

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Sunday 5th February 2023 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Te Rātapu Tuarima o He wā noa iho

Readings

Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112: 1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

Sentence

Let your light shine before others, so
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in
heaven. Matthew 5: 16

Collect

We praise you, God, that
the light of Christ shines
in our darkness and is
never overcome;
show us the way we must
go to eternal day; through
Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday February 6th – Sunday 12th February 2023

- Tuesday:** 10.00am - House Group at Macandrew Bay
Wednesday: 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist at St Michael's
Thursday: 10.00am - Playgroup at St Philp's begins again
7.00pm - Vestry Meeting in the Harding Lounge
Sunday: 10.00am - Holy Communion at St Michael's

Notices

Priest-in-charge Appointment

We are waiting for confirmation from Bishop Steve as to when the Rev. Michael Holdaway is to be installed as Priest-in-charge of the Parish. Currently we're anticipating mid to late March. We are delighted that Michael will be full-time in the Parish. Vestry's strong wish, supported by Bishop Steve and Diocesan Council, is to re-establish a mission focus within and beyond the Parish, and so we have made a commitment to fund the full-time Priest's position partly using accumulated Parish funds for three years in the first instance.

Ralph and Elizabeth

Covid Precautions

Although masks are no longer required in church you are strongly encouraged to continue to wear them. Please continue to use the sanitiser on entering and leaving. Spaced seating is now not required, but please be considerate of others' need to have space around them. Likewise in greeting one another at the Peace, please take a cue from others and respect their wishes. We can now have Communion in both kinds, the wine and the wafers. However parishioners may still prefer not to share the common cup and to take Communion in one kind only. As Bishop Steven has reassured us, you still receive Communion in full if you take only one kind. Most important, don't come to church if you are at all unwell. By taking careful steps forward, we protect ourselves, our families, and those around us who are especially vulnerable.

Easter Activity Packs

Children's Easter Activity packs will soon be available. Contact Elizabeth Purdie if you would to receive one (or more) for children or grandchildren, or for young families of neighbours or friends (phone 476 1650).

Become a Mission Focused Church

In a recent issue of Tui Motu Inter Islands Magazine there is a thought provoking article on what it really means to be a missional church

Neil Darragh discusses how Christian communities need to shift from a focus on themselves to seeing service in the realm of God as their primary focus. Click on link below to read this article.

<https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/publication/YtsOKD9/article/ZleCK30>

Personal Retreats/Quiet Day continue to offer a space for silent personal reflection and time apart on the 4th Friday of each month 10am to 4pm (3pm winter). In March, May and November these are replaced by Guided Retreat Days on a Saturday.

- Venue: St Margaret's Anglican Church, 4 Seaview Terrace Brighton.
- Bring those materials you require and your own lunch. Hot drinks provided.
- Participants are invited to make an offering of a Koha to defray expenses.
- For further information or to register please phone Maureen Harley on 03 456 0573; 021 1071 401

Lay Ministry Training Day

This offers a programme of inspirational guest speakers, practical and creative workshops especially for Lay Ministers here in the South, as well as any others who are interested in ministry. The Training Day takes place on Saturday, 25th February from 10am – 4.30pm at St Mark's Anglican Church, Balclutha.

Registrations close on 15th February 2023. Click on the link below for the programme and registration form.

<https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/publication/QnkWRSp/article/Fh2wtAT>

Online Services

A reminder of the monthly on-line next held Sunday 26th February 2023 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/>

Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray for all the clergy within the Diocese of Polynesia.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Bluff co-operating Parish – St Matthew, which is currently under the oversight of the Methodist Church; we pray for the Parish of Caversham – St Peter and the vicar Rev'd Natalie Milliken.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Bev Sheridan, Gwen and Peter Stapleton.

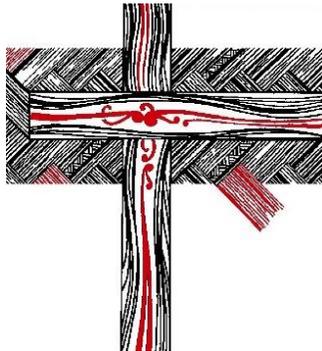
Those who have asked for prayer

Peter Stapleton's sister Dorothy
David Horne

In the Community

We pray for people displaced from their homes by the damage caused by the heavy rain, flooding and landslips in Northland, Auckland and the Bay of Plenty. We remember especially the families of those who lost their lives in this extreme weather event and its aftermath. Help us to find ways to sustain, care for and restore our environment, God's Creation.

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



Next week's readings:
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
or Sirach 15: 15-20
Psalm 119: 1-8
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
Matthew 5: 21-37