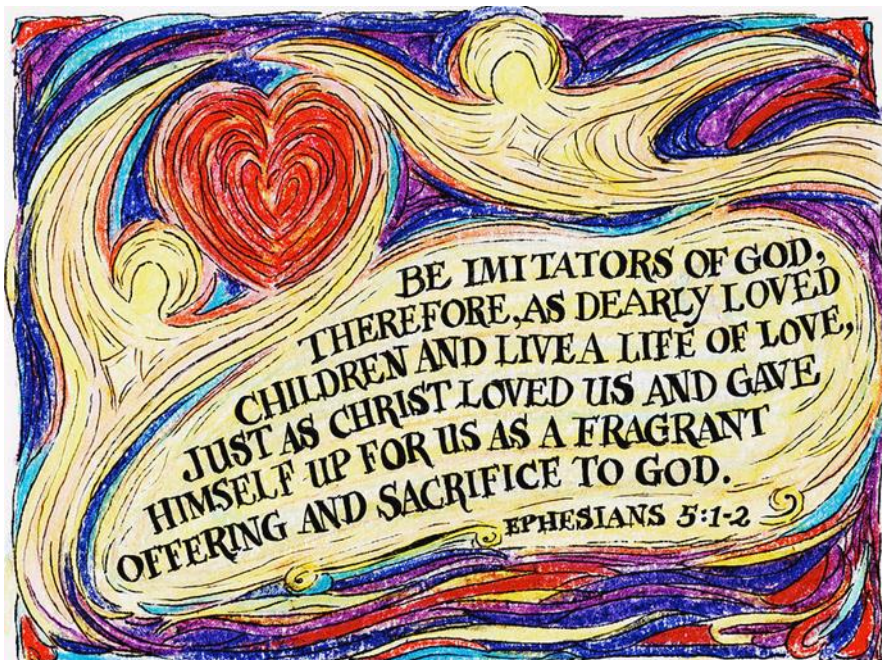


Sunday 14th September 2025

Ordinary 24



Sentence of the Day

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. (*Ephesians 5: 1 – 2b*)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone are our true judge, for you know what we are, you know what we should be, and with you there is mercy and patience. Help us to model ourselves after Jesus. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

A Word from Jonathan

The difficulty with thinking, "I've got to be a good example," is it's almost always more difficult than simply following a good example oneself and thereby being one by default. We are created to follow God's example, and that comes more naturally and easily.

In following God, without realizing it, we become an example for people who might be watching us. Imitation, it is said, is the sincerest form of flattery, but it turns out it is also the best way of setting an example for others: as long as we're imitating God, of course.

St Paul suggested others imitate him, because he was imitating Jesus. The idea of being an example is a bit daunting until we realize that God simply expects us to follow Jesus. That way we don't need to be concerned as to whether we are setting a good example or not.

There is a term that (disgracefully) has become increasingly used in our times: gangstalking. It refers to the targeting of an individual by any number of nefarious people. How wonderful if we could turn that on its head, and instead, set an example of being a group of people who focus on imitating Jesus, a people who target others with his love. The ripple effect of that activity would change the world.

Readings

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14 *Pg 209 ANZPB*

1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17

Luke 15: 1– 10

This morning's 8am service begins on page 456 ANZPB
and the 9:30am service will be on the screens



Morning tea after 9:30am service is in The Gathering Place Please feel free to linger and get to know someone you may not know too well – what an opportunity.



Clocks go FORWARD ONE HOUR
Sunday morning 28 September

DIARY: September

Sunday	21	Knightsbridge service 11am
Tuesday	23	Vestry meeting 7pm in The Gathering Place
Sunday	28	Clocks go forward ONE HOUR – Daylight Saving

Children's Ministry / Activities

is available during 9:30am Sunday services in The Gathering Place

SPRING SALE SATURDAY 18 October from 10am **5 weeks and counting down..**

Volunteers are vital for the success of our Spring Sale. We hope to entice newer parish family members to participate and get to know others as a bonus! A sign-up sheet for people willing to help out on a stall on the day is on the notice board in the church foyer.

A4 posters are available in the foyer – please take one if you know somewhere to advertise the event. Small fliers are also available. If you would like a digital image of the poster to put on social media, let Alison know and she will send it to you.

Please bring along donations to the raffles – you can leave them in the brightly decorated box in the church lounge. Raffles are always popular. Talk to Meriel for suggestions.

Two special requests: If you have a hat/coat stand that we can use for displaying handmade bags please let us know. Also, if you are happy to lend us a barbecue for a sausage sizzle on the day that would be wonderful.

Duty Rosters for November and December 2025 and January 2026 are being drawn up. If you would like to join a roster or are going to be away, please let the office know.

Two Hundred Years Ago Today - The First Baptism:

Karaitiana Rangi was baptised,

becoming the first Anglican convert in New Zealand.

Five years later the baptism of Ngāpuhi chief Rawiri Taiwhanga was a crucial event, encouraging other Māori to embrace Christianity.

Regular Parish Activities

Sunday 9:30am service – children's ministry available during service

Monday 10am Home Group - in members' homes.
(1st & 3rd Mondays) Ring Ursula 094798036.

Tuesday 10am Women's Fellowship – Hall (1st Tuesday)
Ring Jenny Shaw 021 953 940

Tuesday Vestry 7pm - The Gathering Place (4th Tuesday)

Wednesday 10:00am - Holy Communion Service

Friday Contemplative Prayer Group 1pm - Church (2nd Friday)
Stephen Warnes

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Feedback welcome

If you have feedback on any aspect of parish activities,
please do contact the wardens Chris and Sandy – contacts as above
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