

# Rangitikei Anglicans

Incorporating Marton, Bulls, Sanson,  
Hunterville, Turakina, Greatford, Otairi and  
Tutu Totara

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Te Rātapu Rua Tekau mā rima o He Wā Noa**

## Readings this Sunday:

Jer 8:18–9:1 1 Tim 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

## Sentence

'You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich'. 2 Corinthians 8:9

## Collect Prayer

Almighty God,  
fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge;  
give us eyes to see  
and minds to understand your marvellous works,  
that we may know you through your handiwork  
and use your creations to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Services in the Parish this week:

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

8.00am - Reflective Service – St Stephen's, Marton  
9.30am - Family Service – St Stephen's, Marton  
9.30am - Family Service – St Thomas', Sanson

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am - Ecumenical service with Holy Communion  
Towgood room, St Stephen's, Marton

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am - Reflective Service – St Stephen's, Marton  
9.30am - Family Service – St Stephen's, Marton  
10am - Family Service – St George's, Turakina  
2.30pm - Family Service - Otairi

## Events in the Parish:

*Week of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September*

**22<sup>nd</sup> Monday:** Woolly Blessings, Sanson  
10am

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday:

- Woolly Blessings, Marton 10am
- House Group, Marton 6.30pm
- Parish Choir, Marton 7.30pm

**24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday:** Bible Study, Marton 11am

### 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday:

- Prayer, St Stephen's, 6.30am
- Governance Discipleship Group, Marton 7pm

### 26<sup>th</sup> Friday:

- Bible Study, Marton 10am

**All Week:** Diocese Night prayer (zoom) 9pm

Jesus' parable of the shrewd manager presents us with an uncomfortable hero, a dishonest steward who, facing dismissal, cleverly secures his future by reducing his master's debtors' obligations. Rather than condemning the manager's dishonesty, Jesus commends his shrewdness, leaving many scratching their heads. The key lies in understanding what Jesus is actually praising. He's not endorsing dishonesty but highlighting the manager's decisive action and forward-thinking wisdom when facing crisis. The manager understood that his current situation was temporary and acted urgently to secure his future relationships and security. Jesus draws a striking contrast: "The children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of light." How often do we see people invest enormous energy, creativity, and resources into earthly pursuits, careers, investments, social connections, while giving minimal thought to eternal matters? The parable challenges us to apply the same urgency and wisdom to our spiritual lives. Are we as strategic about building God's kingdom as we are about building our retirement funds? Are we as creative in showing mercy and generosity as we are in advancing our careers? The concluding principle cuts to the heart of discipleship: "You cannot serve both God and money." This isn't merely about financial stewardship, it's about divided loyalties. Every decision reveals which master we're truly serving. This parable demands honest self-examination. What captures our attention, energy, and imagination? Jesus calls us to be shrewd stewards who recognize that everything we have, time, resources, relationships, opportunities, belongs to God and should be invested in ways that reflect His values of justice, mercy, and love. The question remains: Will we be as wise about eternal things as worldly people are about temporal ones? Arohanui, Alison.

## **SANSON WOOLLY BLESSINGS KNITTING EXHIBITION – Fri 19th, Sat 20th, Sun 21st September**

ST THOMAS CHURCH HALL Sanson, *19th Sept: Opening 7pm - 9pm, 20th/21st Sept: Opening 10am - 3pm*

Knitting for Charity, whilst providing companionship for members of the local community.

Items on display will showcase various techniques, stitches and patterns. Raffles and refreshments available.

- The weekend commences with an Opening on Friday evening 19th Sept: 7 - 9pm.
- Sat/Sun 10-3pm: Exhibition open to view, with a sales table of knitting available for purchase.
  - On Saturday the historic St. Thomas' Church will also be open to view for the public to look through.
- Sunday 21st Sept: Family Church service, with morning tea afterwards in the Exhibition Hall.

~`This is an all-inclusive weekend with something for everyone. `~

## **DONATIONS SOUGHT – PLANT FAIR RAFFLES**

Would anyone like to make a small donation for the purchase of the raffles for our plant fair. These raffles are always popular and well supported by buyers. Please see Sarah in the office or ring Diane Chapman on 3276595

## **NGA TAWA MUSIC SOIRÉE**

Rev. Colette, chaplain at Nga Tawa, invites anyone in the Parish, friends, and whanau to Nga Tawa's next Music Soirée - Thursday 16 October 6.30 - 8.00 pm at the Celebration Centre, Nga Tawa School. A great evening of music and creativity. No Charge.

## **PARISH PLANT FAIR – Saturday 4th October, 9am – 12.00pm**

With the Plant Fair in less than 3 weeks, we are hoping that plants are growing happily to be in good shape for sale on 4th . Please bring your plants, and any miscellaneous garden goods into the hall on Friday 3rd between 10am-3pm. We are also wanting helpers for both Friday and Saturday. Any time you can spare would be appreciated. Tell those you know about this event. Thanks very much, Sue – Ph 021 201 4483.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF REVEREND DENIS MOSS** *Founding Chaplain of St Margaret's, Budapest.* It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Reverend Canon Denis Moss, a beloved servant of God, pioneering church leader, and cherished member of our church community. You are warmly invited to celebrate Denis's life and ministry at his **funeral service**: Thursday, 25th September 2025, 11:00 a.m. St Stephen's Church. Following the service, all are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the church hall, where we will share memories and continue to celebrate Denis' life. **A Life Of Faithful Service**: Reverend Denis Moss was the founding Chaplain of St Margaret's, Budapest, where his visionary leadership and pastoral care established a thriving Anglican community in Hungary. "The community flourished under Denis's eighteen-year tenure, who was also Area Dean in Central Europe for many years before retiring to the Hungarian countryside in 2010," said Father Frank Hegedus, current Chaplain of St Margaret's. Denis recently returned to New Zealand in January 2025. His extraordinary ministry spanned continents and cultures, touching countless lives through his dedication to building bridges of faith across Central Europe. *"Well done, good and faithful servant."* - Matthew 25:23. For any inquiries regarding the service or if you need assistance with transportation, please contact the parish office.

*Together We Pray:*

**Diocesan Evening Prayer**

**9pm Mon to Sat**

Via zoom – [click here](#)

### **Prayer Chain**

To join the prayer chain or add a prayer request,  
Text Su on 027 577 1527

To receive emails with prayer requests: [bswells83@gmail.com](mailto:bswells83@gmail.com)

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Turakina

### **People's Warden:**

Sue Wells: 021 201 4483

### **Assistant Priests:**

Rev Robin Peirce: 06 327 5951

Wednesday Service

Parish Choir, Sanson

Rev John Vickers: 06 327 7280

Otairi

Rev John Sleep: 022 406 8935

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### **Parish Office:**

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~ Blessings for your week ahead. If you have a notice or something you want to share, reach out and we can put it in the pewsheets. Office details are below. Information needs to be in by Tues pm.