



## Sunday 18 December 2016 Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Te Rātapu Tuawhā o te Haerenga Mai*

### *Naumāi, Haere māi! 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** A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. *Matthew 1:23*

#### **Collect**

**God of light and life, you give us the joy of summer as we prepare for the coming of your Son. Like Mary and Joseph grant that we may be ready to recognise and welcome your presence in this world at Christmas, and at the end of time. 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**

<b>Readings</b>	<i>Revised English Bible</i>
Isaiah 7:10-16	<i>The sign of Emmanuel</i>
Romans 1:1-7	<i>Paul's greeting to the Romans</i>
Matthew 1:18-25	<i>The birth of Jesus the Messiah</i>



*Welcome to children and families today. Today in Sunday Club we continue 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 Tony Gardiner
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



## Prayers

- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** This Advent and Christmas we pray that we may be the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ to those around us.
- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for all for whom the Christmas and holiday season is a struggle, due to loss or grief, loneliness, difficult relationships, poverty or violence. May God reveal new possibilities and new hope.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Students at St John's Theological College, Auckland: Gareth Bezett, Michelle Bull, Sarah Butterfield, Jeff Odhiambo, Billy and Caleb Rowe, and Greg and Steph Worboys.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** New Zealand and our partners, particularly in ministry to migrants and refugees, and the Mission to Seafarers.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Armagh, Ireland): The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** *Almighty Lord and God, we thank you for giving us a Prince of Peace who will establish and uphold his kingdom with justice and righteousness. May this promise sustain and encourage Christians living today with violence, injustice and unrighteous treatment. 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, Peace and Joy on our Advent wreath. Today we light the fourth candle on our wreath, symbolising Love.*

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

### Advent Sermon Series

<b>27 Nov</b>	Reverend Ellie HOPE
<b>4 Dec</b>	Reverend Peter SHALOM
<b>11 Dec</b>	Reverend Tony JOY
<b>18 Dec</b>	Reverend Judith LOVE

## Christmas Worship at Wellesley

### Christmas Eve

5pm Christingle Service  
10.30pm Carols and Eucharist

### Christmas Day

9.30am Family Eucharist



### Christingle Working Bee - Christmas Eve 1pm

Come along on Christmas Eve at 1pm at Wellesley as we assemble 100 Christingles for our Christingle service. Four volunteers are needed today to take bags of toothpick ingredients to assemble at home before Christmas Eve. All instructions provided! See Reverend Judith today.

### St Alban's Contact List

Recently Vestry agreed to proceed with a thorough update of our parish contact list ("pastoral roll"). This contains over 600 individuals with a past or present connection with St Alban's. We are aware that many people have moved away and we want to make sure we have up-to-date list of all who worship regularly or wish to maintain links with the St Alban's family. In addition to updating contact details we are taking the opportunity to ask people if they wish to be listed in a proposed "St Alban's family phone book" to enable easier communication among us all. You should receive a phone call over the next month or so as a team of us phone our way through the list. If you haven't received a phone call by mid-February, please contact the office to make sure we have your contact details. Thank you for your cooperation and grace as we work our way through this task. *Reverend Judith*

### Holidays

The parish office will close this Thursday for the Christmas break and re-open on Thursday 19 January. Reverend Ellie will be on leave until Wednesday 11 January, and Reverend Judith until Wednesday 18 January. To contact a priest in a pastoral emergency while Reverend Ellie is away, please phone Reverend Tony Gardiner 562 6177.

### "Seismic Scoop"

*(A little regular update on earthquake strengthening)*

A Q&A sheet is available today, with the latest updates. The Blue Skies report from our community consultation in November is on our website, along with other key documents.

## This week

<b>Tues</b>	Kitchen hire: <i>all day</i>
<b>Wed</b>	Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Kitchen hire: <i>afternoon</i> Centering Prayer: <i>12noon, vicarage</i>
<b>Thurs</b>	Intercessory Prayer: <i>7am, 6 Ferry Rd, Days Bay</i> Morning Prayer: <i>9am, vicarage</i> Eucharist: <i>10am, San Antonio's</i>

## 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

## Coming Up

<b>Thur 19 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

### Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

**22 Dec** San Antonio's Church

### Check our new website

[www.stalbanschurch.nz](http://www.stalbanschurch.nz) It has pew sheets, sermons and events coming up.

*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.*

### Christmas Eve - 5pm Christingle Service at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Welcomers / Children's Costumes	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth, Jen Young, Jennie Lovell-Smith, Amelia Ward
Musicians	Music team

### Christmas Eve - 10.30pm Carols & Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Welcomers	Graham Olds, Joy Baird, Keith Levy
Liturgical Assistant	Mike Synnott
2nd chalice	Tony Martin
Readers	Joy Baird, Chris Burt
Intercessions	Mike Synnott
Musician	Jacqueline Ward

### Christmas Day - 9.30am Family Eucharist at Wellesley

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Welcomers	Jeremy Lovell-Smith, John Nippert
Liturgical Assistant	Jutta Chisholm
2nd chalice	Hamish Pilbrow
Reader	Sandra Gillespie
Intercessions	Jutta Chisholm
Musicians	Music team
Sound / tech	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth



### Gospel Readings this week

**Monday**  
Luke 1:5-25

**Tuesday**  
Luke 1:26-38

**Wednesday**  
Luke 1:39-45

**Thursday**  
Luke 1:46-56

**Friday**  
Luke 1:57-66

**Saturday**  
Luke 1:67-79

**Readings**  
**Christmas Eve**  
Isaiah 52:7-10  
Hebrews 1:1-12  
John 1:1-14  
**Christmas Day**  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Luke 2:1-20



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