



Sunday 26 November 2017
Christ the King and Christ in all Creation
Ko te Karaiti te Kingi

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.**

Sentence: I heard a loud voice proclaiming from the throne 'Now God has His dwelling with mankind! He will dwell among them and they shall be his people'...I saw no temple in the city, for its temple was the sovereign Lord God and the Lamb. *Revelations 21: 3, 22)*

Collect: **Eternal Father, dwelling in holiness, when you fashioned the universe the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of your creation and your presence within it, teach us to be your royal priesthood on Earth, sharing in the labour of all creation to give birth to your hidden glory, and offering the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our King, who lives and reigns with you and the life-giving Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Readings

Psalm 65

NZ version from NZ Prayer Book

Ephesians 1: 18-23

The riches of His glorious inheritance

John 1: 1-5, 10-14

The Word became flesh



Welcome to children and families today.

Our Kids' Club continues today for Term 4.

Children gather at the front after the first song for a prayer of blessing and return to our worship in time for Communion.

Today	10am Eucharist at Wellesley
Presider	Revd. Judith Wigglesworth
Preacher	Art Sermon - Revd. Canon Peter Stuart and Phyllis Mossman
Set-up / pack-up	Keith Young, Stephen Lee
Welcomers	Kevin and Helen Mosley, Annie Hayward, Stephen Lee
Liturgical Asst	Scott Champion
2nd chalice	Carolyn Parker
Readers	Fran Baldock - OT, Cushla Jamieson - Epistle
Intercessions	Scott Champion
Musician	Libby Bloomfield and team
Sound / tech	Chris Burt
Kids' Club	Pauline Steele and Patsy Jorgensen
Morning tea	Sarah White, Katherine Fahey
7pm	Prayer Song Evening at Wellesley

Prayers

- ◆ **Our community:** We pray for all in the midst of change and transition. May God be a source of stability and reassurance, opening hearts and minds to new hope and fresh opportunities.
- ◆ **Our ministry and mission:** As we approach the end of the church year, we celebrate Christ the King and Christ in all Creation. "Lord Jesus you are the centre at which all things meet and which stretches out over all things so as to draw them back into itself..." (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin). May we, here and now, and throughout Advent, draw others to know more deeply Christ within us and among us.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** We pray for the parish of Shannon-Foxton. We also pray for the Social Service and Community Development Board members, Mike Deacon, Jenna Harris, Janice Lyon and Graeme Munford.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** We pray for Father Michael Lapsley SSM, founding member and Director of The Institute for Healing of Memories and the work of this Institute.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** We pray for the Rt. Revd. Saman Farajalla Mahdi and his parishioners in the Sudan.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray for Christians in Kenya, that the Lord will protect believers living in areas constantly vulnerable to attack.
- ◆ **Homes and families:** 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.
- ◆ **Rhythm of prayer:** 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 Judith circulates. Do talk with Judith 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.

A prayer for our interregnum

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change.

We lean into your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, passions and skills with which you bless us.

Guide us as we move onward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TONIGHT: Prayer Song Evening - 7pm, Wellesley

All welcome to an evening of contemplation and music with Paul Carey.

Mission

It is our last morning for the table this week; so keep your treasures until next time, please. Jerry - a great effort on your part; thank you! *From the team.*

Parish Pizza Picnic - Next Sunday 3 Dec

The date is nigh! Please sign up for the picnic to be held at The Pavilion straight after the morning service.

Vestry Update

Vestry met recently to begin its consideration of the report from SEAT on the redevelopment of St Alban's. This was primarily a prayer and Bible study evening - a very appropriate way for Vestry to begin its discernment of the report and its proposals. One of the overwhelming themes that came through in Vestry's reflections and prayers was appreciation and thanksgiving for the work of Cushla Jamieson and the SEAT team. Vestry members made good progress in sharing their thoughts and reflections on the report, and decided to convene an additional Vestry meeting this week to continue its discernment and discussion. Please pray for Vestry members as they continue this task.

Reverend Judith

On Sunday 10 December immediately after the morning service we will have a special morning tea to farewell Reverend Judith, whose last day with us will be Christmas Day. We thank you Judith for your ministry among us over the last three years, and for so willingly stepping in as our Interim Priest in Charge after Reverend Ellie's departure. Donations for a gift for Judith may be put in a labelled envelope in our Sunday offertory, or given to Priscilla, Heather, Philip or Denis. Thank you. *Heather and Philip.*

Quiet Days in Advent

Check November News for opportunities for Advent quiet days on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 December.

Prime Music Academy "Sing—Play—Shine" Concert: Monday 18 December, 6-7.30pm, Little Theatre, Lower Hutt, flyers on notices table, or speak with Helen Mosley.

Christmas Remembrance Service

Advent Sunday 10 December - Old Saint Paul's, Mulgrave Street, Wellington, 6.30pm.

This week

Mon	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> Libby Bloomfield at Wellesley: <i>9.15am Wellesley Chapel Service</i>
Tues	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> 7.30pm Reflection Time for Women: <i>St Ronan's</i>
Wed	9am Morning Prayer <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 12 noon Centering Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> <i>Libby at Wellesley: afternoon</i> Vestry 7pm
Thurs	7am Intercessory Prayer <i>St Alban's Hall foyer</i> 9am Morning Prayer: <i>St Alban's hall foyer</i> 10am Eucharist: 3D Rona House
Fri	9-11.30am Pop in and Play, <i>St Ronan's</i>
Sat	8am Contemplative Prayer, <i>1/47 Pukatea Street</i>

Coming Up

Sun 3 Dec	Parish Pizza Picnic at the Pavilion after 10am service
Sun 10 Dec	Community Christmas Carols: 5pm Muritai School

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

30 Nov	3D Rona House
7 Dec	17 Marine Parade
14 Dec	St Ronan's Church
21 Dec	1 Heketara Street

Advent

Our Advent journey begins next week. In our Advent preaching over four weeks we'll explore four themes from our Sunday readings:

- 3 Dec *Being open*
- 10 Dec *Being gathered*
- 17 Dec *Being sent*
- 24 Dec *Being real*

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.

**Next Sunday 3 December
10am Eucharist at Wellesley**

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Set-up / pack-up	Chris Burt, John Nippert
Welcomers	Jean & Geoff Martel, Mike & Priscilla Synnott
Liturgical Asst	Jutta Chisholm
2nd chalice	Chris Burt
Readers	Geoff/Jean Martell - OT, Po-Lin Lamb - Epistle
Intercessions	Jutta Chisholm
Musician	Jacqueline Ward
Sound / tech	Denis Packer
Kids' Club	Rose & Rebecca Odlin
Morning tea	Pizza Picnic at The Pavilion



**Gospel Readings
this week**

Monday
Luke 21: 1-4

Tuesday
Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday
Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday
Matthew 4: 18-22

Friday
Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday
Luke 21: 34-36

**Readings next
Sunday**

Isaiah 64: 1-9
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-37



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