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Sunday 3 November 2025 – All Saints Day

The service today has been prepared by
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Welcome to our service this morning.

In working together on our shared mission, we commit to seven core values:

Togetherness, Humility, Curiosity, Love, Inclusiveness, Justice, Sustainability.

Sustainability: we care for and strive to restore the integrity of the Earth and all of creation.

Welcome

Today we are celebrating All Saints. It is a time of remembering and celebrating those who have gone on before us. But it is also much more than this. It is about legacy – the legacy that has been left to us, the legacy that we are making now and the legacy that future generations will look back and see as having come from us.

Call to Worship

Come, let us join together in our worship of God.

We come to remember, to give thanks, and to hope.

In life and in death, we belong to God.

Let us worship the Lord of life, who calls us each by name.

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
for you have set before us a great cloud of witnesses.**

**We praise you for the saints who taught us faith, who showed us love, and who
now rest in you.**

You have wiped away every tear from their eyes;
you make all things new.

**We lift our eyes to you,
the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.**

Come, let us worship the God of resurrection hope.

Mission Statement: Sharing God's love, creating hope, working for justice.

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, before whom generations rise and pass away,
we praise you for all your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you.

We thank you for their witness—
for words spoken and deeds done,
for quiet acts of kindness and courage,
for the light they carried that still shines in us.

Give us grace to follow their example
in faith and patience, in humility and hope.

May our worship today honour not only their memory
but also Your promise that nothing—not even death—can separate us from Your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

Candle Lighting

Today we light three candles representing the past, the present and the future.

First candle:

Let us remember the saints who have gone before us—
those who shared our lives, our laughter and our tears.

We remember them with gratitude.

Let us remember the saints who shaped our faith—
parents and grandparents, neighbours and friends,
teachers and ministers,
believers of every time and place.

We remember them with thanksgiving.

Let us remember those who have gone before
whose absence we still feel.

We particularly remember:

Lloyd Moorman

Wayne Davison

Essie Mundy

Mary Hamilton

Alice Tounson

Iris Craig

Gloria Mills

Yvonne Body

Norman Macrae

Brian Dickson

We remember them with love.

Second candle:

We light this candle acknowledging all those who attend our church, the people here today, those who serve on the various teams it takes to run our church smoothly, those whose presence make us who we are.



Thank you for the grace and strength you give us.

Third candle:

We light this candle for those who will follow after us, the ones who will not only carry on our dreams and visions but bring their own to this place of worship.

Be with them Lord and help us to leave them a Godly legacy.

Please stand as you are able for our first song. You are welcome to come forward and light a candle as we sing.

Hymn HFTC 33: [Now Thank We All Our God](#)

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices;
such wonders he has done!
in him the world rejoices.
He, from our mothers' arms,
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. So may this generous God
through all our life be near us;
to fill our hearts with joy,
and with his peace to cheer us:
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
to free us from all ills
in this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
this one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
is he who was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Snapshot 1 – The Way We Were – Jeanette Osborne

As part of our remembering the past and what has gone before, we are going to hear this morning from Jeanette Osborne. She is going to tell us about what life on the Chatham Islands was like 60 years ago....

Hymn or Music HFTC 44: [The King of Love My Shepherd Is](#)

(Lyrics: H. W. Baker, Tune: Dominus Regit Me - J. B. Dykes)

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water
flow,
a ransomed soul, he leads me;
and where the fertile pastures
grow,
with food from heaven feeds me.
3. Perverse and foolish, I have
strayed,
but in his love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with you, dear Lord, 
beside me;
your rod and staff my comfort
still,
your cross before to guide me.
5. You spread a banquet in my
sight
of love beyond all knowing;
and oh, the gladness and delight
from your pure chalice flowing!
6. And so through all the length of
days,
your goodness fails me never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing your
praise
within thy house forever!

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,
whose love is stronger than death,
whose light no darkness can extinguish.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
the resurrection and the life,
who calls us from the tombs of fear and loss
into the joy of everlasting life.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of renewal,
who makes us one with all the saints—
past, present, and yet to come.
Amen.**

Snapshot 2 – The Way We Were – Rosalie Gwilliam

Readings

Ephesians 1: 11-23 (page 1815)

Matthew 5: 3 – 10 (page 1505)

Reflection - Legacy – Past, Present and Future

Thank you, Jeanette and Rosalie, for your reminiscences about the way we were.

I grew up hearing about life here at Kauri in “the old days” – stories about The Great Depression and the swagmen who called into my grandparents’ farm for work and a feed before moving on. In those days of hardship my mother recalled her mother making aprons and underclothes out of cotton flour bags. Washing was done outside once every week. The clothes were put into a large copper of boiling water over an open fire. They were stirred around with a big stick, hauled into another large tub for rinsing and then put through a hand operated wringer before being hung out on long washing lines to dry. It took the whole day. On Christmas morning it was a big treat for my mother to receive an orange in her stocking. I wonder what our young people would make of that today?! And no technology!



Electricity came to this district in the 1930s. Prior to that, my grandparents milked the cows by hand. My grandmother, Ada McBeth, wrote the following about a choice she had to make:

The washing machine would certainly save me work, but the refrigerator benefits every member of the household, saves food, is invaluable in places where meat is only delivered once a week or is killed at home, saves money by enabling a greater quantity to be stored. So, after thinking over each side of the question, I chose a refrigerator and have been glad ever since that I did so.

Life was physically hard, but our forebears were people just like us who no doubt experienced times of great joy as well as trials and tragedies. It is good for us today to stop awhile and reflect...

We appreciate and thank God for those who have gone on before us. They have had a part in making us into the people we are today. Many have left us legacies of faith and trust in God. They, along with many others, forged our nation on Godly Christian principles that underpin our society today.

Having been given these legacies from the past, then, the question arises - how then do we now live? What legacies can we be building now, to leave for those who come after us? Surely life is not just about money and possessions and who we leave them to in our wills. It is more truly about who we are and the impact we have on those we connect with in life; and this is where we come to our reading of the Beatitudes.

The word “Beatitude” comes from the Latin word “beatus,” meaning blessed or happy. I’ve also heard it said that they are all “Be attitudes” – in other words, the attitudes that we should be.

Jesus begins his sermon with “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Understanding this beatitude is the key to understanding all the others. So often we rely on our own righteousness or ‘right living’. Remember Rosalie’s message to us last Sunday – the pride of the Pharisee, which caused him to thank God that he was not like other men; he was righteous in his own eyes. The  tax collector, on the other hand, stood at a distance, would not even look up to heaven but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner!" He was aware of his deep inner spiritual need to know Christ and be known by Him. He couldn’t ‘do’ life on his own and it was he who went away justified in the eyes of God.

Other beatitudes follow the first one - where Jesus speaks blessing on those who mourn, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted. To what extent are we like that? Jesus is teaching us that true happiness isn’t about money, power or possessions but about loving God and others with humble and genuine hearts.

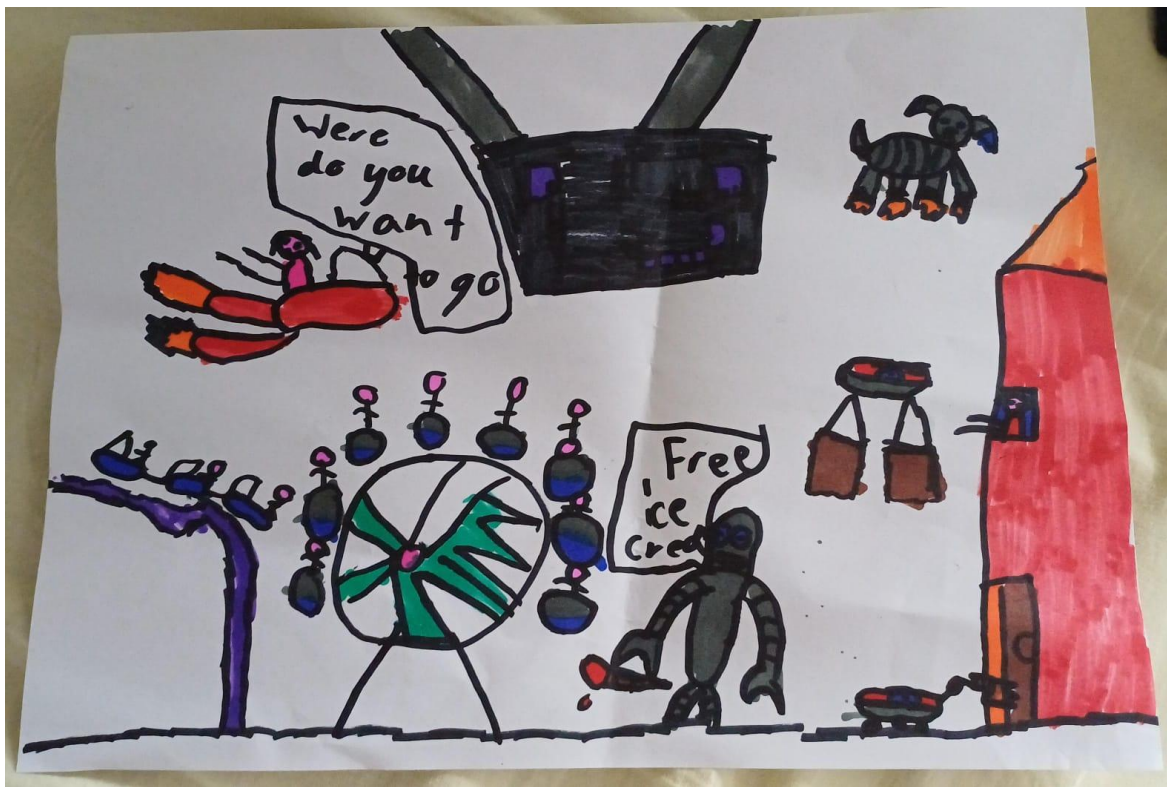
Our reading from Ephesians is also a wonderful encouragement to us. Paul tells us that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. We have been chosen, redeemed, forgiven, given an inheritance with all the saints and sealed by the Holy Spirit. Isn’t that wonderful! What more could we ever need?

Paul goes on to pray for all believers including us, that God would give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, that the eyes of our understanding would be enlightened and that we would know the hope of His calling. This is experiential knowledge of God, not intellectual. We are to know Him, in the deepest sense of the word.

As we grow in the knowledge and love of God this will become the legacy that we leave for those coming after us. May we be remembered for our faith in God, our love for Him and our love for others.

So what of the future? Will people still love God? Can we expect our legacies to last?

Here is a picture our young friend Hamish has drawn. It’s his thoughts about what the future might look like:



The robot in the bottom right corner is painting the house door.

The robot above it is delivering parcels to the person in the house.

Above that is a flying robotic dog.

Top middle is a big computer screen.

Top left is a flying car. The car is asking "where do you want to go?"

Underneath are theme park rides, and a robot giving away free ice cream.

The future will be very different to what we knew in the past and know now in the present, but there will always be that God shaped hole in everyone's heart. God is not dead and will never die. His promise is that He will be with us, even to the end of the age.

So, I leave you with a challenge. What is the legacy you are leaving for those who will follow after you? Are you sowing belief, faith and trust in the God we know and love? Let's all make a point to share our faith with others, show in our daily lives that we love God's Word and walk humbly with Him in this, our journey of life.

Amen

Hymn HFTC 14: [All People That On Earth Do Dwell](#)

1. All people that on Earth do
dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Serve him with joy, his praises tell;
Come now before him and rejoice!

2. Know that the Lord is God
indeed,
He formed us all without our aid;
We are the flock he loves to feed,
the sheep who by his hand are
made.

3. O enter then his gates with
praise,
and in his courts his love
proclaim; 
Give thanks and bless him all your
days:
Let every tongue confess his name.

4. The Lord our mighty God is
good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

5. Praise God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit evermore;
All praise to God the Three in One,
Let heaven rejoice and earth adore!

Community Thanks, Notices & Concerns.

Offering

Lord, we thank you for the faithful giving of your saints to your work over the years.
Thank you that we can follow their example today in our own giving.

Use our offerings for your glory and build your church, Lord.

Prayers of the People

Eternal God,
We thank you for the faithful who have finished their race.
We remember their courage in hardship,
their faith in trial,
their joy in serving you.

Thank you for the legacies they have left us.

Comfort all who mourn.
Speak peace to the grieving,
and kindle hope in those weighed down by sorrow.

**Renew your church, that we may live as your saints—
bearing witness to your kingdom in acts of mercy and love.**

We pray for your world:
for peace where there is conflict,
for justice where there is oppression,
for compassion where there is suffering.

And we pray for those who come after us —
that they might grow in the knowledge and love of God,
Learning to live faithful lives,

**Thank you for the day when we will all see you face to face
and join the song of all the saints in glory.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**



Hymn FFS 57: [Song of Faith That Sings Forever](#)

(Lyrics: Joy Cowley Tune: Colin Gibson)

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.

3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.
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Blessing

Go now in the company of the saints,
to love and serve the Lord with gladness.

**We go, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
strengthened by the Spirit of Christ.**

And may the blessing of God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**