



**Sunday 28 May 2017**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
*Te Ra kakenga/koe*

*Naumai, Haere mai! 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 lunch and fellowship after our worship.**

**Sentence** 'Lift up your heads you gates! Lift yourselves up you everlasting doors! that the King of Glory may come in.' *Psalm 24:7*

**Collect** **Eternal and Gracious God, we believe your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to have ascended with triumph into your kingdom in heaven; may we also in heart and mind ascend to where he is, and with him continually dwell; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Readings**

Acts 1: 1-11

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

**Revised English Bible**

*The Ascension of Jesus*

*Paul's prayer*

*The Ascension of Jesus*



*Welcome to children and families today.*

*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
Presider	Reverend Canon Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Canon Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Set-up / pack-up	John N, Stephen
Welcomers	Penny & John G, Annie, Stephen
Liturgical Assistant	Philip
2nd chalice	Chris
Readers	John H & Cushla
Intercessions	Philip
Musician	Jacqueline
All-age activities	Stefi
Sound / tech	Peter Baldock
Morning tea	Jennie & Helen

## Prayers



- ◆ **Ascension:** *The heavens are open wide since Jesus our brother, our Redeemer, has entered through the veil. We thank you for his new and living way, by which we join the unnumbered millions who are with you forever.*
- ◆ **Our community ministry and mission:** In these weeks of endings and beginnings we pray for our wider community to experience the profound love that God has for us all. May we encounter the Living God in our celebrations and thanksgiving, may we encounter our redeemer Christ in our grief and hopes and may we encounter the power of the Holy Spirit afresh in our life together as the living presence of God in Eastbourne and the Bays.  
*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.*
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** *We pray for Chris Sanders and his staff at Sprott House.*
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** *We pray for the staff and board of the Anglican Missions.*
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** We pray for the work of the Anglican centre in Rome. We also pray for those recently affected by the terrible events in Manchester.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** *We pray for your blessing on Christian children in countries who live with injustice, hostility and violence just because they are called by your name.*
- ◆ **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 Judith circulates. Do talk with Judith (when she is back from leave) 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.

### From the Sanderson Family

*We want to thank you all for the privilege of sharing our lives together in these last four and a half years. St Alban's parish and people will always be with us because the life that we have shared together in Christ will forever shape the future life that Christ calls out of each of us. From the first time that I arrived, the consistent prayer that I feel God laid upon my heart for this parish was that we would encourage one another and build each other up. That will continue to be my prayer for you as your Bishop; that in this unique season you will build each other up in love. The buildings will come, one way or another, but the love of God that you share in calls to you without ceasing and asks of you a deeper, more internal, more communal, more spiritually vital task. "Fear not, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32)*

### Mission Table

The Mission table is back! Please bring along produce from your garden, preserves, baking, little treasures and nic nacs...anything really! And bring your coins too. It's amazing how our giving mounts up and is so appreciated. We made a very good start last Sunday with \$60.00 in the pot and more lovely things to sell this week.

**Take a Break:** Our next seniors gathering is on Thursday 8th June at St Ronans. This is a wonderful time to serve the senior saints in our community. If you can offer transport, or would like to be involved please talk to Elaine Parr, 5628735. A team of boys from Wellesly College also come along to serve.

### KnitWits

The KnitWits are making beanies and rugs, plus trying our skills at bedsocks and socks, 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 for more information!

**Guys Group:** A chance to hang out with other blokes in the pub and chew over the more meaningful and less meaningful parts of life! First Monday of the month, 6th June 6pm at the Still Room.

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

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

### This week

<b>Mon</b>	Libby Bloomfield at Wellesley: <i>morning</i> Wellesley Chapel service: 9.15am Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i>
<b>Tues</b>	Reflection Time for Women: 7.30pm, St Ronan's
<b>Wed</b>	Morning Prayer: 9am, vicarage Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> Centering Prayer: 12noon, vicarage Rev'd Ellie at Wellesley: <i>afternoon</i>
<b>Thurs</b>	Intercessory Prayer: 7am, 6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay Morning Prayer: 9am, vicarage Eucharist: 10am
<b>Fri</b>	Pop in and Play: 9am, St Ronan's
<b>Sat</b>	Contemplative Prayer: 8am, 1 / 47 Pukatea St

### Coming Up

<b>Sun 28 May</b>	UP! 7pm at Wellesley
<b>25 May - 4 Jun</b>	Week of Prayer from Ascension to Pentecost
<b>Fri 2 June</b>	Reverend Ellie's consecration as Bishop: 6pm, Cathedral
<b>Sun 11 June</b>	10am Art Sermon: Phyllis Mossman and Peter Stuart

### Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

<b>1 June</b>	Home of Sheila Johnson 1 Heketara Street
<b>8 June</b>	St Ronan's Church
<b>15 June</b>	Home of Margaret Turner 3D Rona House
<b>22 June</b>	San Antonio's Church
<b>29 June</b>	Home of Sheila Johnson 1 Heketara Street

*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 4 June - 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Canon Simon Winn
Preacher	Reverend Canon Simon Winn
Set-up / pack-up	Chris, Hamish
Welcomers	Keith L, John N, Jeremy
Liturgical Asst	Penny
2nd chalice	Carolyn
Readers	Keith L, Lynda
Intercessions	Penny
Musicians	Peter Baldock
All-age activities	Rose
Sound / tech	tbc
Morning tea	Anne, Melissa



## Gospel Readings this week

### Monday

John 16 : 29-end

### Tuesday

John 17: 1-11

### Wednesday

Luke 1: 39-57

### Thursday

John 17: 20-end

### Friday

John 21: 15-19

### Saturday

John 21: 20-end

## Readings next Sunday

Acts 2: 1-21

1 Corinthians 12: 3B-13

John 7: 37-39



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