

*The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt  
30 March 2025 / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*



'Luke 15:1-3,11b-32' by the Rev'd Sarah West | visiolectio.com (2021)

***NAUMAI, HAERE MAI! MALO E LELEI! TALOFA! 欢迎 (HUĀN YÍNG!)***

*Welcome all who are with us in person or online*

**Sentence:** "God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18

**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.**

**Today's Readings:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

### **Let us pray...**

#### **for the following members of our congregation this week:**

Thomas Basire, Christina Jane Budge-McIvor, Leonard C, Gabrielle, Matthew, Kalika and Jayden, Giselle and Triton, the Gibson family, the Black family, the Lenihan family, the Cook Island community, Megan S, Crystal

#### **Let us pray for those who mourn, and those who have died:**



#### **Offering at the Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt Our offerings process**

We are using a cashless process and encouraging parishioners to give via electronic banking.

For those new to the parish or can only donate with cash, please find the wooden offering box located at the back of All Saints' / St James' Church.

**When the donations are taken, the presiding priest will acknowledge ALL offerings, and volunteered time.**

**02-0528-0045901-00**, St James' Church  
**Reference:** [surname], [giving number],  
[type of payment: offering]

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**Daily Prayer (week days)  
8am, via Zoom**

**Via Zoom link: - 78232674706  
Passcode: - Lambchops**

*Together we pray, Ka inoi tatou*  
<https://anglicanmovement.nz/prayer-resources>

### **Prayers this week**

The Lord's unfailing love  
**surrounds the one who trusts in Him.**

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. [Psalm 32: 1-2]

We pray that our communities would grow in Your love and forgiveness; may we offer grace to one another as you have offered grace to us.

“My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” [Luke 15:31-32]

Father, teach us how to embody your grace; may we be defined by your compassion.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. [2 Corinthians 5: 17-19]



We pray for those who are suffering as we anticipate the new creation. [silence]

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart! [Psalm 32:11]

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.**

Prayers by Rev Māmari Stephens and Tim Overton.

<b><u>8am Eucharist, ANZPB, P404, St James'</u></b>		<b><u>10am Family Eucharist, St James'</u></b>	
<b>Presider</b>	Catherine Froud	<b>Presider</b>	Catherine Froud
<b>Preacher</b>	Murray Wills	<b>Preacher</b>	Murray Wills
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Mark Stone	<b>Worship Leader</b>	Robyn Eastgate-Manning
<b>Reader</b>	Margaret Miller	<b>Songs</b>	'There is room' 'O come to the altar'
<b>Gospel</b>	Martin Haua	<b>Kyrie</b>	Mozart, K140
<b>Intercessions</b>	Mark Stone	<b>Reader</b>	Lynne-Stella Hassett
<b>Chalice</b>	Mark Stone	<b>Gradual</b>	'I heard the voice of Jesus say' (247)
<b>Welcomers</b>	Margaret Miller, Ross Miller	<b>Gospel</b>	Dulce Johnston
<b>Sound</b>	Alan Boaden	<b>Intercessions</b>	Heather Keith
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Robina Richardson Joan Robertshawe	<b>Offertory hymn</b>	'Yet not I but through Christ in me'
<b><u>9am Family Eucharist, All Saints</u></b>		<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	English
<b>Presider</b>	Kathy Orr-Nimmo	<b>Chalice</b>	Robyn Eastgate-Manning Lynne-Stella Hassett
<b>Preacher</b>	Kathy Orr-Nimmo	<b>Bread</b>	Sarah Lerwill
<b>Leader</b>	Harry A	<b>Server</b>	Nova Oxenbridge
<b>Reading</b>	Kirstin	<b>Agnus Dei</b>	Berkahn
<b>Intercessions</b>	Paula B	<b>Communion</b>	Farrant: 'Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake' (CAB) 'The Lord's my shepherd' (Townend)
<div>   </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nametags</b></p> <p>Just as you take your nametag from the stands at the start of church: Please return them to the stand when you leave.</p>		<b>Family Time/ Notices</b>	
		<b>Final Song</b>	'Just as I am' (246)
		<b>Dismissal</b>	
		<b>Welcomers</b>	Natalie Howieson Daniel Luey
		<b>Sound</b>	Fiona Hall
		<b>Vision</b>	Dianne Wright
		<b>YouTube</b>	Allen Sutton
		<b>Morning Tea</b>	Kathy Ingram Dan Reeves Fiona Strachan
<b>Livestream of 10am Service</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@stjamesallsaintschurcho2568">https://www.youtube.com/@stjamesallsaintschurcho2568</a>			

## Family Time/ Notices

### Readings for this week

<b>Mon</b>	Isa 65:17-21, Ps 30:1-5,8,12-end, John 4:43-end
<b>Tue</b>	Ezek 47:1-9,12, Ps 46:1-8, John 5:1-3,5-16
<b>Wed</b>	Isa 49:8-15, Ps 145:8-17, John 5:31-end
<b>Thu</b>	Exod 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-23, John 5:31-end
<b>Fri</b>	Jer 26:8-11, Ps 34:15-end, John 7:1-2,10,25-30
<b>Sat</b>	Jer 11:8-20, Ps 7:1-2, 8-10, John 7:40-52



### Platter and dishes collection day Sunday 30 March

Over the past 12 months there have been many events and morning teas in the parish.

In the rush to leave some of us have left our platters and serving dishes at St James' Church.

On Sunday, we will place on a table in the foyer platters and dishes we believe belong to you.

**We expect them to return to their original home.** This is not a clearance.

We ask that people take what is actually theirs.

### Harmony for Hope

**Friday, 4 April, Doors open 6pm  
Lower Hutt Town Hall  
32 Laings Road, Lower Hutt**

Enjoy a night of movie themed music from Orchestra Wellington to raise funds for youth mental health.

The Hutt Rotary clubs are at the heart of this powerful initiative aimed at raising crucial funds for the **Lifting the Lid** programme, which provides mental health support to high schools across the Hutt Valley.

**Tickets from \$75.**

Early bird specials available.

For more information, visit:

<https://harmonyforhope.org.nz/>

### Volunteers required for the Walk of Witness

Last week, Murray Wills made a request for volunteers and ideas for what could be done as part of the Walk of Witness this year.

The Walk of Witness is an ecumenical Good Friday event where the parish with neighbouring churches, Hutt City Uniting Congregations (St Mark's), Hutt City Baptist, and Te Awakairangi Parish (Sts Peter and Paul) collaborate to tell the story of the Passion of Christ.

Contact Murray if you are interested:  
[mwills@stjames.net.nz](mailto:mwills@stjames.net.nz) ; 021 918 147

**Easter is 2 weeks away.**



# ANZAC Concert



*The  
"Spirit of Anzac"*



## Hutt City Brass

3pm Sunday 6th April  
St James Church  
Lower Hutt

Koha Entry



# SCHUBERT & THE ROMANTICS

Featuring:

Ingrid Schoenfeld • Piano  
Schubert Op. 90 Impromptus

**7:30pm Fri. 11 Apr. 2025**

St Andrew's on The Terrace  
30 The Terrace, Wellington  
&

**3:00pm Sun 4 May 2025**

Otaki Waikanae  
Presbyterian Church  
43 Ngaio Road, Waikanae

Choral works by:

Fauré, Brahms, Mendelssohn,  
Schumann, Borodin &  
Rimsky-Korsakov

**Book at Humanitix**

(booking fee applies)

& Tickets from  
Choir Members



**\$25** single

**\$20** for 2+ tickets

[www.festivalsingersnz.org](http://www.festivalsingersnz.org)

Children 18 and under free



## Lower Hutt Foodbank Financial donations welcome

The Foodbank's emergency food parcels provide short term relief, with groceries for around four days.

It costs about **\$12,000 per month** to operate the Foodbank – 67% of this amount is used to buy food for our parcels and the remainder is spent on our rent and power, the salary of our part-time Service Coordinator, and other operational expenses.

We rely on donations and grants because we do not receive direct funding from central or local government.

The Lower Hutt Community Foodbank is registered as a charitable entity (CC25676). All donations qualify for tax credits and receipts are issued in July after the end of their tax year.

Donate directly into our bank account:  
38-9024-0178197-00 – Lower Hutt Foodbank (Add your name in the Particulars field and email your address to [treasurerlhcfi@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerlhcfi@gmail.com) for your receipt)



Jesus was with us when we made morning tea last week.

Photo credit: Joan Robertshawe (2025)



## Movie night at the Lighthouse

**Friday 30 May, 8.30pm**

***Mission Impossible:  
The Final Reckoning***

### Fundraising for St James' Redevelopment

You won't want to miss this one. It could be your last chance to see Tom Cruise in this role, as it is the final of the Mission Impossible series.

Make up a party, and come and join your friends. Put it in your diary today.  
\$20.00 plus spot prizes

Tickets available from April 27 or book today

[millermargaretm@outlook.com](mailto:millermargaretm@outlook.com)

## Volunteers wanted for Holy Week 14-20 April

Holy Week is the busiest in the church calendar. As a parish, we have the tradition of organising extra services and events to observe this special time of the year.

To date, we are preparing:

- Monday – an event at All Saints
- Tuesday – Tenebrae
- Wednesday – an event at All Saints
- Thursday – Foot washing Service & night vigil
- Friday – Reflection Service
- Sunday – 8am, 9am and 10am Services

Anyone who wishes to be involved in one or several of these, please contact Daniel at the Parish Office:

[worship.support@stjames.net.nz](mailto:worship.support@stjames.net.nz)



**Ordination of Bishop Elect Anne van Gend**  
**Saturday, 29 March, 1pm**  
**St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin**

The Ven Dr Anne van Gend will be ordained the next Bishop of Dunedin on Saturday 29 March, starting at 1pm.

We encourage you to pray for her as she prepares to be ordained and to lead the Diocese of Dunedin. Also pray for Annette as she finishes the cope and mitre for her.

There will be a livestream of the service on YouTube. Please follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@StPaulsCathedralDunedin/streams>



**Friday 11 April, 6pm**  
**Riddiford Gardens (behind War Memorial Library)**

Celebrate the end of term and explore your local awa with freshwater experts from our Wai Connection team at this spotlighting event at Ōpahu Stream/Black Creek, Lower Hutt (in Riddiford Gardens, behind the War Memorial Library).

With your gumboots and a torch, head off on an evening hīkoi to your local waterway to 'spotlight' and observe freshwater species in their natural habitat. Learn about the health of our waterways, freshwater conservation efforts in your neighborhood, and some of the ways that you could become a kaitiaki of your local awa.

This community event is free and is perfect for the whole whanau.

For more information and to sign up go to: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1K7Xo7iZit/>



## **Ministry Leaders' Family Camp 2025: A Weekend of Renewal**

*Over 500 leaders and their families gathered to embrace 'The Restoration Call'*

The serene grounds of El Rancho Camp and Conference Centre in Waikanae buzzed with energy as over 500 ministry leaders and their families gathered for the annual Ministry Leaders' Family Camp on March 22-23, 2025.

This year's theme, "The Restoration Call," inspired by Isaiah 58:12, resonated deeply, encouraging attendees to reflect on their roles in rebuilding and strengthening their communities.

In his eucharistic message, Bishop Justin Duckworth spoke of how we are one people formed together in the 'loaf' but intended to be broken and scattered. It was a poignant moment where our call to be people on mission and always responding to the invitation of God was brought home.

Saturday's main session featured inspiring talks that echoed the camp's theme, prompting reflection on personal and communal restoration. Workshops throughout the day offered practical insights into ministry, leadership, and personal growth, equipping participants with tools to effect positive change in their communities.

A highlight for many was the formation of a pop-up choir. Led by a talented trio of musical conductors from the stage, the impromptu choir of 200 would be vocalists who learned and performed a stirring rendition of the New Zealand classic "Slice of Heaven." The spontaneity and hilarity was a chance to step out of one's comfort zone and create memories together.

Over 130 young people were treated to amazing programmes led by a dedicated crew of volunteer leaders. From wide games to crafts and weaving in biblical stories there was always something on to keep our Tamariki and rangatahi engaged. Friday evening culminated in a lively silent disco under the stars mixing neon glowsticks, lights and glow in the dark candyfloss.

In the weekend's closing message, Bishop Anashuya Fletcher spoke about the work of the prophet Nehemiah in rebuilding the post-exilic walls of Jerusalem. She told the gathering, "God's work is not just to rebuild the wall, but to rebuild the people. God's work is just as much about the restoration of the wall as it is about the reformation of the people's hearts.

"We must continue to recall that this is God's vision and God's work, we must prayerfully and practically contend for what is not yet must personally embody God's justice and generosity and equip others to do the same.

As the camp drew to a close, participants departed with renewed spirits and a collective commitment to embody "The Restoration Call" in their ministries and daily lives. The shared experiences, learnings, and memories from the weekend are set to inspire and influence their communities in profound ways.

A huge thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and pitched in help where it was needed. Grateful thanks, also, to Event Manager Rev. Richard Apperley and his organising team who were tireless in serving us in this way.

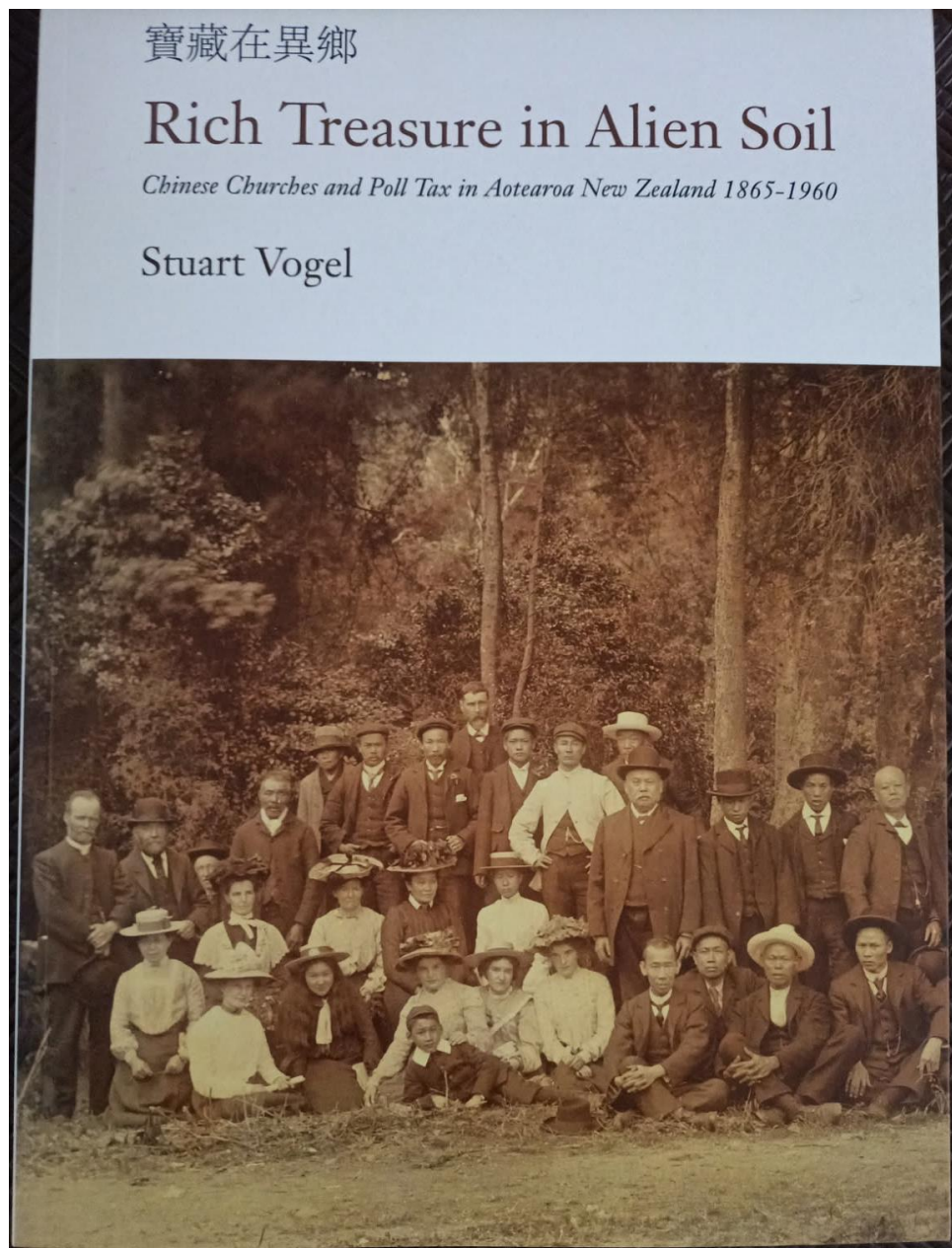
## History of the First Chinese Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand


On Saturday, 15th March a successful book launch was held at the Wellington Anglican Chinese Mission Church for *Rich Treasure in Alien Soil - Chinese Churches & Poll Tax in Aotearoa New Zealand 1865- 1960* by Rev Stuart Vogel.

Speakers included Rodney Wong Trust Chair of the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, Reverends Henry Yap & Jimmy Luey from the Wellington Anglican Chinese Mission Church and author Reverend Stuart Vogel. Questions were invited from the audience, which Reverend Stuart answered.

It was a very fruitful occasion attended by 60 people, including Chinese community leaders, Church leaders, past and present Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust trustees, guests and supporters.

The book is available for purchase from: [fundraising.acpc@gmail.com](mailto:fundraising.acpc@gmail.com)



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<p><b>Vicar: Rev Annette Cater</b>  <a href="mailto:Vicar@stjames.net.nz">Vicar@stjames.net.nz</a>  021 187 0727 – Text Please</p> <p><b>Priest Associate</b>  Rev Dr Kathy Orr-Nimmo  <a href="mailto:orrnimmo@hotmail.com">orrnimmo@hotmail.com</a>  022 252 9929</p> <p><b>Priest Assistants</b>  Rev Catherine Froud  <a href="mailto:cfroud@stjames.net.nz">cfroud@stjames.net.nz</a>  021 206 7566</p> <p>Rev Murray Wills  <a href="mailto:mwills@stjames.net.nz">mwills@stjames.net.nz</a>  021 918 147</p> <p><b>Parish Wardens</b>  Lorraine Kilpatrick  <a href="mailto:lorrainejkilpatrick@gmail.com">lorrainejkilpatrick@gmail.com</a>  021 901 259</p> <p>Allen Sutton  <a href="mailto:allens1967@gmail.com">allens1967@gmail.com</a>  027 272 8886</p> <p><b>All Saints' Chairperson</b>  Jocelyn White  <a href="mailto:the-whitehouse@xtra.co.nz">the-whitehouse@xtra.co.nz</a>  027 449 9068</p> <p><b>All Saints' Vestry Rep.</b>  Richard Perry  <a href="mailto:richbloss@outlook.com">richbloss@outlook.com</a>  027 231 0160</p> <p><b>Director of Music</b>  Dr Jonathan Berkahn  <a href="mailto:jonathan@berkahn.net.nz">jonathan@berkahn.net.nz</a>  021 0241 7233</p> <p><b>Worship &amp; Communication Support</b>  Daniel Luey  <a href="mailto:worship.support@stjames.net.nz">worship.support@stjames.net.nz</a>  569 6737, ext. 800</p>	<p><b>Sunday 30 March</b>  8am Eucharist, St James'  9am Family Eucharist, All Saints'  10am Family Eucharist, St James'</p> <p><b>Monday 31 March</b>  2:30pm Lenten Study, St James' Chapel  4pm Youth Choir, St James' Church</p> <p><b>Tuesday 1 April</b>  10am Contemplative Prayer, St James'  1pm Lenten Study, St James' Chapel  7:30pm Lenten Study, Kelson</p> <p><b>Wednesday 2 April</b>  10am Staff meeting, St James'  10am Lenten Study, Zoom  10:30am Lenten Study, St James' Chapel  6pm Lenten Study, St James'  7pm Choir practice, St James'</p> <p><b>Thursday 3 April</b>  10am BCP Eucharist, St James' Chapel  10am Chirping Cherubs, St James'</p> <p><b>Sunday 6 April</b>  8am Eucharist, St James'  9am Family Eucharist, All Saints'  10am Family Eucharist, St James'</p> <p>For the full events calendar visit:  <a href="https://www.stjames.net.nz/infoodle-calendar">https://www.stjames.net.nz/infoodle-calendar</a></p> <p><b>Parish Office Hours</b>  71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt  Tuesdays to Thursdays: 9am to 1pm</p> <p>Please leave this booklet at the back of the church so it can be used again. Thank you!</p>
 <p><b>All Saints Church</b>  6 Norfolk Street, Belmont</p>	 <p><b>St James Anglican Church</b>  71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt</p>