



Sunday 4 December 2016
Second Sunday of Advent
Te Rātapu Tuarua o te Haerenga Mai

Naumai, Haere mai! Welcome!

It's good to have you here with us today. We hope that in our worship you may encounter God afresh and enjoy the company of others.

If you are new to our faith community, visiting with us, or bringing greetings from another faith community, we'd love to chat with you before or after our worship.

Please stay for morning tea and fellowship after our worship.

Sentence The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1:15*

Collect

Loving God, you send prophets to warn, disturb and revive your people. Help us to listen to those who prepare us for your kingdom. Give us courage to remove the chaff from our lives so that we may be ready to meet the Lord. We ask this through him whose coming draws near, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings	<i>Revised English Bible</i>
Isaiah 11:1-10	<i>The peaceful kingdom</i>
Romans 15:4-13	<i>The gospel for all</i>
Matthew 3:1-12	<i>The proclamation of John the Baptist</i>



Welcome to children and families today. For the next three weeks in Sunday Club we have craft activities for children to make Christmas gifts. Children will be invited to gather at the front after the first hymn for a prayer of blessing, then return to the service in time for Communion.

Today

10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Canon Peter Stuart
Set-up / pack-up	Hamish Pilbrow, John Nippert
Welcomers	Jean and Geoff Martel, Philip Plimmer
Liturgical Assistant	Stuart Mossman
2nd chalice	Fran Baldock
Readers	Phyllis Mossman, Lynda Eteveneaux
Intercessions	Stuart Mossman
Musician	Jacqueline Ward
Sound/tech	Peter Baldock
Sunday Club	Alison Furminger, Jenni Champion
Morning tea	Priscilla and Mike Synnott



Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for all who were ordained last weekend in our diocesan ordination service, which the Worldwide Anglican Communion has described as a sign of great hope to all. May God continue to equip the newly ordained in their mission and ministry.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** This Advent we pray that we may be the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ to those around us. We pray God's blessing upon Stephen and Sarah following their wedding yesterday here at Wellesley.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** The Mission to Seafarers Committee: Bishop Justin, John Boniface, Gillian Cross, Barrie Gimson, Richard Lough, Lance Lukin and Morris van Voornveld.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** The people of Samoa, Tonga, and American Samoa.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Karnataka North (South India) The Rt Revd Ravikumar J. Niranjan.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** *Lord Jesus, we long for your return to set right the injustices of our world, to bring an end to violence, conflict and war, to vindicate your people and establish your kingdom. As we think of Christians around the world suffering for your name, waiting patiently for deliverance, we ask that you will fill them with hope and confidence in you. Amen.*
- ◆ We pray that our homes and families will be places where the Christian story comes alive day by day in our love, encouragement and support of one another.
- ◆ Thank you to those who have committed to praying for our parish in a regular rhythm through the week. There are also specific prayer requests which we receive in our parish, which Reverend Ellie circulates. Do talk with Ellie if you would like to participate in this rhythm of prayer, or the ministry of intercession, or if you would like to receive prayer support.



Last week at St James' in Lower Hutt we lit the first candle of the Advent wreath, symbolising Hope. Today we continue by lighting the second candle of our wreath, symbolising Peace.

Lord, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors, that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming. Amen.

Advent Sermon Series

27 Nov	Reverend Ellie HOPE
4 Dec	Reverend Peter SHALOM
11 Dec	Reverend Tony JOY
18 Dec	Reverend Judith LOVE

We have a fresh new St Alban's website - take a look!

www.stalbanschurch.nz Thanks to Guy Randall and Michelle from Webways. Our email addresses have also changed (linked to our previous ones, which still work).

Angel Tree Thank you! The gifts for children of prisoners have been collected and will be delivered to families soon.

3DM Step-Up

On Monday night families from Petone Baptist and St Alban's shared a BBQ feast to mark the end of the 3DM taster "Step-up" which took place during November. Packs of stationery were created to give to children in orphanages in Vietnam, which members of Petone Baptist are setting off to visit and serve this week. New discipleship huddles will begin in the new year.

"Seismic Scoop"

(A little regular update on earthquake strengthening)

1. A meeting on 7 November brought together key people from the teams initially established by Vestry, to review progress to date following the earthquake risk assessment, and to reflect together on the steep learning curve that we are all on. As the result, a new co-ordination group, the St Alban's Earthquake Action Team (SEAT) was formed with responsibility to assess and oversee the parish response to the earthquake risk assessment of St Alban's church and hall. The team consists of Rev'd Ellie Sanderson, Cushla Jamieson (chair) and Geoff Martell (Trust), Joy Baird and Philip Plimmer (Vestry), Rob Burrige (retired engineer from BECA) Myles Breen (project manager). The key responsibilities are to:

- Report to Vestry and the Trust respectively for appropriate decision making by the parish governance structures.
- Liaise with external agencies and individuals to facilitate firstly the discernment process and then subsequent project management process.
- Liaise with the Communications and Fund Raising teams.

The team is to meet at least monthly and outcomes from future meetings will be reported in Seismic Scoop.

2. The Communications Team is currently finalising a report on the Blue Skies community consultation day on 19 November. This report's availability will be noted in a future Seismic Scoop and it will be available on the website.

3. A second Q and A will be available on 18 December.

This week

Tues	Kitchen hire: <i>all day</i>
Wed	Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Rev Ellie at Wellesley: <i>all day</i> Centering Prayer: <i>12noon, vicarage</i> Vestry meeting and end-of-year dinner: <i>5.30pm</i>
Thurs	Intercessory Prayer: <i>7am, 6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay</i> Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Kitchen hire: <i>morning</i> Eucharist: <i>10am, St Ronan's</i> Take a Break: <i>11am, St Ronan's</i> Open home pot luck dinner: <i>5.30pm - 7pm, vicarage</i>
Fri	Wellesley College Prizegiving and end of school year Pop in and Play: <i>9am, St Ronan's (last one for the year)</i> Fri-Sun EFM retreat (Rev'd Judith)
Sat	Contemplative Prayer: <i>8am, 1 / 47 Pukatea St</i> Kitchen hire: <i>evening</i>

Coming Up

Next Sun	Community Christmas Carols: 5pm, Muritai School
	9 Lessons and Carols: <i>7.30pm, St James' Lower Hutt</i>
Christmas & January worship - PTO	
Wed 18 Jan	Parish office re-opens
Thur 26 Jan	Thursday 10am worship resumes

This Thursday Pot-luck Invitation from Rev'd Ellie, Tim, Zac and Joe to come along to the last pot-luck dinner for the year, 5.30pm - 7pm at the vicarage.

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

8 Dec	St Ronan's Church
15 Dec	Don's home, 362 Muritai Rd
22 Dec	San Antonio's Church

If you would like to support the mission and ministry of our faith community by giving regularly, and/or serving in a particular ministry role, please talk with the clergy or wardens, or contact the parish office.

Sunday 11 December - 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Canon Peter Stuart
Preacher	Reverend Tony Gardiner
Set-up / pack-up	Chris Burt, Wendy Manson
Welcomers	Joy Baird, Graham Olds, Annie Hayward
Liturgical Assistant	Mike Synnott
2nd chalice	Hamish Pilbrow
Readers	Priscilla Synnott, Pauline Steele
Intercessions	Mike Synnott
Musician	Music team
Sound / tech	Peter Baldock
Sunday Club	Reverend Ellie and Tim Sanderson
Morning tea	Jill Chinn, Melissa Rogers



Gospel Readings this week

Monday

Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday

Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday

Matthew 11:28-end

Thursday

Matthew 11:11-15

Friday

Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday

Matthew 17:10-13

Readings next Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Christmas Worship - St Alban's @ Wellesley College

Christmas Eve 24 December

5pm Christingle children's service

10.30pm Carols followed by 11pm Eucharist

Christmas Day 25 December

9.30am Christmas Day Family Eucharist

January 2017 Worship

1 January 10am St Alban's Eucharist with San Antonio's community, at San Antonio's

8 January 9.30am Epiphany Eucharist with St Ronan's, at St Ronan's

15 January 10am St Alban's Eucharist resumes at Wellesley College

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