



Sunday 17 December 2017
Third Sunday of Advent
Te Rātapu Tuatoru o te Haerenga Mai

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 and fellowship after the service

Sentence: 'Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Isaiah 61: 1-2

Collect: **Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

The good news of deliverance

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Pray without ceasing

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

The Testimony 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

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
Musician	Peter Baldock
Sound / tech	Chris Burt
Kids' Club	Elaine Parr, Joy Baird
Morning tea	Ann Packer, Melissa Rogers



Prayers

- ◆ **Advent and Christmas:** we give thanks for opportunities in our community for connecting with the Christmas story and pray that over the Christmas season people may be drawn to discover God's gift of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ **Diocesan cycle of prayer:** We remember in our prayers the Diocesan Coordinators; Children and Family—Colette Stevens, Intermediate—Chris Casey, Youth—Luke Paynter.
- ◆ **Anglican Missions prayer cycle:** We pray for The Anglican Church of Australia's Indigenous Programmes which include Nungalinga College and Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, which provide theological education and courses in family and community services.
- ◆ **Prayer cycle of the worldwide Anglican Communion:** We pray this week for the Rt. Revd John Smylie and his supporting clergy and parishioners in Wyoming.
- ◆ **Prayer for the persecuted church:** We pray for peace and stability in Northern Cameroon.
- ◆ **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 third (pink) candle of the Advent wreath, symbolising Joy.

*Jesus, you are joy even in the saddest times. Help us to praise you. Shine joy 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> 10am Women's coffee group at Hive
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>
Thurs	9am Morning Prayer <i>St Alban's Hall foyer</i> 9am Intercessory Prayer 10am Eucharist: Sheila's home, 1 Heketara Street
Fri	10am Christingle working bee and Nativity set-up at Wellesley
Sat	8am Contemplative Prayer, <i>1/47 Pukatea Street</i>

Coming Up

Wed 24 Jan	Parish Office re-opens
Thurs 25 Jan	Thursday 10am Eucharist resumes at San Antonio's

Thursday 10am Rhythm of Worship

21 Dec 1 Heketara Street
25 Jan 2018 San Antonio's Church

Christingle Working Bee

All welcome to lend a hand at 10am this Friday at Wellesley for our Christingle working bee. Just bring yourselves - many hands make light work. Thanks to Jennie Lovell-Smith and Rose Odlin for their organisation and preparation.

January and beyond

Our Sunday worship at Wellesley continues after Christmas and over the holiday period. Reverends Peter Stuart and Tony Gardiner will lead January worship, and churchwardens are in the process of organising worship for February.

Thank you!

Thank you everyone for your words of appreciation and your wonderful gift last Sunday. I will treasure both. It has been a privilege to journey alongside you since June 2014, first as Priest Associate and Community Ministry Coordinator and more recently as Interim Priest in Charge. I am confident that God will continue to bless you in your ongoing discernment of "what next" for St Alban's and your community. Wait upon God and call upon God, whose divine mystery and wisdom will light your way. You have encouraged and blessed me richly. Be assured of my continuing prayers. In Christ whose love we share, *Judith*.

Tomorrow: 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.

Taita Op Shop

Volunteers 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 us please talk to Priscilla in the office or Elaine Parr.

Boomerang Bags Working Bees

Boomerang bags are being launched at the end of January. Working bees at St Ronan's:
This Wednesday 7-9pm
Sunday 14 Jan. 2-4pm, Wednesday 17 Jan. 7-9pm.

Golden Fliers!

Thank you for delivering our 'golden fliers' to homes in Eastbourne and the bays. Spread the word; bring along a friend or neighbour to worship with you this Christmas.

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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