



Sunday 23 July 2017
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Tekau mā ono o He wā noa iho

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 morning tea and fellowship after our worship.

Sentence: You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 86:15*

Collect: **God of all wisdom: yeast, mustard and weeds with such as these Christ taught your ways. Grant us wisdom to teach the common things of life that none may elude your call, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Readings	Revised English Bible
Isaiah 44: 6-8	<i>God's promise to Israel</i>
Romans 8: 12-25	<i>Life in the Spirit</i>
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	<i>Wheat and weeds</i>



Welcome to children and families today. A special welcome to Kate, Vaudin, baby Elizabeth and their family and friends as they gather for Elizabeth's baptism.

Our All Age Activities begin today for Term 3. Children gather at the front after the first song for a prayer of blessing, then return to worship for Elizabeth's baptism.

Today	10am Eucharist and Baptism at Wellesley
Presider	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth
Preacher	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth
Set-up / pack-up	Keith Young and John Nippert
Welcomers	Jean and Geoff Martell
Liturgical Asst	Stuart Mossman
2nd chalice	Carolyn Parker
Reader	Phyllis Mossman and Penny Grigg
Intercessions	Stuart Mossman
Musician	Tony Gardiner
All-age activities	Jen Young and Myles Breen
Sound / tech	Denis Packer
Morning tea	Val Meyer and Jill Chinn



Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for children and teachers returning to school in the next two weeks. We continue to pray for all in our community suffering from winter ills and chills, and give thanks for the opportunities we have to support one another through prayer, meals, and practical help.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** We pray for all in our parish and diocese involved in 3DM discipleship huddles and missional communities. We give thanks for Reverend John Hughes, as he journeys alongside our 3DM participants during our interregnum.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** We pray for National Bible Sunday today .
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** We pray for the province of South East Asia and diocese of Waikato and Kuching.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** This week we pray for the Osun North East - (Ibadan, Nigeria) **The Rt Revd Humphery Olumakaiye**
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray for Christian children today who are despised and discriminated against. May their faith sustain them and may they know the Holy Spirit is with them moment by moment so they do not feel alone.
- ◆ **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 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.

A prayer for our interregnum

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change.

We lean into your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, passions and skills with which you bless us.

Guide us as we move onward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Parish Consultation: Sunday 6 August, 11.15am.
 This meeting is part of the process in discerning a new Vicar for St Alban's. All parishioners welcome. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the parish goals discerned recently by our vestry and distributed last week. Spare copies are on the back table. The consultation will be facilitated by Ian Pawson, the diocesan nominator working with our parish nominators. Please bring along a plate of finger food for a shared lunch.

Parish Film Fundraiser Sun 20 August
 4.30pm snacks for 5pm film "Tommy's Honour" at The Lighthouse, Petone. Tickets \$20 via the parish office or here on Sundays from Patsy.

Hutt Valley Prayer & Praise Sun 30 July, 6.30-7.45pm
 Hope Centre, 8 Downer Street/11 Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt. Combined churches gather together – all welcome.

A Caring Space – for Caregivers
Thursday 3 August, Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, 11am – 2pm
Monday 14 August, St Andrew's, 11 Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton, 11am – 2pm. For those who care for a loved one at home. BYO lunch, hot drinks provided. \$10. Veronica Parton vjpdap@gmail.com or 021 238 6675.

Prayer Song Evening Sunday 6 August 7pm
Wellington Cathedral of St Paul
 Paul Carey (songwriter from Whitby parish) presents an evening of songs based on lines of the Lord's Prayer. Free admission. All welcome.

On www.movementonline.org.nz this week
Interim Report from The Way Forward Working Group on same-sex relationships, plus info sheet from Bishop Justin, and letter from the Primates of our church.

"Tip of the Iceberg" People Trafficking Conference this week at the Cathedral, Wed/Thurs 26/27 July
 Check www.movementonline.org.nz for details and to register. Speakers include Assistant Bishop Eleanor.

Housing election forum: Evening of 9 Aug, Cathedral
 Hear political leaders explore housing challenges and proposed solutions. Responses from political leaders have started to arrive, with Andrew Little, Metiria Turei, and David Seymour confirming they will be in attendance.

This week	
Mon	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i>
Tues	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> 7.30pm Reflection Time for Women: <i>St Ronan's</i>
Wed	9am Morning Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 12noon Centering Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 12.30pm Clergy catch-up 7pm, Vestry meeting / Bible Study
Thurs	7am Intercessory Prayer: <i>6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay</i> 9am Morning Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 10am Eucharist: <i>San Antonio's</i>
Fri	9am-11.30am Pop in and Play, <i>St Ronan's</i>
Sat	Belmont Archdeaconry Pre-Synod day, <i>St David's, Naenae</i>

Coming Up	
Sun 30 July	7pm "UPI!" at Wellesley College
Sun 6 Aug	After 10am service Parish Consultation (New vicar process)
Sat 12 Aug	Vestry away day
Sun 20 Aug	9.30am St Alban's worships with St David's at Naenae (<i>Wellesley not available</i>) 4.30pm Film Fundraiser <i>Lighthouse Petone</i>

Thurs 27 July	10am Rhythm of Worship San Antonio Church, 78 Oroua Street
3 Aug	3D Rona House

Next weekend
 Reverend Judith will be away next Sunday in Dunedin visiting her son Mark.

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 30 July - 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Tony Gardiner
Preacher	Reverend Tony Gardiner
Set-up / pack-up	Stephen Lee and Hamish Pilbrow
Welcomers	Kevin and Helen Moseley, Stephen Lee
Liturgical Asst	Philip Plimmer
2nd chalice	Fran Baldock
Reader	Sandra Gillespie – OT and Epistle - Penny Grigg
Intercessions	Philip Plimmer
Musician	Libby Bloomfield and team
All-age activities	Heather Molloy and Huddle
Sound / tech	TBC
Morning tea	Leonie Burke and Heather Molloy



Gospel Readings this week

Monday

Matthew 12: 38—42

Tuesday

Mathew 20: 20—28:

Wednesday

Matthew 13: 1—9

Thursday

Matthew 13: 10—17

Friday

Matthew 13: 18—23

Saturday

Matthew 13 : 24—30

Readings next Sunday

1 Kings 3: 5 – 12,
Romans 8: 26 – 39,
Matthew 13: 31-33,
44 - 52



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Stories from the Anglican Church in Aotearoa-New Zealand and Polynesia
<http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz>



News from the worldwide Anglican Communion

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

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