

# Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

**34th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Te Rātapu Toru Tekau mā whā o He wā noa iho**

**10am at St Nicholas', Waverley**

## **Readings**

Daniel 7: 9-10,13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1: 4b-8

John 18: 33-37

## **Sentence**

Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing! Revelation 5:12

## **Collect**

Majestic God, ruler of all creation, your kingdom is not of this world. Christ revealed a new truth. Raise up truth in our lives, that as your people we may see your glory, sing your praises, and live a new way. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## **DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS ALLOWING THESE GATHERINGS TO TAKE PLACE SAFELY**

- Tuesday:** 10am - Macandrew Bay House-group  
**Wednesday:** 10am - Mid-week communion at St Michael's  
**Thursday:** 10am - St Nicholas' Playgroup (on hold until Level 1)  
**Saturday:** 10am Special General Meeting at St Michael's  
**Sunday:** 10am - Holy Communion at St Nicholas', Waverley

### **Message from Tony**

In the lectionary today is called Christ the King and we have a selection of remarkable scripture readings on which to reflect. I am not sure about you, but I am particularly challenged by these readings, especially in trying to make sense of them. However, I think the lectionary has done a good job in linking them altogether ... they speak about Christ as King ... and his kingdom which spans all that is known in the created order and all that is unknown or barely glimpsed at in the spiritual world, beyond time and space. I suggest you buckle your seat belts, place your feet flat on the floor, and be prepared to adopt the brace position. So I would like us to look more closely at the reading from Daniel 7. Straight away we note that several scenes followed in rapid succession. *"9 As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat."* The first scene contrasts strongly with the confusion and noise of the opening scene where: *2 Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. 3 Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.* However, here, all is calm and orderly in the presence of God. The heavenly court was assembled, and God sat in judgment. In contrast to the hectic and often demoniacally inspired activity of the earthly kingdoms, God sits on the universal and eternal throne. You see, the little kingdoms of humankind have their day; however, God is the Ancient of Days. The lectionary readings clarify how God's reign includes "one like the Son of Man" who is identified as Jesus. So that is why today is called Christ the King. He is King indeed. King of kings and Lord of lords. Now, next Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent, a season when we focus on God coming to us as a baby in Bethlehem, Immanuel, the incarnation. I think the writers of the lectionary just wanted to make sure that we understand very clearly that Jesus is more than a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes: he is Christ the King. See you Sunday.

**Otago Peninsula Parish Special General Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, at St Michael's, Andersons Bay. Start with morning tea.**

**Agenda: Coming together as one congregation - Proposed changes to St Michael's Church.**

## **Notices**

### **Details for Sunday Services during November**

21st and 28th November at St Nicholas'

### **Tony's Inauguration Service**

A reminder about the Commissioning Service for Rev. Dr Tony Martin, this Sunday afternoon, November 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 4pm, for those that have indicated they will be attending.

**Advent Quiet Day** - a day set aside to reflect on the invitation and the promise of Advent. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10am to 4pm at St Margaret's Anglican Church, 4 Seaview Terrace Brighton. Registration is essential. To register and for further information please phone Maureen 03 456 0573 or 021 1071401.

### **Missions Fundraiser**

Photos from Kit Girling have once again been made into a calendar, which is available to purchase at a cost of \$20. \$8 from each calendar sold will go to the Anglican Missions Board.

Orders to Anne Stratford by phone 021 02479803 or email

[annestratford@gmail.com](mailto:annestratford@gmail.com) or to the Parish Office phone 454 4724 or email [opanglican@xtra.co.nz](mailto:opanglican@xtra.co.nz). Orders close Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**6 Day Silent Retreat** to be held in Ranfurly from 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

This ecumenical silent directed retreat is time out from the demands and expectations of daily life. More information and details regarding registration are available from Called South, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

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Tuesday 1 – 5 pm

Thursday 1 – 5 pm

## **Prayers**

### **The Wider Church**

We pray for the Province of South East Asia, which is made up of the Diocese of Singapore, West Malaysia, Sabah and Kuching.

### **In the Diocese**

Our prayers this morning are for the Parish of Roslyn – Eric Kyte (Vicar); Pauline Johnson (Deacon Asst); Lisa Barlow (Deacon Curate). We also pray for Bishop's Chaplains for the Ordained Ministry & Ordination Candidates; Diocesan Nominators – Anne Gover, Andrea McDougall, Richard Johnson.

### **In our Parish**

**Those who have asked for prayer** - Natalie Ellis Wilson and H Robert Wilson

### **From the Parish Roll**

This Sunday in our prayers we remember Mary Lovell, Val McCauley.

### **In the Community**

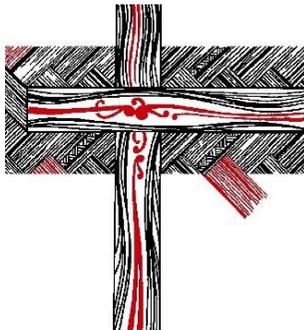
We remember in our prayers today those valued members of our community whose employment is at risk as they hesitate to come forward for vaccination against Covid-19. We pray for accurate information and sound advice for all. Help us to support and reassure those still to make their decision that all may have their concerns allayed.

### **St Michael's:**

Elliot Street,  
Andersons Bay

### **St Nicholas':**

Dunrobin Street,  
Waverley



### **Next week's readings:**

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36