



Sunday 19 November 2017
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Toru Tekau mā rua 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.

This morning it is a great pleasure to welcome Bishop Eleanor and Reverend John Hughes as they lead our worship.

Please stay for morning tea and fellowship after our worship.

Sentence: God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.
1 Thessalonians 5: 9-11

Collect: **God our creator, you entrust each of us with great treasure. Help us to be responsible stewards of the gifts and skills you have given us. May we honour the trust you have in us and use our talents as generously as you have given them. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Readings

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

Revised English Bible

Encouragement

The Parable of the Talents



Welcome to children and families today.

Our Kids' Club continues today for Term 4.

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	Rt Revd. Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Revd. John Hughes
Set-up / pack-up	Philip Plimmer, Hamish Pilbrow
Welcomers	Kevin and Helen Mosley, Mike and Carolyn Parker
Liturgical Asst	Philip Plimmer
2nd chalice	Jerry Wellington
Readers	Chris Burt - OT, Wendy Manson - Epistle
Intercessions	Philip Plimmer
Musician	Libby and Team
Sound / tech	Peter Baldock
Kids' Club	Alison Furminger
Morning tea	Sandra Gillespie, Geraldine Blackman

Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for the ministry of Prison Fellowship New Zealand, as they coordinate "Angel Tree" and other ministries to support the families of those in prison.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** We pray for all who were ordained yesterday at the diocesan ordination service and for their future ministry. We give thanks for the buzz and fellowship of the hui as people gathered from all over the diocese.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** We pray for the work of the Anglican Social Services Hutt Valley Trust Board (The Family Centre), and Board members Robert Ashe, Tuiatua Tamasese Efi, Bill Nathan, Raymond Pelly, Cecilia Rooderkerk, Taimalie Kiwi Tamasese, Ola Tofilau and Charles Waldergrave.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** We pray for the Most Reverend Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis, Primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Rt. Revd. Dr Grant Le Marquand, Assistant Bishop for the Horn of Africa and their supporting clergy.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** This week we pray for The Rt. Revd. Prince Asukno Antai, Niger, Nigeria and his parishioners.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray for young Christians in Cuba, looking for a safe haven to hold their retreat.
- ◆ **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.*

Vestry Update

Vestry met on Wednesday night to begin its consideration of the report from SEAT on the redevelopment of St Alban's. This was primarily a prayer and Bible study evening - a very appropriate way for Vestry to begin its discernment of the report and its proposals. One of the overwhelming themes that came through in Vestry's reflections and prayers was appreciation and thanksgiving for the work of Cushla Jamieson and the SEAT team. Vestry members made good progress in sharing their thoughts and reflections on the report, and decided to convene an additional Vestry meeting in two weeks' time to continue its discernment and discussion. Please pray for Vestry members as they continue this task.

Mission

We have another week to bring our treasures to the mission table, as the last week is 26 November. Advent is nearly here. Would you think of keeping a mission box for coins while we are not donating at the table? It's surprising how the amount grows. The grocery basket needs filling every week. *From the team.*

Angel Tree Gifts for Children of Prisoners

Two cards remain to be collected! If you have brought your gift today, please put it in the basket by the notices table or bring them to the parish office **this Wednesday unwrapped but with the card attached.** *Thank you!*

"The Way Forward" report for General Synod

Discussion evening this Wednesday, 7pm, Wellesley

A chance to keep up-to-date and discuss the latest proposals regarding the blessing of same gender relationships. Please sign up - sheet on notices table.

Prayer Song Evening - Next Sunday 7pm, Wellesley

Instead of "UP!" this month, we have invited Paul Carey, member of Whitby parish and song writer, to come and lead a prayer song evening of music and contemplation. Paul is here today to tell us more about the evening.

Quiet Days in Advent

Check last week's November News for opportunities for Advent quiet days on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 December.

Today Reverend Judith is in Newlands parish preaching at the morning service, following the ordination of Hera Whitehead, a member of that parish and a graduate of Judith's recent EFM (Education for Ministry) group.

This week

Mon	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> Libby Bloomfield at Wellesley: 9.15am Wellesley Chapel Service Women's Group, Hive - 10am
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> <i>Libby at Wellesley: afternoon</i> Discussion Evening: Same Gender Blessings, 7pm Wellesley <i>Hall</i>
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	9-11.30am Pop in and Play, <i>St Ronan's</i>
Sat	8am Contemplative Prayer, <i>1/47 Pukatea Street</i>

Coming Up

Sun 26 Nov	7pm Prayer Song Evening— Wellesley Hall
Sun 3 Dec	Parish Pizza Picnic at the Pavilion after 10am service
Sun 10 Dec	Community Christmas Carols: 5pm Muritai School

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

23 Nov San Antonio's
30 Nov 3D Rona House

Parish Pizza Picnic - Sunday 3 Dec

Please sign up for the picnic to be held at The Pavilion straight after the morning service. A great opportunity for fellowship and feasting together, as we give thanks for everyone's ministries over the past year. \$5 koha.

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 26 November

10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Revd. Judith Wigglesworth
Preachers	Art Sermon - Revd. Canon Peter Stuart and Phyllis Mossman
Set-up / pack-up	Keith Young, Stephen Lee
Welcomers	Kevin and Helen Mosley, Annie Hayward, Stephen Lee
Liturgical Asst	Scott Champion
2nd chalice	Carolyn Parker
Readers	Fran Baldock - OT, Cushla Jamieson - Epistle
Intercessions	Scott Champion
Musicians	Libby Bloomfield and team
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Kids' Club	Pauline Steele and Patsy Jorgensen
Morning tea	Helen Hosegood, Jennie Lovell-Smith

7pm at Wellesley Prayer Song Evening



Gospel Readings this week

Monday
Luke 18: 35-end

Tuesday
Luke 19: 1-10

Wednesday
Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday
Luke 19: 41-44

Friday
Luke 19: 45-48

Saturday
Luke 20: 27-40

Readings next Sunday

Psalm 65
Ephesians 1:18 – 23
John 1: 1- 5, 10 - 14



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