



Sunday 24 September 2017
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Rua Tekau mā rima 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: 'By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God'. *Ephesians 2: 8-9*

Collect: **God of Grace, you are kind to all people, good beyond our understanding. Help us to be grateful for what we have been given and merciful and generous with our sisters and brothers. Teach us the ways of your kingdom where the last will be first and the first will be last. 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

Revised English Bible

Jonah 3: 10 — 4:11

Jonah's anger

Philippians 1: 21-30

Living in Christ

Matthew 20: 1-16

The labourers in the vineyard



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 Judith Wigglesworth	
Preacher	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth; Philip Plimmer & Cushla Jamieson	
Set-up / pack-up	Keith Young, John Nippert	
Welcomers	Kevin & Helen Mosley, Annie Hayward, Stephen Lee	
Liturgical Asst	Mike Synnott	
2nd chalice	Mike Parker	
Readers	Joy Baird, Fran Baldock	
Intercessions	Mike Synnott	
Musician	Peter Baldock	
Kids' Club	Rose Odlin	
Sound / tech	Denis Packer	
Morning tea	Heather Molloy, Rieki Teutscher	
UP!	7pm - informal worship at Wellesley	



Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for Marina Hanbury-Sparrow and all her family following Simon's death last weekend. May God comfort all who mourn and surround them with the peace that passes our understanding. Simon's funeral was held yesterday at the Russian Orthodox Church in Miramar. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** The theme of Synod last weekend was "Being Sent". We pray for courage to respond to the challenge to be sent as carriers of the light of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** We remember in our prayers the Diocesan students at St John's Theological College, Auckland: Gareth Bezett, Ana and Paul Fletcher, Chelsea and Christopher Kirby and Greg and Steph Worboys. We also pray for the Youth Persons Office Oversight Group.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** Today we pray and give thanks for the continued growth of the Anglican Church of Tanzania through the work of local evangelists; and for its relationship with the Church in New Zealand.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** This week we pray for the Right Reverend Leopold Frade and the Right Reverend Peter Eaton and the community of South East Florida, particularly as they minister to those badly affected by recent severe storm events.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray that persecuted believers will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and will fearlessly tell others about Jesus.
- ◆ **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.*

Vicar update

The advertisement seeking applications for the role of vicar of St Alban's is on the diocesan news website at the moment and applications close on 6 October. Please pray for our nominators as this process continues.

"Being Sent"

Today Revd Judith, Philip and Cushla will share feedback from last weekend's diocesan Synod in Palmerston North. There were some bold challenges for everyone to respond to, around the theme of "Being Sent" - lots of "food for thought", but also "food for action"! As well as today's feedback we will provide a written summary of key issues that Synod discussed and decided.

KnitWits—this Wednesday

The next gathering will be at Joy Baird's home, 2 Taungata Road, York Bay, 2-4pm this Wednesday. Bring along your beanies or blanket strips. Please contact Joy by email or on 568 3225 if you can be there.

Mission

Last week the Mission Table donations totalled \$41.60 and the grocery items 15. Let's keep encouraging one another to keep up our efforts. We probably have another 5 or 6 weeks for bringing things to the table so it's a good time to sort potential gifts for Christmas. *(from the team)*

Wellesley College Chapel, Mondays 9.15am

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

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.

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.

This week

Mon	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> Libby Bloomfield at Wellesley: 9.15am Wellesley Chapel Service
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> 2pm KnitWits at the home of Joy Baird, 2 Taungata Road, York Bay
Thurs	7am Intercessory Prayer <i>St Alban's Hall foyer</i> 9am Morning Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 10am Eucharist: San Antonio's
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

Mon 2 Oct	Guys' Group, Still Room, Oroua Street, 6pm
Sun 29 Oct	Hutt City Combined Praise and Worship 6.30pm

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

5 Oct	17 Marine Parade
12 Oct	St Ronan's
19 Oct	3D Rona House
26 Oct	San Antonio's

Next Sunday—Visiting Preacher :

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.

**Next Sunday 1 October
10am Eucharist at Wellesley**

Presider	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth
Preacher	Reverend David Day
Set-up / pack-up	Chris Burt
Welcomers	Keith Levy, John Nippert, Jeremy Lovell-Smith
Liturgical Asst	Philip Plimmer
2nd chalice	Elaine Parr
Readers	Keith Levy, Pauline Steele
Intercessions	Carolyn Parker
Musician	Jacqueline Ward
Kids' Club	School holidays
Sound / tech	Peter Baldock
Morning tea	Mike and Priscilla Synnott



**Gospel Readings
this week**

Monday
Luke 8: 16-18

Tuesday
Luke 8: 19-21

Wednesday
Luke 9: 1-6

Thursday
Luke 9: 7-9

Friday
John 1: 47-51

Saturday
Luke 9: 43b-45

**Readings next
Sunday**

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32



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