA |
| Sun 28 May | 10am Reverend Ellie's last Sunday service as Vicar, followed by parish farewell and pot luck lunch |
| Fri 2 June | Reverend Ellie's consecration as Bishop: <i>6pm, Cathedral</i> |

New Ministry Schedules

Copies of the new schedules for May - October are at the back of church. 2016/17 tax receipts are also there to be collected.

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

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| 11 May | St Ronan's <i>followed by Take A Break</i> |
| 18 May | Home of Sheila Johnson <i>1 Heketara Street</i> |
| 25 May | San Antonio's Church |

If you would like to support the mission and ministry of our faith community by giving regularly, and/or serving in a particular ministry role, please talk with the clergy or wardens, or contact the parish office.

Next Sunday 14 May - 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

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| Presider | Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson |
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| Set-up / pack-up | Philip Plimmer, Hamish Pilbrow |
| Welcomers | Joy Baird, Graham Olds, Denis Packer, Philip Plimmer |
| Liturgical Asst | Mike Synnott |
| 2nd chalice | Lynda Etevenaux |
| Readers | Priscilla Synnott, Annie Hayward |
| Intercessions | Mike Synnott |
| Musicians | Music team |
| Sound / tech | <i>tbc</i> |
| Morning tea | Sarah White, Sandra Gillespie |



Gospel Readings this week

Monday

John 10:1-10

Tuesday

John 10:22-30

Wednesday

John 12:44-end

Thursday

John 13:16-20

Friday

John 14:1-6

Saturday

John 14:7-14

Readings next Sunday

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14



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Aotearoa-New Zealand and Polynesia
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News from the worldwide Anglican Communion

<http://www.anglicannews.org/>

St Alban's Anglican Church, Eastbourne

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| Vicar | Reverend Canon Dr Eleanor Sanderson (Day off: Tuesday) | 562 6076 / 021 879 264 vicar@stalbanschurch.nz |
| Priest Associate & Community Ministry Coordinator | Reverend Judith Wigglesworth (Days off: Monday and Tuesday) | 973 9036 / 021 0338 155 office@stalbanschurch.nz |
| Vicar's Warden | Heather Molloy | 562 8513 |
| People's Warden | Philip Plimmer | 562 8211 |
| Vestry | Joy Baird, Libby Bloomfield, Annie Hayward, Denis Packer, John Nippert, Amelia Ward, Jen Young | |
| Pastoral Care Coordinators | Jennie Lovell-Smith Jean Martel | 562 0242 562 7415 |
| Priests (Hon) | Reverend Canon Peter Stuart, Reverend Tony Gardiner | |
| Parish Office (Reverend Judith) | Wednesday & Thursday 1 - 3pm | 562 6269 office@stalbanschurch.nz |

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