

Next Sunday's Propers

Sunday September 8th

Ordinary Sunday 23 / Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori
Celebrant – Rev. Ken Light; Preacher – Joan Nolan

Sentence: Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple. *Luke 14:27*

Collect: God of gentleness, you give up all to be with us; enable us to love, obey, and hold fast to you alone, so that we may complete what we have started, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1;
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33

Liturgy: 404
Rev. Damon Plimmer is in Cromwell and Tarras.

Diocesan Matters

A pre-synod meeting of the Central Otago archdeaconry is to be held at the St Andrew's Hall in Cromwell on Tuesday 3 September, 10am – 2pm. Synod goes from Friday 13 September through to the Sunday.

The 150th anniversary of the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin will be celebrated at the cathedral in Dunedin on Sunday 15 September, 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Contemplative Evening Prayer

Simple chants, readings, and times of silence, in the style of the Taizé community of France: next service Sunday 8 September, 5pm.

Quiz Night

A fundraiser for a Children's Home in North Bangladesh, at the Presbyterian Church, Monday 16 September at 7pm. Cost - \$20, includes supper. Contact carolineolivernz@hotmail.com for more information.

TGI Friday Children's Liturgy

30 min service for pre-school and primary school aged children, with a song, a story, a craft, and food to follow; Friday 20 September, 4.30pm.

The Journey of Meditation

A day for those who would like to deepen their understanding of the practice of meditation or contemplative prayer; Saturday 21 September, 9.30am – 3.00pm, at the home of Peter Chamberlayne, 116 Cardrona Valley Road. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

"The world badly needs voices of reason and tolerance and those who will work to build dialogue and respect across faiths and beliefs. I do believe New Zealand can show the way."

— Rt Hon Helen Clark,
launching the Religious Diversity Centre in Parliament, 30 March 2016

These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows meet heaven, *these are our care.*
Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster, *these are our prayer.*

Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander, *these are our care.*
Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman, *these are our prayer.*

Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people, *these are our care.*
Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures, *these are our prayer.*

All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas and customs, *these are our care.*
Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things, *this be our prayer.*

Colin Gibson

Please pray for...

- An ability to put ourselves in the shoes of others;
- Rural communities, farmers and those who support them;
- Preparations for this year's Diocesan Synod;
- The care and protection of the planet.

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