

God of creation, you are revealed in the morning song of Tui, Bellbird and Magpie, and in the golden evening waves reflecting the setting sun. You surround us daily. Open our eyes to delight in your presence, and activate our hands into caring as you do for all you have made, that your kingdom may come and your will be done. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen



**The Anglican Parish of Saint Mark, Remuera**  
**A Community of Faith for 174 years**  
**18 July 2021 - Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
**8.00 am Said Eucharist**  
**9.30 am Eucharist with Hymns**  
**5.00 pm Choral Evensong**

**THIS SUNDAY**

Please note there is no Sunday School at 9.30am  
5.00pm Choral Evensong

**THIS WEEK - School holidays**

Tuesday 20 July 7.30pm **Vestry Meeting**  
Wednesday 21 July 8.00am Transdev  
10.00am **Holy Communion (BCP 1928)**, Kinder Chapel  
*Followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.*  
Saturday 24 July 10.30 am Humane Society AGM

**NEXT SUNDAY**

25 July 8.00am Said Eucharist  
9.30am Choral Eucharist

**LOOKING FORWARD**

**Sunday 8 August** 4 to 5pm in St Mark's Church. The Auckland branch of RSCM, of which St Mark's is a member, is hosting an hour of "sing your favourite hymns." You – our congregation and friends – are invited to submit a couple of your favourite hymns; from these submissions about a dozen will be chosen and sung. Caveat – you must be present to hear and sing your chosen hymn(s)! Brian Millar, music director at St Mark's, will lead proceedings. So – put the date into your diary; and start thinking about *your* favourites. Requests in writing please - to [music@stmarks.org.nz](mailto:music@stmarks.org.nz) or hand to Brian or to the church office. Last day for requests – Sunday 1 August 2021

**COVID-19.** Please: Keep scanning the QR code as you enter the church.

- Refrain from shaking hands (but keep being friendly to everyone!)
- Consider taking the bread alone at Communion if you have not been

**Parish Directory**

Parish Office	<i>Monday to Friday 9.00am until 3.00pm</i>	09 520 2258
Vicar	The Reverend Dr Tony Surman	021 074 1138
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***Sheep without a shepherd***—a word from the Vicar. It seems that very often when I take a Sunday off the theme of the services is Christ, the Good Shepherd – who knows all of his sheep by name, watches over them tirelessly and rescues them when they wander from the flock. This coincidence highlights to me how very far I am from the performance set by our Lord! This morning's Gospel, from the sixth chapter of Mark, sets out the way in which Jesus threw himself into caring for the people who approached him for help. These were people with serious problems. He was able to address those issues effectively because of his close connection with the Father. One reason we have for taking time off is to revitalise the link between ourselves and the source of all health and healing – God. Without that essential connection being in place, the care we can give others will not amount to much. So, maybe I will come back a better shepherd after my time away! Until then I am confident that you are in the hands of a very good pastor, the Reverend Barry Graves, and the ministry team of St Mark's.

**The Organ Console Refurbishment Campaign has reached its target of \$87,000!** There have been donations of every scale to this campaign. Many have been substantial. All have been from parishioners, except for the latest donation from the Dilworth Trust which has bridged the gap to our target. Thank you to all who have contributed their money and their time to this project so far, with especial thanks to Sylvia Rosevear who has managed this campaign with great diligence and flair. **If you had hoped to give to this project but time has got away on you, you are still most welcome to talk to Sylvia or the Vicar about related aspects of this project that will might need special funding.**