

Sunday 10 December 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Te Rātapu Tuarua o te Haerenga Mai

Naumāi, 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.

Today we welcome the Mosley/Neumayr family as we share in a "Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child" - Kaylee Jane Neumayr
Please stay for morning tea and fellowship after the service

Sentence: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3:4; Isaiah 40: 5a

Collect: **God of hope for whom we wait and watch, you sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth. This we ask through Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 40: 1-11

God's people are comforted

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Final exhortation

Mark 1: 1-8

The proclamation of John the Baptist



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

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| Presider | Revd. Judith Wigglesworth |
| Preacher | Revd. Judith Wigglesworth |
| Set-up / pack-up | Jerry Wellington, Wendy Manson |
| Welcomers | Jean & Geoff Martel, Wendy Manson |
| Liturgical Asst | Penny Grigg |
| 2nd chalice | Elaine Parr |
| Readers | Jerry Wellington - OT, Rieki Teutscher - Epistle |
| Intercessions | Penny Grigg |
| Musician | Libby and team |
| Sound / tech | Peter Baldock |
| Kids' Club | Jeremy and Jennie Lovell-Smith |
| Morning tea | Priscilla Synnott, Patsy Jorgensen |



Prayers

- ◆ **Thanksgiving:** Today we pray for Kaylee Jane Neumayr as we welcome her and gather with her family, including Kaylee's grandparents Kevin and Helen Mosley.
- ◆ **Advent:** As Advent continues 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 staff of the Anglican Missions, Canon Robert Kereopa, Metua Takairangi, John Tapiata, Sudesh Wasoori and Linda Dear.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** We pray this week for the Rt. Revd José Antonio McLoughlin and his supporting clergy and parishioners in Western North Carolina.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray that Algerian believers will boldly share their faith and that Christians will be able to meet together freely for worship.
- ◆ **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.



Today we light the second candle of the Advent wreath, symbolising Peace.

Jesus, you are peace even when there is hatred. Help us to forgive like you. Bring peace 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 | |
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| Mon | Kitchen booking: <i>all day</i> |
| Tues | 9am Morning Prayer <i>St Alban's Hall foyer</i> 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> |
| Thurs | 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Eucharist: <i>St Ronan's Church</i> , followed by "Take a Break" Christmas lunch |
| Fri | 9-11.30am Pop in and Play, <i>St Ronan's</i> |
| Sat | 8am Contemplative Prayer, <i>1/47 Pukatea Street</i> |

Reverend Judith

Today 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.*

Tonight

Community Christmas Carols, 5pm at Muritai School Hall. All welcome!

Taita Op Shop

Volunteer needed! Our parish office continues to be a drop-off point for items for the Taita Op Shop and we need helpers to collect the items from the office to take to Taita when our cupboard is full (about once a month). If you are able to help with this, please talk to Priscilla in the office or Elaine Parr.

Christmas letterbox drop

We have bundles of our Christmas fliers ready to deliver. Please pick up a bundle today to deliver to letterboxes in your area.

Office this week

The office is open on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons this week. Reverend Judith will be in Dunedin Wed-Sun for her son's graduation from Otago University.

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

| Coming Up | |
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| Mon 20 Dec | 10am Womens' coffee group at Hive |
| Wed 24 Jan | Parish Office re-opens |
| Thurs 25 Jan | Thursday 10am Eucharist resumes at San Antonio's |

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

14 Dec St Ronan's Church
21 Dec 1 Heketara Street
25 Jan 2018 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.

**Next Sunday 17 December
10am Eucharist at Wellesley**

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| Presider | Reverend Tony Gardiner |
| Preacher | Stuart Mossman |
| Set-up / pack-up | Philip Plimmer, Hamish Pilbrow |
| Welcomers | Penny & John Grigg, Mike Parker |
| Liturgical Asst | Philip Plimmer |
| 2nd chalice | Tony Martin |
| Readers | Carolyn Parker - OT, Tony Martin - Epistle |
| Intercessions | Carolyn Parker |
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| Sound / tech | Chris Burt |
| Kids' Club | Elaine Parr, Joy Baird |
| Morning tea | Ann Packer, Melissa Rogers |



**Gospel Readings
this week**

Monday
Luke 5: 17-26

Tuesday
Matthew 18: 12-14

Wednesday
Matthew 11: 28-end

Thursday
Matthew 11: 11-15

Friday
Matthew 11: 16-19

Saturday
Matthew 17: 10-13

**Readings next
Sunday**

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
1 Thess. 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28



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