

Sunday 17 September 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Rua Tekau mā whā 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: 'If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
Psalm 130: 34

Collect: **Compassionate God, your forgiveness is more than we can imagine. Enable us to take hold of the forgiveness you offer and to have the grace to forgive others as we are forgiven. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Readings	<i>Revised English Bible</i>
Genesis 50: 15-21	<i>Joseph forgives his brothers</i>
Romans 14: 1-12	<i>Do not judge another</i>
Matthew 18: 21-35	<i>The parable of the unforgiving servant</i>



Welcome to children and families today.

Our Kids' Club continues 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 Canon Peter Stuart
Preacher	Reverend Tony Gardiner
Set-up / pack-up	Myles Breen, Liz Barrow
Welcomers	Jean & Geoff Martel, Carolyn & Mike Parker
Liturgical Asst	Jutta Chisholm
2nd chalice	Tony Martin
Readers	Jean/Geoff Martel, Tony Martin
Intercessions	Jutta Chisholm
Musician	Libby and team
Kids Club	Heather Molloy and Patsy Jorgensen
Sound / tech	Chris Burt
Morning tea	Val Meyer, Sarah White

Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for Synod and all who gather from around the Diocese this weekend. We pray for Bishops Justin and Eleanor, for a fruitful time of fellowship and connection for everyone, and for a spirit of open and respectful dialogue.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** We pray that the beginning of Spring may invigorate us in our mind, body and spirit as we engage with others in our daily lives at work, in the community and in our homes.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** We remember in our prayers the Military Chaplains, Kevin Brophy, Brendan Drew and Di Woods, serving at Trentham Military Camp. We also pray this week for the Girls Friendly Society, Helen Allen and the Board members of the Society .
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** Today we pray the Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, Primate of Australia, the 23 diocesan Bishops, Clergy and lay readers of more than 3,000 parishes in Australia. We also pray for the Maori Missions in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** This week we pray for the Right Reverend Peter Eagles and the Diocese of the Isle of Man and associated islands.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We remember in our prayers the people of Turkey and those whose lives are threatened that they may place their hope and trust in the Lord.
- ◆ **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.

Retreat Day thank you!

Thanks to our team of Parish hosts who welcomed and fed the Alpha group from St Anne's, Northland, last weekend for their retreat day, based at St Ronan's. They loved being over here in Eastbourne, and it felt good for St Alban's to continue to offer our ministry of retreat hospitality and welcome others to this beautiful place.

Synod this weekend

Revd Judith, Philip Plimmer and Cushla Jamieson are in Palmerston North this weekend for Synod.

Mission

Last week in the grocery basket there were 26 items to bring to the altar and at the Mission Table a total of \$74.80. Well done! This brings our total close to \$1,000. Can we double it? (*from the Missions Team*).

Wellesley College Chapel, Mondays 9.15am

A reminder that St Alban's parishioners are welcome any Monday morning at the Wellesley Chapel service.

A Day with Sara Miles

Sat. 23 Sept, 10am—4pm, Wellington Central Baptist Church. Sarah wrote the book "Take This Bread - A Radical Conversion" and is the inspirational founder and director of the Food Pantry at St Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. Register online <http://central.org.nz/the-boulcott-seminar/> \$60, lunch and refreshments provided.

3 "Quiet Day" opportunities coming up:

Writing the Soul Home—Saturday 30 September (10am—4pm), Our Lady Home of Compassion, Island Bay (*koha appreciated, lunch included*). A day with meditation and New Zealand poetry.

Spirituality Through the Seasons (Spring) Saturday 30 September (9.30am-4pm) Otari Wilton's Bush—Leonard Cockayne Centre \$45. First in a series of four quiet day retreats.

Eat, Pray, Love—Wednesday 18 October (9.30am-3pm) Otari/Wilton Bowling Club. A team of experienced retreat leaders, Jane Wilkinson, Andrew Pritchard and Graham Millar will lead a quietish day for reflection and inspiration. For more information about these three opportunities see flyers on back table.

This week

Mon	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> Libby Bloomfield at Wellesley: 9.15am Wellesley Chapel Service 10am Women's Coffee Club—Hive
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> 12 noon Centering Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer.</i> Libby at Wellesley: <i>afternoon</i> 7pm Vestry
Thurs	7am Intercessory Prayer <i>St Alban's Hall foyer</i> 9am Morning Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 10am Eucharist: Neil Newman's house, 6/110 Muritai Road
Fri	9am-11.30am Pop in and Play, <i>St Ronan's</i>
Sat	8am Contemplative Prayer, <i>1/47 Pukatea Street</i>

Coming Up

Sun 24 Sep	UP! Worship Gathering 7pm
Sun 29 Oct	Hutt City Combined Praise and Worship 6.30pm

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

21 Sept 6/110 Muritai Road

28 Sept San Antonio's Church

Visiting Preacher : 1 October

On Sunday 1 October we will welcome Reverend David Day, former member of this parish and now living in Hawkes Bay, as our preacher. He also plans to "bring back home" an oil painting by Hilda Walker: "Ginger plant". We look forward to welcoming David warmly back to Eastbourne and the bays.

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 24 September
10am Eucharist at Wellesley**

Presider	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth
Preacher	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth; Philip Plimmer & Cushla Jamieson—Synod feedback
Set-up / pack-up	Keith Young, John Nippert
Welcomers	Kevin & Helen Mosley, Annie Hayward, Stephen Lee
Liturgical Asst	Mike Synnott
2nd chalice	Mike Parker
Reader	Joy Baird, Fran Baldock
Intercessions	Mike Synnott
Musicians	Libby and team
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**Gospel Readings
this week**

Monday

Luke 7: 1-10

Tuesday

Luke 7: 11-17

Wednesday

Luke 6: 31-35

Thursday

Matthew 9: 9-13

Friday

Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday

Luke 8: 4-15

**Readings next
Sunday**

Jonah 3: 10 - 4:11
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16



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