



Sunday 3 December 2017
First Sunday of Advent
Te Rātapu Tuatahi 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.

Today's our Pizza Picnic, we go straight down to The Pavilion after the service!

Sentence: 'God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.' *1 Corinthians 1: 9*

Collect: **God of hope, when Christ your Son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 64: 1-9

We are the clay and you are the potter

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God

Mark 13: 24-37

The necessity for watchfulness



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	Revd. Judith Wigglesworth
Set-up / pack-up	Chris Burt, John Nippert
Welcomers	John Nippert, Mike & Priscilla Synnott
Liturgical Asst	Jutta Chisholm
2nd chalice	Chris Burt
Readers	Priscilla Synnott - OT, Po-Lin Lamb - Epistle
Intercessions	Jutta Chisholm
Musician	Jacqueline Ward
Sound / tech	Peter Baldock
Kids' Club	Rose & Rebecca Odlin
Morning tea	Pizza picnic at Pavilion



Prayers

- ◆ **Advent:** As Advent begins we pray for fresh awareness among our community of God's gift of Jesus Christ this Christmas.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** We remember in our prayers the Mission to Seafarers and the Chaplain, Lance Lukin, and the Board.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** We pray for the Diocese of Polynesia and for the ministry of the Community of the Sacred Name.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** We pray this week for the Rt. Revd Henry Katumba Tamate and his supporting clergy and parishioners in West Buganda, Uganda.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray for Christians in Iran, especially those who have been imprisoned for their faith and who face the prospect of torture without recourse to proper justice.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.



Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, symbolising Hope.

*Jesus, you are the light even in the darkest places. Help us to trust in you. Shine hope into our hearts we pray.
Amen.*

Advent Sermon Series

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

Christmas Worship - St Alban's @ Wellesley College

Christmas Eve 24 December

10am Advent 4 Eucharist
 5pm Christingle children's service
 10.30pm Carols followed by 11pm Eucharist

Christmas Day 25 December

9.30am Christmas Day Family Eucharist

31 December and Sundays throughout January

10am Eucharist at Wellesley.

This week	
Mon	Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> Libby Bloomfield at Wellesley: 9.15am Wellesley Chapel Service Guys' Group 6pm, <i>Still Room</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> Libby at Wellesley: <i>afternoon</i>
Thurs	9am Morning Prayer <i>St Alban's Hall foyer</i> 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Eucharist: 17 Marine Pde.
Fri	9-11.30am Pop in and Play, <i>St Ronan's</i>
Sat	8am Contemplative Prayer, 1/47 Pukatea Street

Coming Up	
Sun 10 Dec	Farewell morning tea for Reverend Judith after service
Sun 10 Dec	Community Christmas Carols: 5pm Muritai School
Thurs 14 Dec	<i>Take a Break</i> , St Ronan's
Mon 20 Dec	Womens' coffee group at Hive 10am

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

7 Dec 17 Marine Parade
 14 Dec St Ronan's Church
 21 Dec 1 Heketara Street
 25 Jan 2018 San Antonio's Church

Next Sunday we will welcome the Mosley/Neumayr family as we share in a "Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child," welcoming Kaylee Jane Neumayr into our midst. Kevin and Helen Mosley are very proud grandparents.

TODAY—Pizza Picnic!

At The Pavilion straight after the morning service.

Reverend Judith

Next Sunday 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.

Christmas Remembrance Service

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

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.

AAW Advent Service Belmont Archdeaconry

Tomorrow, Monday 4 December at 7pm at St James Church, Lower Hutt. All welcome! Please bring a small unwrapped personal toiletry gift suitable for Womens' Refuge and a contribution towards supper.

Angel Tree:

Thank you for responding so enthusiastically to the Angel Tree this year. The gifts for children of prisoners will be delivered soon.

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.

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**Gospel Readings
this week**

Monday
Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday
Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday
Matthew 15: 29-37

Thursday
Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

Friday
Matthew 9: 27-31

Saturday
Matthew 9: 35 10: 1, 6-8

**Readings next
Sunday**

Isaiah 40 1-11
2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Mark 13: 24-37



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