



**Sunday 11 December 2016**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

*Te Rātapu Tuatoru 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** Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.'  
*Isaiah 35:3-4*

**Collect**  
**God of the unexpected, your ways are not our ways. Open our ears to the prophets you send, help us to hear the good news from unforeseen messengers. Empower us to join the healing work of the one 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.**

<b>Readings</b>	<i>Revised English Bible</i>
Isaiah 35:1-10	<i>The Way of Holiness</i>
Romans 5:7-10	<i>Patience</i>
Matthew 11:2-11	<i>John the Baptist</i>



*Welcome to children and families today. Today and next week 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 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
Musicians	Music team
Sound/tech	Peter Baldock
Sunday Club	Reverend Ellie and Tim Sanderson
Morning tea	Jill Chinn, Melissa Rogers



## Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for all who will gather for our annual Community Carols this evening. May everyone who comes hear the story of Jesus afresh.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** This Advent we pray that we may be the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ to those around us.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Social Service and Community Development Board: Bishop Justin, Jonathan Boyes, Theresa Campbell, Mike Deacon, Jenna Harris, Janice Lyon, Peter Phipps, Debbie Priston and Graeme Munford.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** New Zealand and our partners, all volunteers and supporters of Anglican Missions, and the diocesan and tikanga mission groups around our province.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** For Kericho (Kenya), especially in this time of a vacancy for Bishop.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** *O God, while our brothers and sisters face injustice, violence, false arrests and imprisonment, even death for Christ, we often find our minds preoccupied with worries that are trivial in comparison. Please enable us and them to stop being anxious but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, to present our requests to you. Thank you for the promise that your peace, which passes all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. 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.



*We have lit the candles for  
Hope and Peace on our  
Advent wreath.  
Today we light the third (pink)  
candle on our wreath,  
symbolising Joy.*

***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

## TODAY Community Carols

**Volunteers please to help set up the Muritai School Hall this afternoon from 1pm.** Many hands make light work. Then come back at 5pm with your friends and neighbours. Angel Phil and Angel Ellie will welcome you!

## Christmas Fliers delivery volunteers please!

We are delivering a flier with details of our Christmas worship to all homes in Eastbourne and the bays. Please see Penny today to collect a bundle of fliers to deliver to specified addresses over the next week or two.

## Vanuatu Clothing Container

Thanks to your generosity we filled not one but two bags for the diocesan container of clothing to Vanuatu. The container will be bound for Vanuatu 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 next Sunday.

## This week

<b>Today</b>	Community Christmas Carols: 5pm, Muritai School 9 Lessons and Carols: 7.30pm, St James' Lower Hutt
<b>Tues</b>	Kitchen hire: <i>all day</i>
<b>Wed</b>	Morning Prayer: 9am, vicarage Kitchen hire: <i>afternoon</i> Centering Prayer: 12noon, vicarage
<b>Thurs</b>	Intercessory Prayer: 7am, 6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay Morning Prayer: 9am, vicarage Kitchen hire: <i>morning</i> Eucharist: 10am, 362 Muritai Rd
<b>Sat</b>	Contemplative Prayer: 8am, 1 / 47 Pukatea St ( <i>last one for the year</i> ) Kitchen hire: <i>evening</i>

## Coming Up

### Christmas & January worship - PTO

<b>Wed 18 Jan</b>	Parish office re-opens
<b>Thur 26 Jan</b>	Thursday 10am worship resumes
<b>Wed 15 Feb</b>	“Open Doors” evening, 7pm, supporting Christians in Syria and the Middle East, at Wellesley College
<b>28 Feb</b>	Shrove Tuesday
<b>1 Mar</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>16 Apr</b>	Easter Day

## New website

A reminder to check our new website [www.stalbanschurch.nz](http://www.stalbanschurch.nz) It has pew sheets, sermons and events coming up.

## Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

<b>15 Dec</b>	Don's home, 362 Muritai Rd
<b>22 Dec</b>	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 18 December - 10am Eucharist at Wellesley

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Preacher	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth
Set-up / pack-up	John Nippert, Keith Young
Welcomers	Mike & Carolyn Parker, Kevin & Helen Mosley
Liturgical Assistant	Philip Plimmer
2nd chalice	Lynda Eteveneaux
Readers	Sandra Gillespie, Matthew Packer
Intercessions	Philip Plimmer
Musicians	Music team
Sound / tech	Peter Baldock
Sunday Club	Rose and Rebecca Odlin
Morning tea	Val Meyer, Sarah White



### Gospel Readings this week

#### Monday

Matthew 21:23-27

#### Tuesday

Matthew 21:28-32

#### Wednesday

Luke 7:18b-23

#### Thursday

Luke 7:24-30

#### Friday

John 5:33-36

#### Saturday

Matthew 1:1-17

### Readings next Sunday

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

## Christmas Worship - St Alban's @ Wellesley College

### Christmas Eve 24 December

5pm Children and Families Christingle 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 at San Antonio's

**8 January 9.30am** Epiphany: We are invited to gather with the St Ronan's community for their monthly Eucharist, at St Ronan's

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

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