



**St Alban's** Anglican Parish of Eastbourne, New Zealand

**Sunday 30 July 2017**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Te Rātapu Tekau mā whitu o He wā noa iho**

## *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.**

**Sentence:** Neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, not things to come, nor powers, nor height, not depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of god in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8: 38—39*

**Collect:** **God of new joy, nothing can compare to the kingdom of heaven. Help us to pursue your reign with all our strength, that our happiness will one day be made complete; through Jesus Christ our Lord and in the presence of the Holy Spirit, who live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

<b>Readings</b>	<i>Revised English Bible</i>
1 Kings 3: 5—12	<i>Solomon's prayer for wisdom</i>
Romans 8: 26—39	<i>God's love in Christ Jesus</i>
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44 - 52	<i>Three parables</i>



### **Welcome to children and families today**

Our All Age Activities continue today for Term 3

Children gather at the front after the first song for a prayer of blessing and return to our worship in time for Communion.

Today	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 Mosley, 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
Sound / tech	Denis Packer
Morning tea	Leonie Burke and Heather Molloy



## Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for all schools, staff and students back at school this week. We also pray for organisations in our wider community who minister to those in need, particularly the Wellington City Mission, Women's Refuge and Greenstone Doors.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** We pray for our vestry and parish nominators in this time of interregnum and transition.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** For Wendy Scott, Sarah McMenamin and John Merriman in Oroua. Also for the Bicultural Resource Sharing Allocation Committee as they meet.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** We pray for those working to eradicate poverty through the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and wisdom and guidance for the world leaders working with them.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** This week we pray for Pennsylvania - The Rt Revd Clifton Daniel, and Pittsburgh - The Rt Revd Dorsey W M McConnell (both in The Episcopal Church).
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray for Islamic militants of Boko Haram attacking Christians in Nigeria and West Africans countries. May the Christian example of their hostages led them into seeking God instead.
- ◆ **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.*

**TONIGHT Hutt Valley Prayer & Praise 6.30–7.45pm**

Hope Centre, 8 Downer Street/11 Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt. Combined churches gather together – all welcome.

**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 recently. 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.

**Sunday 20 August - Worship at St David's 9.30am**

On 20 August we are all invited to worship with the faith community of St David's Church, 3 Seddon St, Naenae, since Wellesley College is not available. In recent months we have visited the Cathedral, St James' Lower Hutt, and St Paul's Waiwhetu as we connect with our neighbours in Wellington and our local archdeaconry. Let's make some more links across our parish boundaries as we worship God together. Those who were rostered here for various ministries that day - just come along and enjoy!

**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. Donations for raffle baskets welcome - more details in today's notices.

**Mission Table** update from Edaid: The Good Shepherd Secondary School, in Kagera, Tanzania was founded 10 years ago. The Mission Table supports this school. Last year the boarding houses were completed and the next project is a dining room.

**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](mailto:vjpdap@gmail.com) or 021 238 6675.

**Housing election forum: Evening of 9 Aug, Cathedral**

Hear political leaders explore housing challenges and proposed solutions. A good chance to find out more about the issue ahead of the election.

**This week**

<b>Mon</b>	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> Libby Bloomfield at Wellesley: 9.15am Wellesley Chapel Service.
<b>Tues</b>	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> 7.30pm Reflection Time for Women: <i>St Ronan's</i>
<b>Wed</b>	9am Morning Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 12noon Centering Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer.</i> Libby at Wellesley: <i>afternoon.</i>
<b>Thurs</b>	7am Intercessory Prayer: <i>30 Kotari Road, Days Bay</i> 9am Morning Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 10am Eucharist: <i>3D Rona House</i>
<b>Fri</b>	9am-11.30am Pop in and Play, <i>St Ronan's</i>

**Coming Up**

<b>Sun 6 Aug</b>	After 10am service Parish Consultation (New vicar process)
<b>Sat 12 Aug</b>	Vestry away day
<b>Sun 20 Aug</b>	9.30am St Alban's worships with St David's at Naenae 4.30pm Film Fundraiser <i>Lighthouse Petone</i>

**Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship**

<b>3 Aug</b>	1 Heketara Street
<b>10 Aug</b>	St Ronan's Church
<b>17 Aug</b>	17 Marine Parade
<b>24 Aug</b>	San Antonio's Church
<b>31 Aug</b>	3D Rona House

**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.

*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 6 August - 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth
Preacher	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth
Set-up / pack-up	John Nippert and Wendy Manson
Welcomers	Keith Levy, John Nippert, Jeremy Lovell-Smith and Wendy Manson
Liturgical Asst	Jutta Chisholm
2nd chalice	Elaine Parr
Readers	Keith Levy, Matthew Packer
Intercessions	Jutta Chisholm
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All-age activities	Stefi and Philip Plimmer
Sound / tech	<i>tbc</i>
Morning tea	Jennie Lovell-Smith and Helen Hosegood



## Gospel Readings this week

### Monday

Matthew 13: 31 — 35

### Tuesday

Matthew 13: 36 — 43

### Wednesday

Matthew 13: 44 — 46

### Thursday

Matthew 13:47-53

### Friday

Matthew 13: 54 — end

### Saturday

Matthew 14 : 1—12

## Readings next Sunday

Isaiah 55: 1 — 5

Romans 9: 1 — 5

Matthew 14: 13—21



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### News from the worldwide Anglican Communion

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