

Next Sunday's Propers

Sunday October 1st

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant – Rev. Ken Light; Preacher – Fred McElrea

Sentence: Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. *Hosea 6:1a,2b*

Collect: God of all authority, enable us to hear your call and to do what you ask of us. Forgive us for judging others, help us to embrace the outcast and the downtrodden. Transform our lives so that everything we do may proclaim your generous love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Readings: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25: 1-9; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 2

Liturgy: 404

Anglican Family Care

AFC is expanding their Family Start services for vulnerable families into our region. Government funding provides for front-line staff salaries but donations are required to help cover other costs. Our Local Committee has gifted \$500.00. Go to www.anglicanfamilycare.org.nz/donate if you would like to make a personal contribution. The Local Committee will be looking at other ways of helping this work in the months ahead.

St Michael's Day, Clyde

140th anniversary, Friday 29 September 11.00am Eucharist followed by a shared lunch. Celebrant and preacher – Rev. Damon Plimmer.

Blessing of the Animals, 8 October

Bring your pets and join us at the Tarras Church, 11.00am.

Seminar with Bishop Richard Randerson

Two seminars on the topics of Euthanasia and Neo-liberalism, Christian Values and Post-election choices, St Peter's Queenstown, Sunday 15 October, 12 noon to 2.10pm. Everyone welcome.

Small Group Study

Being Disciples is the focus of a 6-week study starting Wednesday 25 October, 7.30 – 9.00pm, at the home of Mike and Beccy Horder. The study will be based on a book by former archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, exploring the essentials of the Christian life. If you would like to be part of the study, see Damon.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

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let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard A. M. Gillard, 1977

Please pray for...

- All who contribute to the well-being of our community;
- Our Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Steven Benford;
- Elected MPs and the formation of a new Government;
- Our shared responsibility to care for this planet.

Michael Leunig – A Spring Prayer

Dear God, We rejoice and give thanks for earthworms, bees, ladybirds and broody hens; for humans tending their gardens, talking to animals, cleaning their homes and singing to themselves; for the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, the invention of the wheelbarrow, we give thanks. We celebrate and give thanks. Amen!

*Activities for small children are available at the rear of the church.
Please join us after the service for light refreshments.*