

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday Patchwork Group meet @ 12.30pm
Tuesday Friendship Group meet @ 10am
Wednesday Golf Group meet @ 7am
Thursday Rev Josie @ church @ 10am
Wedding Prep with Luke & Alex @ 4pm
Sunday 25/8 Car Rally @ 1pm

CAR RALLY – on Sunday 25th August starting at 1pm. This is our third car rally; they are always a lot of fun. Phil will be working on the course we'll need to follow through clues he gives us on the day. At the end of the rally, we'll have afternoon tea together and chat about all we got up to as we followed the route. We'll be setting off from St John's carpark. You'll need a minimum of two people in the car – a driver and a navigator; but you can fill the car up with other participants, so if you don't feel like driving you can join with someone else. Please put your name on the Notice Board so we know who's coming.

PHOTO DISPLAY – a huge thank you to Phil for putting together the photo display we have in the hall. This is the last week it will be up.

Please pray for: Paul; Keena; Maggie; Cheryl; Elsie; Isla; Charlotte; Cameron; Kieth; Bhav; Joyce; Gazza; Derek; Merle & Lynn; Libby & Kelly



This week Johnny is with Meredith & Lynn Ford



*Happy birthday to Scott Tanoai on 30th;
Tony Laws on 31st*

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Welcome to Worship



Pentecost 10

28th July 2024

We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...

Our Mission is to

- Know God personally
- Love and respect one another deeply
- Disciple and serve those around us

Sentence: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'
John 6:51

Collect of the Day

Gracious God,
you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth;
grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent,
and the food of eternal life,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be glory and honour for ever and ever.
Amen.

Today's readings:

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Next Week:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35



Pentecost 10 – John 6:1-21

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”

Today the lectionary interrupts the semi-continuous readings from Mark’s Gospel for a five-week reading of Chapter 6 from the Gospel of John – the “bread of life” discourse of Jesus.

The miracle of the feeding of the multitude with a few loaves and fish is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. This story was cherished by the first Christians for whom the Eucharist was becoming the centre of their life together. Jesus’ actions are indeed “Eucharistic”: bread (and fish) is given, Jesus gives thanks (the word used in the Greek text of Mark’s Gospel is eucharisteo), breaks the bread and the community feasts.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish did not start with nothing; Jesus was able to feed the crowds because a little boy was willing to

share all he had; from his gift, small though it was, Jesus worked a miracle – and a new community of faith was formed as a result.

We are called by Christ to become the Eucharist we receive at this altar: giving thanks for what we have received by sharing those gifts – our talents, our riches, ourselves – to work our own miracles of creating communities of joyful faith.

The scene on the grassy plain mirrors the gathering at this table today. In the miracle of the loaves and fish, Jesus transforms a crowd of all ages, talents, abilities and backgrounds into a community of generosity. That vision of being a Eucharistic community is re-created each time we gather here.

Eucharist is possible only when self defers to community, only when serving others is exalted over being served, only when differences dissolve and the common and shared are honoured above all else.

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