

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Sunday 26th February 2023
1st Sunday in Lent

Te Rātapu Tuatahi o Rēneti

Readings

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Sentence

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4: 4

Collect

God, you know better than we
the temptations that will bring
us down. Grant that our love
for you may protect us from
all foolish and corrupt desire.

Praise to you our God; you
answer prayer. Amen

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday February 27th – Sunday 5th March 2023

Tuesday: 10.00am - House Group at Macandrew Bay

Wednesday: 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist at St Michael's

Thursday: 10.00am - Playgroup at St Philip's

Sunday: 10.00am - Holy Communion at St Michael's

Notices

Installation Service

The Bishop will conduct the installation service for our new Priest in Charge, the Reverend Michael Holdaway, on Sunday 30th April at 5pm at St Michael's Church. Please keep this important date free. More details will be available as arrangements are finalised.

Communion Wafers

Gluten-free communion wafers are currently unavailable from all the New Zealand suppliers we have contacted, except one who stocks German-made GF wafers at a high cost. Vestry has reluctantly decided to return to using standard communion wafers for most communicants, reserving our stock of GF wafers for those who require them only. We will put a sign in the porch for any visitors who are gluten-free, asking them to let the welcomer or the lay minister know to ensure they receive a GF wafer at communion.

Parish magazine

Contributions and Annual Reports for the next Parish magazine need to be with the Parish Secretary by Monday 6th March. The Parish magazine should be available on Sunday 19th March.

Parish AGM

The date of 26th March 2023 has been set and this will follow the 10.00am service. We need nominations for Vestry members, for two lay Synod representatives, and for the position of People's Warden. Nomination forms will be available at church or from the Parish Secretary.

Online Services

A reminder of the monthly on-line next held this Sunday 26th at 10am.

To find Sunday church services that are held online, go to the Diocesan website at

<https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/on-line-worship/>

Anglican Missions 2023 Lenten Appeal. The projects for 2023 are:

In Fiji, the Mud Brick Project

In Northern Ethiopia, the Bricks for Life project

In the Middle East, the School Heating Project

Make a payment online: 02-0585-0001796-00

Please write the name of the project you wish to support in the Reference or click on the following link: <https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/donate/am/>

Covid Precautions

Just a reminder, don't come to church if you are unwell. By taking careful steps forward, we protect ourselves, our families, and those around us who are especially vulnerable.

Our 2023 Lenten Studies

There are to be three groups meeting weekly at different times during Lent. Parishioners and interested friends are welcome to join any of the groups. One group will meet following the 10am service on Wednesday mornings at St Michael's, and will use the 2022 study, *Sentinels*, which most already have. Please let Claire Brown know if you would like to join this group and if you need a copy of the study booklet (phone 454 6046). *Sentinels* comprises six sessions. An evening group will meet at Celia Joyce's home, at 7.30pm on Wednesdays, and will use the 2023 study, *A Holy Church: Becoming the Communities We are Called to Be*. Please let Elizabeth Purdie know if you would like to join this group (phone 476 1650). The third group will meet at Val Brown's home at 2pm on Wednesdays, and will also use the 2023 study, *A Holy Church: Becoming the Communities We are Called to Be*. Please let Mary Greet know if you would like to join this group (phone 454 3003). Copies of the 2023 study booklet have arrived and are \$9.00 each, payable at the first study session. There are also six sessions in this study.

The first gathering of the **Dunedin Anglican Young Adult Group** is coming up, starting with a Fish and Chip Night on Tuesday March 7th at 66 Highcliff Road. This is a fortnightly gathering which brings together young adults from different parishes. If you are 18yrs to 35yrs or know someone who is and who is interested in becoming part of a young adult group, let them know about this. The group comes together to pray, read the Bible, discuss different topics, and form a community of Anglican young adults. There is a variety of topics and social events throughout the year. Click on link for more info:
<https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/publication/nxFTswV/article/dmNSqr>

Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray for the church of Mozambique, which is made up of 8 Dioceses representing both Evangelical and Anglo-Catholic traditions.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Parish of Waikaia – St Mary. The local Church – Wendy Williamson, Ministry Leader.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Desiree and Mark Wispinski, Jonty and Sophie.

Those who have asked for prayer

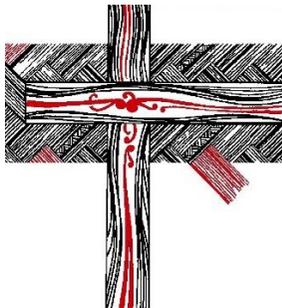
David Horne

In the Community

A Prayer from Bishop Steven for those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle

God of all consolation,
grant to those who sorrow
the spirit of faith and courage,
that they may have the strength to meet the days to come
with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing without hope,
but trusting in your goodness;
through him who is the resurrection and the life,
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**St Michael and All
Angels:** Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay



Next week's readings:

Genesis 12: 1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4: 1-5,13-17
John 3: 1-17 or
Matthew 17: 1-9