



ST.  
**JOHN'S**  
ANGLICAN

## Rev Alan Cummins crumbs;

Here is a great story about an encounter two men have with Jesus - eventually!

While they travelled along, Jesus came alongside them and walked with them, but they were stopped from recognising him. It wasn't until a few hours later, when the men were eating with Jesus, and he was asked to bless the food, that the 'penny dropped' and they recognised him!

Whether it was the setting sun, giving Jesus a 'silhouette like' appearance or whether they were still 'shell socked' by the recent events in Jerusalem, we will never know, but they were certainly preoccupied with other things or distracted as they walked along. However, in the end they had a remarkable encounter with the risen Jesus!

Here is a challenge for us. Jesus comes alongside us in our daily 'travels' and I wonder if perhaps, like those disciples, we don't always recognise Jesus straightaway! When we 'come to our senses' and recognise our 'fellow traveller' what an amazing encounter we will have.

I'm sure, like me, you have had some amazing encounters with Jesus throughout your Christian life, but let us be careful lest we get so caught up in the affairs of our lives that we miss those amazing, God given opportunities 'to walk and talk' with Jesus, our risen Saviour, along life's narrow way, day by day.

May God bless you in your daily 'travels' that you will have eyes and ears to recognise Jesus and have some precious encounters with him.

With my very best wishes and prayers,

Alan.

Shine forth from your throne upon the cherubim;  
restore us O God; show us the light of your face  
and we shall be saved

Psalm 80:11,3

## Prayer of the day;

E Īhu, e pono ana mātou ki a koe;  
he pono ngā kōrero kua rangona.  
I te whatinga o te taro; ka mātau mātou  
ko koe pū tēnā,  
na konā ka mumura te ahi i roto a  
mātou;  
whakamahia tēnei whakaaro hei  
māramatanga i te ao.  
Whakarongo ki tēnei ĩnoi i runga i tōu  
aroha

**Āmine.**

Jesus, we believe you;  
all we heard is true.  
You break the bread, we recognise you,  
you are the fire that burns within us;  
use us to light the world.  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake

**Amen.**

## Sunday's Readings;

Psalm 116:1-4,11-18,  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41,

**Luke 24:13-35**

## We Pray For;

Prayer for Meg as she prepares to begin her ministry at St. John's in May. What an amazing answer to prayer! Thanks to God for His leading and guidance during this interregnum time.

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# Notices

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## PLANNED POWER OUTAGE

St John's is having a planned power outage from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026. With a backup day of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026. All groups and hires have been notified however keep this in mind if planning to do a duty at St John's during these dates.

## ROSTERS - JUNE & JULY

Let the office know of your roster availability for June and July 2026. Please have this to the office by 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

## LIVE ALONES

Meet for a 12 noon lunch on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please contact Hilary McKnight for further information if you would like to attend.

## DONATION OF ART

This beautiful painting was donated by Deb Taipana and family as they move forward in their next chapter.

The Maori phrase translates to "Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name"



## BAPLICAN YOUTH CAMP DONATIONS

The Baplican Youth group are fundraising for their upcoming camp transportation. The kids have been busy with a car wash and quiz night already.

If you wish to contribute, please make your donation to the St Johns Church 03-0887-0021901-001 with the reference "Baplican"

## REV. MEG HARVEY'S INDUCTION

You are invited to the Induction of Rev. Meg Harvey to be held at St John's Anglican Church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 7pm

## OFFETORY ENVELOPES

If you require more offertory envelopes, please let the office know.

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