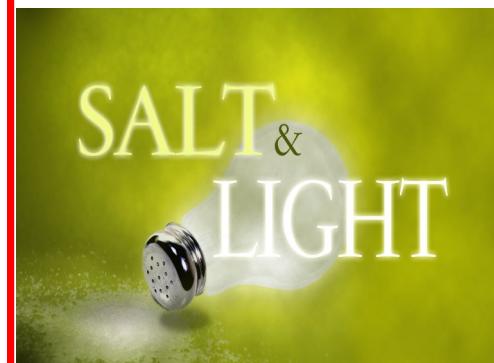


# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST JOHN

8 February 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Old St John's  
9.15am St Saviours  
9.30am Christ Church  
9.30am St John's

## READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)  
Matthew 5:13-20

## Sentence

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

## Collect

Keep the whānau of your church, O God, safe in your tender compassion, so that we who entrust ourselves totally to your heavenly grace may always be defended by your protection; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### For our Parish:

For our Bishop Philip Richardson, our vicar-designate Sam, our interim Priest-in-Charge, for all our members who together share in the ministry of this parish.

### For our Community:

For our council and our government, the foodbank, those who are alone or isolated, those suffering from housing insecurity.

### For the World:

Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, USA, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, Myanmar  
For all places that continue to face challenges due to changing climates

**Wedding anniversaries:** 13th Nick & Ros Empson / John & Shirley Maxted

## SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY (15th February)

**OSJ 8.00am St Paul's 9.00am St John's 10.30am**  
Deut 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20 1 Cor 3:1-9 Matt 5:21-37

Kia ora ki a koutou katoa,

Kia tau te rangiemārie! *Peace be with you!*

It is a joy to be here with you during this interim period as we share together in the ministry of St John's Parish and await the installation of our vicar-designate, Rev'd Sam Pullenger. I pray that during our time together we will continue to share the light of the gospel inside and outside our community. My name is Fr Ben, I love coffee, cooking, and running (the last one is a bit of a surprise to me too!). Please do feel free to come and chat. I look forward to what God has in store for us as we, together, prepare for this new season in the life of God's mission in Te Awamutu, Pirongia, Rangiaowhia, and Kihikihi.

Blessings  
Fr Ben



## AGM

Tuesday 10th February  
@ 1.30pm  
In the Lounge



The Op Shop are looking for a glass cabinet or a china cabinet to display delicate items like jewellery and crockery. Maybe even something like this....

Can You Help?

**Priest-in-Charge:** Rev'd Ben Ong

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