

**Te Aroha
Co-operating Parish**

November 16 2025,
10.00 am

Worship Leader:

Megan Gore

Musician:

Diane Bellamy

Reader:

Tom Luxton

Prayers of the People:

Flo Mace



Lectionary Readings this week – Pentecost 23

Isaiah 65: 17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

Saint David's

Worship Leader

Musician

Worship Leader's Assistant

Reader

Prayers of the People

Welcomer

Sound and Data

Morning Tea

November 23 2025

Rev Doris Elphick

Myra Caldwell

Peter Kampenhout

Mel Woodley

Peter Kampenhout

Ali Edwards

Tom Luxton

Robbie and Janet Powick

November 30, Combined Churches Service to be held (in conjunction with the Christmas Parade) in the Silver Fern Function Room, 44 Stanley Avenue – 9.30 am. The Gospel Community Choir from Hamilton, will sing during the Service.

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Parish Website: www.tearohacooperatingparish.org.nz

Prayer Chain:

If you, or someone you know is in need of the ministry of prayer, please contact Ruth Hale 884 8046.

Te Aroha

Wednesday November 19

9.30 am Care and Craft Group

10.00 am Music & Movement

11.30 am Community Lunch – (a \$5 donation would be appreciated please).

Waitoa

Tuesday each week

10.00am to 1.30pm

Red Cross Opportunity Shop in the Waitoa Church Hall.

Wednesday November 19

10.00 am Friendship Group.

Sunday November 23

9.30 am Rainbow Club - Deacon Dianne Height

Food for Thought:

Kathleen Rushton introduces the apocalyptic writing in Luke 21:5-19 and suggests how it can help us think about and act on the crises of our times. In a *New Zealand Listener*, religious thinker and author Karen Armstrong wrote about the tendency across world religions today to read scripture in a literal way. Premodern readers, in contrast, had a much more inventive and mystical approach to reading sacred texts. As the end of the liturgical year draws near, we have the opportunity to rediscover the art of scripture in the apocalyptic writings of Luke 21. The apocalyptic genre is found in biblical and non-canonical writings.

Imagine a Different World

The word “apocalypse” means an “unveiling”. Vivid symbols and imagery serve to lift the veil of ordinary experience to reveal things as they really are. These writings have links with prophecy – the “word of God” which break into the situation of the pilgrim People of God who need encouragement or guidance or a call to conversion and recommitment. David Rhoads explains: “An apocalyptic stance is more radical than a prophetic stance. Prophecy calls for a reform of the current order. Apocalyptic literature challenges readers to question the core values that make the society work and dares its readers to imagine a different world.” **Read more through this link: Luke 21; 5-19**

<https://hail.to/tui-motu-interislands-magazine/publication/ak395Yu/article/TE7FeRt>

**Important Notice Women's Fellowship Lunch
Thursday November 27, 12.30. Cost \$25.00 per person.**

The invitation is open to both men and women.

**Lyn says, *I must know numbers attending*
*By Sunday November 23.***