



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2016

Naumai, Haere mai! Welcome!



Welcome to all as we celebrate Christmas at Wellesley College

*2016 brought some unexpected challenges to our church community
and it may have done so for your family too.*

*At Christmas we affirm that the light of God, revealed to us in the person of Jesus,
can never be overshadowed by the darkness that we experience in this world.*

This is both our hope and our testimony.

*We especially welcome visitors and travellers,
and those returning home to Eastbourne and the bays.
From wherever we come, we are united as the family of God
as we gather to celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ.*

May God bless us all afresh this Christmas.

5pm

Christmas Eve Children's Christingle Service

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Musicians	Music team

10.30pm
11pm

Christmas Eve Carols followed by: First Communion of Christmas

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Welcomers	Joy Baird, Graham Olds, Keith Levy
Liturgical Assistant / 2 nd chalice	Mike Synnott, Tony Martin
Readers	Joy Baird, Chris Burt
Intercessions	Mike Synnott
Musician	Jacqueline Ward
Readings	Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14

9.30am

Christmas Day Family Eucharist

Presider	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Preacher	Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Welcomers	Jeremy Lovell-Smith, John Nippert
Liturgical Assistant / 2 nd chalice	Jutta Chisholm, Hamish Pilbrow
Reader	Sandra Gillespie
Intercessions	Jutta Chisholm
Musicians	Music team
Readings	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-20

January 2017 Worship

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

*Church office re-opens Thursday 19 January
Thursday 10am worship resumes Thursday 26 January*



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.

New Wine - Diocesan Family Camp Kapiti College 19-23 January

A great opportunity to gather with others from around our diocese and beyond. Reverend Ellie and her family are booked for the whole time, and Ellie has some free day passes - contact her if you'd like to taste some "New Wine" in January and be family together. Leaflets are on the entrance table, or check the New Wine website www.newwine.org.nz

New St Alban's website

Check out our new website for sermons, pew sheets and events coming up.

www.stalbanschurch.nz

Thursday 10am worship

In the past few months we have established a monthly rhythm of Thursday worship rotating around local homes and local churches. Venues for Thursday worship from 26 January will be advised in the New Year.

St Alban's Contact list

We are in the midst of a review of our St Alban's contact list. If you live locally and have or have had a connection with St Alban's you will receive a phone call in the New Year (if not already). The purpose of this update is to check contact details and offer the opportunity to "opt in" to a proposed new St Alban's family phone book. We're also exploring getting some neighbourhood / bay-by-bay contact groups to help people keep in touch with one another.

Please fill in a "Welcome to St Alban's" card at the entrance table if you don't think you're already on our contact list.

Coming Up 2017

Sun 15 Jan	Sunday 10am worship resumes at Wellesley College
Thur 19 Jan	Parish office re-opens
19-23 Jan	New Wine family camp at Kapiti College, Raumati.
Wed 25 Jan	Centering Prayer resumes, 12 noon in the vicarage study
Thur 26 Jan	Thursday 10am worship resumes
Wed 1 Feb	Vestry meeting
Fri 3 Feb	Pop in and Play , our weekly term-time playgroup for babies and toddlers, resumes at St Ronan's Church hall, 9am-11.30am
Wed 15 Feb	"Open Doors" evening, 7pm, supporting Christians in Syria and the Middle East, at Wellesley College
Sun 19 Feb	Eastbourne's monthly Messy Church at 4.30pm at St Ronan's. Fun, activities, and pot luck tea. All ages welcome.
28 Feb	Shrove Tuesday Check the website nearer the time for details of our pancake party!
1 Mar	Ash Wednesday
	Lenten 6 week study series "Our Transforming God". Check the website nearer the time for details of where and when.
16 Apr	Easter Day

St Alban's buildings

The website's "Seismic Scoop" page on our website is a good place to keep up-to-date with the latest on our buildings, as we continue the process of consultation and explore options for earthquake strengthening / redevelopment.

The documents added most recently are a second Q&A, and a summary of the feedback we received at our community consultation "Blue Skies Day" on 19 November.

Keep up with news near and far



St Alban's news

Join our email list by filling in a St Alban's welcome card.

For news and events see our website www.stalbanschurch.nz



News from our diocese

<http://movementonline.org.nz/>
Sign up to a weekly email alert



News from around NZ

Telling the stories from the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
<http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz>



News from the worldwide Anglican Communion

<http://www.anglicannews.org/>

St Alban's Anglican Church, Eastbourne

Vicar	Reverend Canon Dr Eleanor Sanderson <i>On leave until Wednesday 11 January</i>	562 6076 / 021 879 264 vicar@stalbanschurch.nz
Priest Associate & Community Ministry Coordinator	Reverend Judith Wigglesworth <i>On leave until Wednesday 18 January</i>	973 9036 / 021 0338 155 office@stalbanschurch.nz
Vicar's Warden	Heather Molloy	562 8513
People's Warden	Philip Plimmer	562 8211
Vestry	Joy Baird, Libby Bloomfield, Denis Packer, John Nippert, Amelia Ward, Jen Young	
Pastoral Care Coordinators	Jennie Lovell-Smith Jean Martel	562 0242 562 7415
Priests (Hon)	Reverend Canon Peter Stuart, Reverend Tony Gardiner	
Parish Office (Reverend Judith)	Wednesday & Thursday 1 - 3pm <i>Re-opens Thursday 19 January</i>	562 6269 office@stalbanschurch.nz

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