The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt

4 October 2026 *St Francis of Assisi Feast Day*

Naumai, Haere Mai! Malo e Lelei! Talofa! 欢迎!!

Welcome all who are with us in person or online



'Saint Francis in the Desert' by Giovanni Bellini (circa 1430–1516)

Sentence: 'Let the whole creation bless the Lord; praise and exalt our God for ever.'

Song of the Three Young Men 35

Collect:

Gracious and merciful God,
you kindled in the heart of Francis
such a flame of love
that he became wholly yours;
increase in us a wholehearted trust in you
and a humble love of all your creatures,
that we may know the joy the gospel brings;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Today's Readings:

Song of the Three Young Men 52-65	**Psalm 119:145-152**	**Galatians 6:14-18**	**Matthew 11:25-30**

SERVICES TODAY — SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

8am Eucharist
Saint James'

Presider	Murray Wills
Preacher	Murray Wills
Liturgist	Alan Smith
OT Reader	Robert Hunt
NT Reader	Robert Hunt
Gospel	Mark Stone
Chalice	Alan Smith
Welcomers	Mark Stone Rosemary Moar
Sound	Lynne-Stella Hasset
Morning Tea	Katherine Ingram Margaret Miller

9am Family Eucharist
All Saints'

Officiant	Catherine Froud
Preacher	Catherine Froud
Liturgist	Harry Adam
Reader	Joan Adam
Intercessions	Paula Baynes

Livestream of 10am Service
https://www.youtube.com/@stjamesallsaintschurcheslo2568/streams

10am Family Eucharist
Saint James'

Presider	Murray Wills
Preacher	Murray Wills
Liturgist	Allen Sutton
Server	Aarushi Amolik
Song	All creatures of our God and King (105)
Children	Staying in
OT Reader	Dulce Johnston
Psalm	Ye holy angels bright (198)
NT Reader	Hedda Bleasdale
Gradual	Make me a channel of your peace
Gospel	Sarah Lerwill
Intercessions	Ralph Robertshawe
Offertory Hymn	For the beauty of the earth (104)
Lord's Prayer	English
Chalice	Allen Sutton Robyn Eastgate-Manning
Bread	Sarah Lerwill
Agnus Dei	Wiltshire
Communion	He that is down need fear no fall Let us be your kingdom come (Till there is no war or hate)
Family Time / Notices	
Final Song	I, the Lord of sea and sky
Dismissal	
Welcomers	Carol Hall, Jillian Geary
Sound	Chris Parkin
Vision	Fiona Hall
Youtube	Teresa Housel
Morning Tea	Sarah Lerwill, Alex van Zijl, Dawn Tubby

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer Requests

> **Those who have died:** Jean Hazeldine.

God who sustains us,
Grant that we bear good fruit.

O God,
We cry out to you for your impossible grace -
In the wounded, dark places of the world.
We ask for your blessing all around the world, and here in our own place
To bring forth fruits of peace and goodness..

Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to the Father and ′ to the ′ Son:
and ′ to the ′ Holy ′ Spirit;
as it was in the be′ginning is ′ now:
and shall be for ′ ever. ′

A′men.

READINGS THIS WEEK

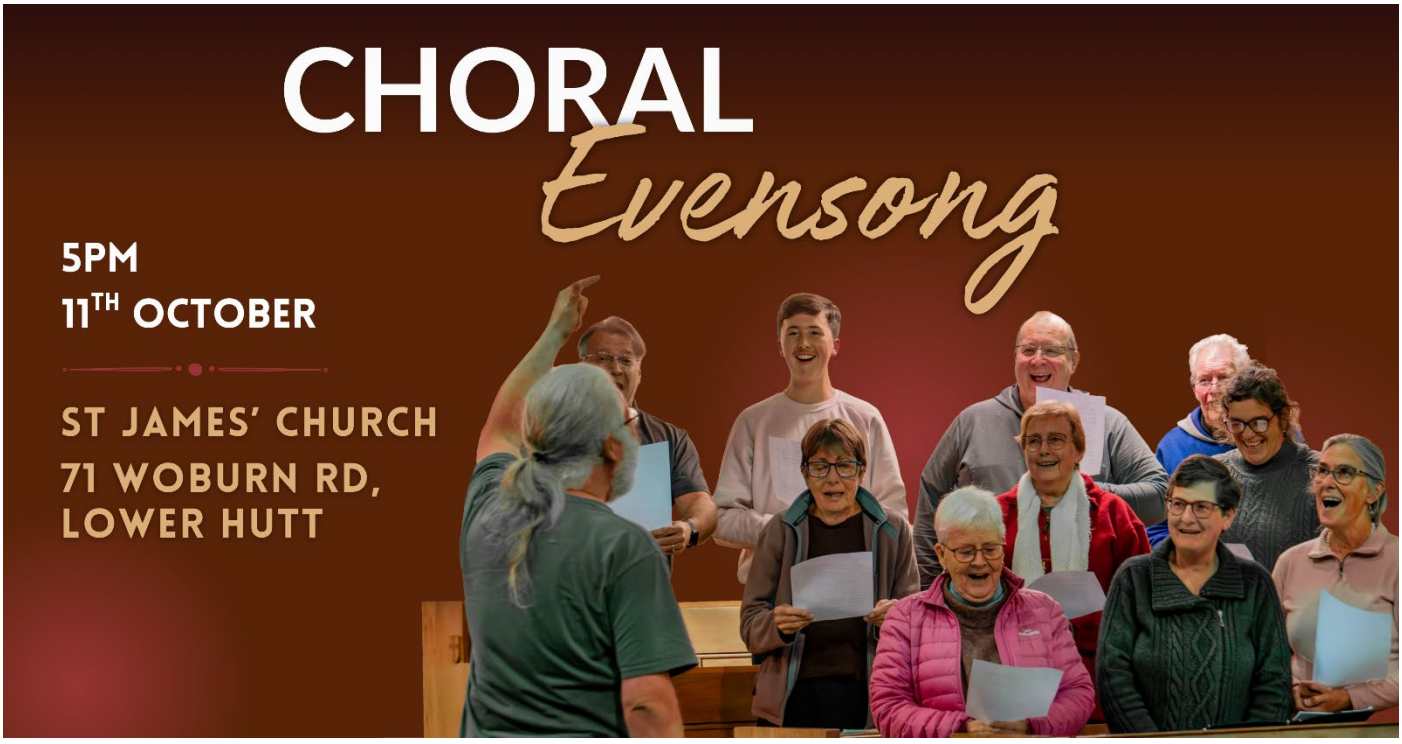
Monday 5 October (Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)		
Gal 1:6-12	Ps 111:1-7	Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday 6 October		
Gal 1:13-end	Ps 139:1-9	Luke 10:38-end
Wednesday 7 October		
Gal 2:1-2,7-14	Ps 117	Luke 11:1-4
Thursday 8 October		
Gal 3:1-5	Canticle: Benedictus	Luke 11:5-13
Friday 9 October		
Gal 3:7-14	Ps 111:4-end	Luke 11:15-26
Saturday 10 October		
Gal 3:22-end	Ps 105:1-7	Luke 11:27-28

DIARY THIS WEEK

Sunday 4 October	
8am	Eucharist, St James'
9am	Family Eucharist, All Saints'
10am	Family Eucharist, St James'
Tuesday 6 October	
10am	Staff Meeting, St James'
10:30am	Prayer, St James' Chapel
Wednesday 7 October	
7pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 8 October	
10am	Eucharist, St James' Chapel
Saturday 10 October	
8:30am	Morning Prayer, St James'
Sunday 11 October	
8am	Eucharist, St James'
9am	Family Eucharist, All Saints'
10am	Family Eucharist, St James'

NOTICES

Choral Evensong – 11 October



Annette on Leave: 28 Sept – 11 October

Annette is going on leave for the school holiday period for a time of rest and refreshment with her whānau.

She will be away starting from Monday the 28th of September, and will return on Monday the 12th of October.

We wish her and her family a wonderful time away and pray that this is a time of refreshment for them all.

Quiz Night Raffle Items

Our parish is hosting a Quiz Night on the 31st of October, and as part of this event we will be holding a raffle. We are looking for items to include in this raffle – anything that you are willing to give (and that you think people would love to win) is gratefully accepted.

There is a box at the back of the church to put items in, with guidelines on the kind of things we are looking for.

Additional information about the Quiz Night and how to get tickets will be available soon.



Soup Sunday – 3rd Sunday of the Month

Soup Sunday

Eat and meet over a bowl of soup and bread

Following the 10am service on the 3rd Sunday.



As a response to our " Gather and Share Stewardship Campaign" our Homegroup would like to offer and host a practical opportunity for fellowship, and connection within our parish community. A time to be together, chat and get to know each other better over a bowl of soup. ***First Soup Sunday 18th October.***

Equip October: Richard Black – 5 October

This Monday night, 5 October, 7pm, part of the Equip Series, Richard Black is speaking on 'Healthy Disciples: Mentally healthy faith and faith-filled mental health'. Richard leads Thriving Churches HQ and is a renowned speaker and supervisor, passionate about seeing churches thrive. All welcome!

Koha registration at
https://events.humanitix.com/equip-october-richard-black



Spring Orchid Show – 10th-11th October

As we are in the Season of Creation, we have so many opportunities to marvel at all the works of God's hands. One such opportunity is the 49th Annual Spring Show, presented by the Wellington Orchid Society. There will be demonstrations, plant sales, and a huge variety of gorgeous orchids on display. Entry is only $4 for adults, with no charge for children under 12.



GIVING

The parish uses cashless giving where possible.
Bank transfer: 02-0528-0045901-00 (St James' Church)
Reference: *[surname], [giving number], offering*
Cash offering boxes are available at the back of both churches.

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Daily Prayer (weekdays): 8am via Zoom | Link: 78232674706 | Passcode: Lambchops
Full events calendar: www.stjames.net.nz/infoodle-calendar

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all.

Amen.