



Mary-Jane's crumbs;

Do you know what's going on? Sometimes I really want to know, and there are also times when I think it is better not to! What do you do when it all feels like too much? Our modern world has a lot of distractions, not just books and TV, but now people spend hours scrolling through content on social media. Holidays are a reality for many, including some fabulous overseas destinations. Hobbies, too are far more accessible than they used to be.

As we ponder the Ascension, we might feel that we might like to join Jesus, rising into the sky if that means escaping the troubles of today. Or we might be mystified by the mechanism, or we might just wonder what it all means. Today, as we unpack the last physical moments of Jesus on earth, we should also anticipate the ongoing fulfilment of the promise of the Holy Spirit. Angels had to remind the disciples to stop staring into the sky and get on with it! As we continue our preparation for Pentecost, let's welcome the Holy Spirit this day, and persevere with prayer.

'This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.'

John 17:3

Prayer of the day;

E te Karaiti tō mātou tohunga nui rawa,
e mōhio ana koe ki ō mātou
ngoikoretanga;
e īnoī and koe mō mātou e hara tonu ana
mātou.

Āwhinatia mai mātou, i roto i a koe,
kia kitea he ara hou, he ora hoki ki te
Atua;
mō te korōria o tōu ingoa tapu.

Āmine.

Christ our great high priest,
you understand our weakness;
you pray for us while we are sinners.
Help us, through you,
to find a new and living way to God;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Sunday's Readings;

Acts 1:6-14,

1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11,

John 17:1-11

We Pray For;

Today, we pray for those who witness for Jesus in dark places, enduring danger and persecution for the sake of the gospel.

We pray for churches in Timaru, particularly the ministry and work of Wilson Street Baptist.

Notices

REV MEG - OFFICE HOURS

Rev Meg will be holding office hours from 10 am to 1pm - starting Tuesday, 26th May 2026 - in the Parish Office, if you have any concerns or questions.

PENTECOST

Next week is our Pentecost celebration, make sure you stay for morning tea as we will be having a cake to celebrate.

AAW

19th May is the next AAW meeting at St John's. We will have the speaker first and then the meeting as she has another engagement. Sales table and afternoon tea will be available.

VOLUNTEERS

Are you able to assist in serving morning tea between the services in Sunday's? Rosemary O'Connor is looking for more volunteers. Please get in touch if you are able to help out. We are also on the lookout for some volunteers to add to the service rosters, specifically welcoming, sound desk at 10:30 am service, as well as spraying and garden maintenance. Let the office know.

VESTRY MEETING

Your new Vestry meet on Wednesday, 27th May. If you have a concern, questions or something you need to share with them. Pop it in writing and to the office by Monday, 18th May.

REV. BRUCE ANDERSON

The Rev'd Bruce Anderson died peacefully in Hamilton, February 22, 2026. Bruce was a Methodist Minister in Timaru, and some members of the Ministers' Assn may still remember Bruce from his time here among us. Father to Catherine, Michael, Joshua, and Timothy. A memorial service is being held for Bruce at St Mary's Church, 24 Church Street, Timaru at 2.00pm Saturday 16 May.

FIRE DRILL

A fire drill will be held on Sunday, 7th June 2026 after the 8:30 am service. These fire drills are legal requirements and we need as many people to attend as possible.

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