Rangitikei Anglicans

Incorporating Marton, Bulls, Sanson, Hunterville, Turakina, Greatford, Otairi and TutuTotara

8th November 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Te Rātapu Toru Tekau mā rua o He Wā Noa

Sentence
Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Matthew 24:42,44

Collect Prayer
Father, let us not serve you grudgingly like slaves, but with the gladness of children who delight in you and rejoice in their work; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Readings this Sunday
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, 1 Thess 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Services in the Parish this week:

Sunday 8th November
9:00am Communion Service, St Stephen's, Marton
9:30am Communion Service, St John's, Hunterville
11:00am Remembrance Day Service, St Martin's Church, Willis St, Greatford

Wednesday 11th November
10.00am Ecumenical service with Holy Communion, Towgood room, St Stephen's, Marton

Sunday 15th November
9:00am Communion Service, St Stephen's, Marton
10.00am Communion Service, St Thomas', Sanson

Events in the Parish:

Monday 9th to Saturday 14th November

Monday 9th:
- Woolly Blessings, Sanson 10am

Tuesday 10th:
- Woolly Blessings, Marton 10am
- St Stephen's Playgroup, Marton 10am
- House Group, Marton, 6.30pm

Wednesday 11th:
- 6.30am Prayer in St Stephen's
- Bible Study, Marton 11am

Friday 13th:
- Bible Study, Marton 10am

All Week: Diocese Night prayer (zoom) 9pm

Something to Reflect Upon?
The readings this Sunday once again focus on Christ's use of parables to get his message across to the mulitudes. It is timely with our year coming to a close, have we done enough? When we look back on our church year and all the triumphs, joys, disappointments that it entailed, were we prepared for the challenges presented to us? The answer would probably be yes or no.
When a gift God has given us, a chance to join together in the family we call the Rangitikei Parish, to fill in the blank spaces, to understand and appreciate how God moves in all of us as He leads us on our Christian journey.
As we move toward advent its probably a good time to tie up the loose ends in our lives, prepare for the birth of Christ, look forward to sharing with family, friends or even people we don't know or have just met. In our busy lives sometimes it can be difficult to break from our usual routine, to get off the roundabout as life can sometimes seem overwhelming. However if we prepare, do all that we can, we can look forward in hope and prayer that with Gods help anything can be achieved, we know we are not alone. (Lindsay)

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 10am-3pm, SANSON WOOLLY BLESSINGS OPEN DAY - **St Thomas' Church.** There will be a model train display, knitted garments on show and for sale, plus some other stalls as well. The ladies in the group have knitted hats which will be on display and we ask the visitors to cast a vote for the best hat.

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER – ELECTION DAY- Remember to vote, and pray for God's will to be done as you do.

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 11am - REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – St Martin's Church, Willis St, Greatford – Join us and the RSA to remember those who have worked and fought for our freedom and peace.

ORDINATION SERVICE, WELLINGTON CATHEDRAL, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2PM. LET US KNOW!
Our Bishop's Warden, James Middleton, will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon, a year prior to being priested. He will be working in the Parish. This is a wonderful traditional service, enacted through the centuries. It would be great to have him supported by our Parish on the day. We are calling for numbers to go down together by bus**. Please let the Parish office or Sue Wells know if you plan to go.** Cost is estimated at $50-60 for the bus trip. Cheaper if more go.
We could also take a few carloads if numbers are fewer.
Please also pray that James will be well enough to be there.

ADVENT EVENSONG SERVICE, ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 29TH NOVEMBER, 4PM Come along to join the choir as they bring in the new Church Year on Advent 1.

VOLUNTEERS – Do you have skills or passions we may not know about, and that you are willing to offer the Parish? We always have all sorts of jobs come up, that we often have to employ professionals to sort out, which costs us. If you would be willing to help – cleaning on occasion (we have a Parish Cleaner), woodwork repairs, plumbing or electrical skills, brainstorming solutions, gardening/cutting back, and anything else you might think of or see needs doing – please contact the Parish Office on 06327 8398 or 027 209 6970.

PLEASE PRAY for our Parish, for its future, for its ministry and mission, for every church and congregation, for the leadership in every area of Parish life, for wise decisions for our leadership by the Diocesan and Parish leadership, that we will all bear good fruit, be good workers in God's fields, and help Him to build His Kingdom in the Rangitikei.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS AND PAST PARISHIONERS – including James, Brice, Elizabeth, and Viv, as well as many affected by colds and flu, vertigo, chronic pain, chronic illness, recent bereavements, and other problems. May God bring His presence and His healing grace to all those struggling with health issues in their daily lives, and may they know His peace at all times.

Together We Pray:
Diocesan Evening Prayers
9pm Mon–Sat. Click here for the Zoom Link
Meeting ID: 211-936-7784
Password: prayers

Prayer Chain
To join the prayer chain or add a prayer request,
Text Su on 022 057 5594

To receive emails with prayer requests: bswells83@gmail.com

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