

ANGLE

Week beginning

Sunday 6th September 2026

Working in partnership with Jesus – Serving Christ and the community

Anglican Parish of Mt Maunganui
St Peter's 15 Victoria Rd - St Mary's Cnr of Girven Rd & Marlin St



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

St Peter's 9.30am

Please join us for morning tea after the service

If you need to sit at any time during the service (including the Gospel reading) please do so.

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Dear friends

This week instead of my usual editorial here is a copy of **The Moana Prayer for the Pacific Ocean** by retired Archbishop Winston Halapua

You might like to pray this regularly throughout the Season of Creation.

Loving and Embracing God,
You are the God of the universe and all Creation.
You create and give life, and see that your Creation is good.
We praise you for your gift of Creation.

We thank you for the Moana.
We thank you the great Oceans flowing into one another
and around the continents and islands.
We thank you for the life-giving of the Oceans,
for the oxygen, food and resources they continually provide.
We thank you that the Ocean is the home for most species, small
and great.

We are people of the Moana.
Our ancestors navigated by the stars and crossed the waves to
find new homes.
The waves breaking on the reef thunder with the message
of your constancy and your love and care for Creation.

May we hear the voices of sea creatures
endangered by the selfish greed of humanity.
May there be a deep listening to the voice of waters rising to
engulf land.
May ears be open to the groaning caused by refusal to honour
Creation.
May eyes be open to the suffering caused by power which
destroys.

We beat a lali drum, alerting people around Planet Earth
to the destruction of nature and human life threatened by climate
change.

We blow a conch, calling for the worship of a God of immense
goodness.

Our forbears set out across the Moana.

We set out on a venture to protect our home – the Planet Earth.

Help us to challenge short-sighted greed,

Help us to address unjust structures and practices

and to change our relationship with creation to one of care.

We affirm our guardianship of the precious gift of Creation.

We have a vision. We have courage. We have your guidance.

We have the presence of the Risen One

whose power to love is greater than all the powers of destruction.

Grant that together we may bring peace to our Planet Earth,

to its many creatures and its many people.

We lotu (pray) in the name of our God –

Creator, Redeemer and Life-giving Spirit.

Amen.

Arohanui

Sue+

St Peter's Choir:

Anthem - The Secret of Christ - R. Shepherd

Motet - The Lord Bless You - David Orr

Service Setting - Missa Sancta Petrus - C. Poppy

This Sunday we will begin the month-long celebration of the Season of Creation - the theme is Living Water. This Sunday I invite you to bring some water in a small container (preferably glass or some other renewable material) and pour it into the font as you enter the church. You can use that same container to take blessed water home with you to bless your homes and gardens.

Sue+

The congregation may pour water into the font on their way into church

Processional Hymn

Where Mountains Rise

(Tune: Dunedin)

Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distill the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Call to worship

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called them good.

Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,

and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me... Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

When the poor and needy seek water, I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

(Isaiah 41:17–18)

The poor of the world are thirsty for justice and for peace; their journey is unending till hate and oppression cease. The Lord of Heaven is thirsty for justice and for peace; His battle is unending till hate and oppression cease.

Song of praise. Thanksgiving for the Waters

Almighty and ever living God,

we thank you for your love in all creation,

and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life.

Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new.

So now we offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy,

the wild places, the bush, the mountains, coast and the sea.

We give thanks and praise for all good lands,

for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops,

and for the living water that quenches them.

We praise you for giving us life through water,
and for all waters everywhere.

We especially praise you
for the waters who sustain us
in this part of our common home.

We name the Wairoa River, Omanawa River, Opuiaki River,
Kopurererua River Waimapu River, Lake McLaren, Lake
Taurikura and Te Moana-Toi

**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning, you created us in your image
and placed us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert,
You promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave your people water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross,
you washed us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day,
you shower us again with the water of life.**

**You bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
You satisfy all who thirst,
and give us the life only you can give.**

But we lament that we have neglected this gift,
and taken the waters for granted.

CONFESSION

Kyries (Sung)

Translation

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison *[Lord have mercy]*

Christe eleison Christe eleison *[Christ have mercy]*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison *Lord have mercy]*

*(The response in this service is, 'ashamnu', which means in
Hebrew 'we have all been guilty'.)*

We look upon your waters, O God, and we grieve:

Rivers run polluted.

Oceans choke with plastic.

Marine life disappears from warming seas.

Coral reefs fade and fisheries collapse.

Ashamnu (we have all been guilty)

The seas rise and swallow coasts.
Storms grow stronger.
Floods destroy homes.
Drought cracks the Earth and children thirst.
Ashamnu (we have all been guilty)

Leader: We confess that we have not guarded your waters.
We have consumed water without restraint.
We have polluted what you called good.
We have forgotten that the river of life flows from your throne.

Forgive us, O God.

Absolution

God's mercy flows like living water.
The love of God,
incarnate in Jesus who spoke to troubled waters,
forgives us and calms our hearts
so that justice may flow to all the dry places in our lives.
In the name of Christ,
may this grace free us to follow
and proclaim the good news
of the healing of all creation.
Amen.

COLLECT

**Lord of all the waters
Of oceans, rivers, aquifers and lakes, evaporation and rain
Grant us humility before the resources of the world
To respect their limits
And to acknowledge our dependence on them.
May the waters of the world remind us of the grace of life
and the depth of your love
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 47:9-12

May the Word, as living water,
Make everything live.

Responsive Psalm 65: 5-13

5 God our Savior, You answer us
with awesome and righteous deeds,
**the hope of all the ends of the Earth
and of the farthest seas,**

6 who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,

7 who stilled the roaring of the seas,
**the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.**

8 The whole Earth is filled
with awe at your wonders;
**where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.**

9 You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
**to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it**

10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

11 You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.

12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.

13 The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

A reading from the book of Revelation

Revelation 22:1-7

May the Word, as living water,
Make everything live.

Gradual Hymn. We live in God's great garden (Tune: Thaxted)

We live in God's great garden
We live in God's great garden we're called to tend and till:
To feed a world that's hungry according to his will,
The world we live and die in, is a gift of time and place
For every living creature, not just the human race:
We must clean the seas and oceans, make deserts bloom again,
And we need to change our lifestyles, so if not now, then when?

Creation groans so fearfully of weight of pressing need:
Poisoned plants and slow extinction are symptoms of our greed.
We love the earth's abundance of flower, fruit, and seed,
Yet stand and stare so silently as creatures die and bleed;
So it's time to make a difference - to rescue holy ground:
Time to power down possessiveness and turn the world around.

In faith and love and hopefulness we journey through each day,
We tread with care and cautiousness to live a better way.

For God's world of holy beauty under azure atmosphere.
Is the Eden that we're given; the planet we hold dear:
We must live in peace and harmony, and battle for the poor,
And invest in global future for now and evermore.

The Holy Gospel according to John
Praise and Glory to God

John 7:37-39

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word

Sermon

Anthem

The Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith:

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things,
who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptises this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ,
the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world**

and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the breath of God, who moves with God

and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day God

will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A PRAYER FOR WAIAPU

God of past and present,

yours is the Spirit that fires the life of your Church

and yours is the work we are given to do;

bless our diocese with a courage

to pray for that which seems inconceivable,

a tenacity of hope

that sees your kingdom even in the ashes,

and a grace

that knows we are all brothers and sisters

in your love. Amen.

Today we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. We also pray for the Anglican Church in Melanesia which includes Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, and New Caledonia.

We pray compassion would prevail at government level as they consider the move-on bill before parliament. We pray also for compassion towards businesses in our own community who are struggling now.

Here in Waiapu we pray for the Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke: the Rohe of Tauranga, Te Puke, Whakatāne / Ruatoki, Te Kaha, Ohinemutu, Te Ngae, Murupara, and Taupō.

We pray for our church - for wisdom, guidance, and love as we discern the ministries towards which God is calling us.

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers Anna, Pauline, Toby and family.

God of living waters, today we pray for a wounded world where waters are exploited, polluted, and withheld.
(Pause)

We pray for places where plastics, toxins, and oil spills blacken creeks and wetlands, for communities whose fishing waters are contaminated and whose children drink from polluted streams.
Pause

Heal what has been poisoned.
Bring justice where profit has silenced truth.
**Where water flows, Lord, let everything live,
trees for food and leaves for healing.**

We pray for all rivers dammed without the consent of the vulnerable;
for farmers whose soil dries;
for indigenous peoples whose sacred waters are engineered for distant cities and data centers;
for the suffering of communities whose livelihoods are stolen by corporate greed, and whose health is sacrificed for global consumption.

Free what has been unjustly controlled.
Let rivers flow again with dignity and life.
**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live,
trees for food and leaves for healing.**

We pray for oceans burdened by plastic and chemical waste;
for coral reefs bleached by warming seas;
for great whales navigating
through labyrinths of nylon and ghost nets;
for the microscopic life, the plankton and the krill,
now mingling with the invisible dust of synthetic waste;
for the rivers that carry our runoff
— the fertilizers, the dyes, and the heavy metals.

We pray especially for the Pacific Ocean on our doorstep with its
many problems - coral reef degradation, coastal erosion, plastic
pollution, deep sea mining and over-fishing

Turn our guilt into grace and our apathy into action.
Make us a people who live justly
and bring healing to every shore and stream.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live,
trees for food and leaves for healing.**

We pray for communities where rising seas
claim communities and ancestral lands,
where saltwater invades freshwater wells,
where graves are washed away with memory and belonging;
for those who have contributed least to climate change,
yet suffer first and most.

We pray for Tuvalu & the Solomon Islands
where Saltwater intrusion is limiting access to fresh drinking
water and damaging staple crops.

Hold them in dignity and strengthen global resolve for justice.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live,
trees for food and leaves for healing.**

We pray for informal settlements and rural villages
where taps run dry or water is unsafe to drink;
for children walking miles to collect water or women burdened by
scarcity;
for those whose sickness is caused by contaminated supply.

Pause

We pray for those whose lives are closely intertwined with water -
coastal peoples, fisherfolk, marine biologists, water engineers –
who can teach us wise ways to live with water.

We pray for people to be moved to action
and use their inherent or entrusted power
to create change.

Stir governments, corporations, and communities
to protect and share water justly.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live,
trees for food and leaves for healing.**

Convert our hearts, O God.

Where we have treated water as a commodity,
teach us to receive it as a sacred gift.

Where we have consumed without thought, teach us simplicity.

Where we have used water without reverence,
teach us to protect it as a gift
entrusted to every generation

and honour water as a source of life for all.

Where we have been silent and tolerant of injustice
make us courageous protectors of rivers, defenders of seas,
and companions to those who suffer water injustice
until justice and mercy flows like the river of life.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live,
trees for food and leaves for healing.**

The Peace

You O Christ are the peace of all things calm
You are the place to hide from harm
You are the light that shines in dark
You are the heart's eternal spark
You are the door that's open wide
You are the guest who waits inside
You are the stranger at the door
You are the calling of the poor

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

E te whānau / Brothers and sisters,
Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Offertory Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth **184**

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light: [*Refrain*]

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled: [*Refrain*]

4 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven: [*Refrain*]

5 For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love, [*Refrain*]

Prayer over the gifts

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water — the waters on the Earth, and under the Earth, the waters above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's waters, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us. Accept the first fruits we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank and praise you almighty Father.
In wisdom you guide the course of the world
and cherish us with all tender care.

...

And so with the wonders of creation
and the songs of praise of all your creatures
both in heaven and on earth
we join in one great act of awe and adoration: singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

God of all creation,
send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth,

...

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

As we remember the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we celebrate the goodness of the earth,

...

all glory and honour is yours,
Creator God, forever and ever

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us we pray

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

**Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.**

The breaking of the bread

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The cup of blessing
for which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Agnus dei - sung

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread and wine; the gifts of God
for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

The Prayer After Communion

O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in
the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

From the font

Blessing of the Waters

Holy Trinity, transcendent in essence, goodness and divinity,
The Almighty who watches over all;
Creator of all beings,
the Light, that enlightens every being that comes into the world.
We glorify You, Master and Lover of creation.
We glorify You, Creator and Fashioner of all.
We glorify You, only-begotten Son of God.
On the day of your baptism in the Jordan,
the grace of the Holy Spirit
descended on the waters in the likeness of a dove.
The sun shines, and the world is lighted by the light of the Lord.
The moon shines with the world in its beams.
The shining stars adorn the universe with their radiance.
The clouds from heaven nourish the Earth
with showers of justice.
The waters of the Jordan are changed to healing
by the presence of the Lord.
The whole creation is watered by mystical streams.
By the light of the Wisdom of God, we have been illuminated.
The whole creation is lighted from on high.
The land and the sea share the joy of the world,
and the world is filled with rejoicing.

You are Great, Lord, and wondrous are Your works.

All: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

By your will you brought all things into being from nothingness.

With your love and goodness you sustain creation.

You framed creation out of four elements
and encircled the year with four seasons.

The sun and the moon praise You.

The stars intercede with You.

The ocean currents flow before You.

The water-springs serve You.

You spread out the heavens like a curtain.

You established the Earth upon the waters.

With sand you walled in the sea

All creation sings praises to You,

who revealed Yourself in solidarity with the stuff of creation.

For You, God, appeared upon Earth

and dwelt among us.

(Make the sign of the Cross over the water 3 times)

Therefore, Creator who loves all creation,

be present even now, by your Holy Spirit,

and sanctify this water.

Amen.

Give it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan.

Make it a fountain of life. May it be to all who receive it

a healing of souls and bodies,

and a grace to protect the waters,

to be Living Water for the

healing of all creation. **Amen.**

We praise You holy God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

both now and ever, unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Return to the front

Final blessing

Notices

Recessional Hymn We plough the fields and scatter **719**

1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

2 He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
he fills the earth with beauty,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. [*Refrain*]

3 We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

SENDING OUT

Go in peace, as people of God made Christ's own
through the waters of baptism.

In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*This prayer of Great Thanksgiving has been authorised for use in the
Anglican Church of Southern Africa by the Synod of Bishops, and
approved for use in this parish by the Bishop of Waiapu.*

“We are called to be responsible stewards and citizens as we care for and sustain the earth which belongs to the Lord. This is hope in action as we pray and yearn for a better and safer world for all people and creation. We each need to do our part for creation care.”

Rev. Dr Jerry Pillay, World Council of Churches General Secretary



TODAY



St Peter's Chancel Choir

St. Peter's Anglican Church
Mount Maunganui

A space for peace
and reflection.



A KIWI AS

End the day with beauty.
Evensong is for everyone.

CHORAL EVENSONG

MUSIC DIRECTOR - CHALIUM POPPY

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SEPTEMBER 6th - 4PM



Sue will be away on retreat at Kopua Monastery
from September 13th to the 18th

Enrol to vote

Our church will never tell you who to vote for, but we will encourage you to make sure you are enrolled to vote, and that your details are correct. And we will encourage you to exercise your democratic right to vote. Sunday 20th September will be **ENROLMENT SUNDAY**. If you have never enrolled or if you have moved since the last election make sure you have completed the forms. There will be forms at church for you to use. We will have a computer in the hall after church if you want to do it online and need computer access. The law has changed and this now needs to be completed by October 25th for the upcoming election.



At our Eucharist bread and wine will be offered from the altar rail. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS INTINCTION (DIPPING) OF BREAD INTO WINE PERMITTED.** If this occurs, then a fresh chalice of wine must be prepared for the remainder of the congregation.

PARISH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	6 th September	9:30am	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's
Sun	6 th September	4.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Peter's
Tue	8th September	7.00 pm	Scholar's Practice	St Peter's
Wed	9 th September	10.00am	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's
Sun	13 th September	9.30am	Service of the Word	St Peter's

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