

# Onehunga Co-operating Parish

# NEWSLETTER

7 June 2020 (*Trinity*)

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## IMPORTANT NEWS

Last Tuesday evening the Church Council met. After prayerful consideration, the unanimous decision was made for us to wait until Covid-19 Alert Level 1 is announced before we return to church. Church Council will meet again then, and set a date for returning to church for worship services, meetings and activities. Until then, OCP Grey Street and St Stephen's Churches will remain closed. Please tell your family and friends that services will *not* resume this Sunday 7 June, but at a time when we can meet more safely with fewer restrictions, with the date yet to be decided.

**Please continue to pray for all affected around the world by the Covid-19 pandemic.**

For those who can, please forward this Newsletter to your church groups and/or friends. *Many thanks!*

**Sunday 7 June Bible Readings** Psalm 8, Isaiah 40: 12-17, (Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a)

2nd Corinthians 13: 11-13, Gospel of Matthew 28: 16-20

### *A reflection from Rev Murray McMeikan*

Today is TRINITY Sunday and the Scripture Readings reflect that. The Bible speaks of God as Father/Mother, as Son Jesus the Christ, and as Spirit. The Church came to see this is how we think about God, not as three separate gods but as one. On Trinity Sunday we celebrate this great mystery. The honour and praise we give to God as Father/Mother we give also to the Son Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of God in our midst, the one who came at Pentecost, but who was with God in the beginning. Isaiah 40 and Psalm 8 speak of the wonder and grandeur of God in creation, this God who came in Jesus. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13: 11-13 is the Benediction we give to each other in church every Sunday. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. *Say it to one another!*

Matthew 28 speaks of the Great Commission, as the Church has come to call it, where Jesus tells the disciples to "Go into all the world and to baptise in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and lo, I am with you to the end of the age." And the Church has done this from the time of Jesus until now, and as we bring our children, or come ourselves for baptism, we are obeying this great commission that Jesus has given us.

It is very interesting that many churches are called Trinity, Trinity St Paul's, or Trinity Congregational and many others. See if you can remember any churches called Trinity. Choose one of these readings for each day, and think and pray about it in your family devotions. Meditate upon it, and it will become real for you.

Blessings in the Name of the Triune God!

## CHURCH NEWS

The Right Reverend Fakaofu Kaio continues to present weekly online Sunday Devotions at 9am.

Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/modpcanz/> The PCANZ website also repeats the Devotions later.

OCP is very grateful to those who have made their offerings by Direct Credit online, rather than "catching up" much later. If you also would like to do this, please identify your giving with your Offering Envelope *number*, and/or your family *name*. Your support for the church and generosity throughout the year is vital for our work and witness as a "faith community." *Many thanks!*

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