



Mary- Jane's crumbs from under the table;

"Be Ready!

Ready for what?

Ready for Jesus's return!

Christians live in a state of expectation but it is easy to grow tired. Distracted by cares, we forget we need to stay ready. What really matters?

We live by faith. Each day brings a new chance. We do not earn salvation, but by responding to the invitation for a daily walk with God.

Rituals have earned a bad rap in my generation, but they have a place in our lives if they draw us near to Jesus. Reminders and road maps for prayer can be physical, like a prayer chair, candles, a Bible, or relational, like church, home group, prayer group, a trusted friend. Whatever draws you in, these practices can reframe our beliefs and values when we listen to the Holy Spirit leading us.

Today, let's unpack our 'go-bag.' Do we need to stock up on oil for our lamps? What about a change of clothes? Time to get ready!

"You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Luke 12:40

Prayer for the Day;

E te Atua kaha rawa mutunga kore,
nā tōu Wairua te tinana katoa o te Hāhi
e kawanatia nei, e whakatapua nei;
whakarongo mai ki a mātou īnoi
mō āu tangata whakaponono katoa
mā te mahi minitanga, nāu nei mātou i
karanga
ka tika ā mātou mahi ki a koe, i runga i te
tapu i te pono;
Ko Īhu Karaiti tō mātou Ariki me tōu
mātou Kaiwhakaora.
Āmine.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified;
hear the prayers we offer for all your
faithful people that in the ministry to
which you have called us we may serve
you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ
Amen.

Sunday's Readings;

Isa 1:1, 10-20

Hewbrews 11:1-16

Luke 12:32-40

Prayers:

Those who have to leave home unexpectedly, whether through fire, flood, earthquake or war. May they find what they need.

Those who are overwhelmed by all that they have, who are distracted and distressed by possessions. May they find peace in acknowledging you as their treasure.

Ourselves - help us to consider what we value, and work towards placing Jesus in the highest place in our hearts.

Notices

Church Garden's

Do you have a spare hour or two and would be able to do some weeding of the Church gardens or spraying of weeds around the buildings? This would be very much appreshaited.

Volunteers

If you have some free time and would like to volunteer for any of the following please let the office know. The more volunteers we have the less we all have to do.

- Chuch cleaning roster
- Morning tea roster
- Service roles

Conserns or Ideas for St John's

If you have any concerns or ideas for St John's, please make them in writing to the Vestry. These can be given to People's Warden (Hilary) or to the office via email or the internal mail box. These will then be discussed at the next Vestry meeting and a reply will be made.

AAW

The next AAW meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th August at 2pm.
The speaker is Robyn Hewson.
We will have a sales table and afternoon tea.
All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

Parish Admin

Janna will be back at normal hours as of Monday, 18th August 2025

Hours are Monday - Wednesday, 8am - 4pm, with the office hours remaining the same as they have always been.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this transitional period.

Donations

If you require any more donation envelopes, these are available from the office and can be put in the back of the Church for you.

Alternatively, our bank account is 03-0887-0021901-01, St John's Parish of Highfield Kensington & Otupua

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