

*Welcome! Haere mai! Malo e lelei! Talofa! Namaste! Bula!*

## **St John's Anglican Church, Otumoetai**



**Sunday 19 January 2020**  
**Epiphany 2**

### **Sentence**

Jesus made his glory known, and his disciples believed in him.

### **Collect**

**God for whom we long,  
you know what each one of us is looking for.  
You sent your Son Jesus to help us find our way.  
Enable us to respond to his invitation to come and see,  
so that we may truly hear him and follow him.  
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen**

**Lesson**      *Isaiah 49:1-7*

**Epistle**      *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

**Gospel**      *John 1:29-42*

## **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for the people of the Whakatane parish and their clergy.

And we pray for the province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Cherie, Rachael, Mike, Philip, Sherryl, Pat.

## *Good Morning*

We can experience call at every age or stage of life. By calling us, God says to us, you are seen, you are known, and you are loved. The second "Servant Song" is the Isaiah reading for today...and the prophet grabs our attention at the outset..."Listen to me...pay attention..."

Paul reminds the Corinthian Church they too are called and God will be faithful in providing strength and empowerment to serve. The final reading in John tells the story of the first disciples of John who choose to follow Jesus...Simon, Peter, and Andrew. They followed Jesus to proclaim and spread the good news of Jesus to everyone they met.

These readings occur in Epiphany, in our New Year, when we have time to pause and reflect on the year ahead and the plans we may have. Do your plans include paying attention to God's call to service, as individuals and/or as a congregation? What gifts do you have that could be put to use in a new or different way this year?

May God's gentle leading light be with you all as you journey into 2020.

*Isabel*

## **PARISH MAGAZINE**

The next Parish Magazine will be published in mid-February, in time for Lent (Ash Wednesday is 26 February). The theme for this edition will be 'Volunteering'. We often speak about giving things up for Lent. That may be appropriate if we have fallen into unhelpful practices.

Another way to approach Lent is to think positively about what we can take on. Volunteering is something many people do all year round and it would be very good to have a few articles in which people tell us about some volunteering they currently do or have done in the past. So if you'd like to contribute please speak to the Vicar or to Lynda. The deadline for submission of articles will be Wednesday 12 February. Many thanks. *Sue (Vicar)*

## **MESSY CHURCH THANK-YOU**

At 10.30 am on Sunday 26 January all Messy Church volunteers are invited to a thank-you morning tea which will be held in the Church hall. This gathering will also include an overview of plans for the year and specific plans for our first Messy Church of 2020.

## **SINGING GROUP**

Our Singing Group numbers have thinned out - we are keen to have more people join us. We are a group who love music and singing. There is no requirement to read music or sing in parts. We meet weekly to practice the hymns for the upcoming Sunday. Our current meeting is on Wednesdays at 4.00 pm but we can be flexible about time to accommodate more people. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. We plan to begin our regular practices on Wednesday 29 January.

## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

If anyone is able to help with flower arranging that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Liss: phone 576 9103.

## SERVICES

Through to and including 2 February 2020 there will be one service at 9.00 am each Sunday.

Wednesday Holy Communion resumes this week.

Sunday 2 February – The Executive of the Association of Anglican Women will be commissioned as part of the 9.00 am service.

## This Week Beginning: 20 January

**Monday**      9.00 am      Walking Group – meet at The Raft

**Wednesday** 10.00 am Mid-week Communion  
2.00 pm SAYGo in the hall

**Op Shop** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday (ph. 576 2422)

**Playgroup** 9.30 - 11.30 am Re-commences 4 February

**Toy Library** 9.30 - 11.30 am Re-opens 28 January

## **Service for Sunday 26 January - Epiphany 3**

*Isaiah 9:1 - 4; Psalm 27.1, 4 - 8; Matthew 4:12 - 23*

**9.00 am Eucharist**

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