



Sunday 15 December 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

Colour Violet

**Repentance
is the boat
on which
to sail the sea
of life.**

An Ancient Monk

Naumai, Haere mai! Welcome!

Scripture Verse: “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”
Matthew 11:11

Collect:

**Terror and doom, and wrath to come, John your herald preached to bring us to repentance; open our eyes, almighty God, show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness. Hear this prayer for your love’s sake.
Amen.**

First Reading:	Isaiah	35 : 1 - 10	A Return of the Redeemed to Zion
Gospel:	Matthew	11 : 2 - 11	Jesus Praises John the Baptist

Presiding and Preaching - Rev'd John Hughes

General News:

“UP” 15 December BBQ at the Vicarage at 6.30pm. End of year thanksgiving.

Women’s Coffee Group: Monday 16 December at 10am, at Hive, Rimu Street .

Thursday Eucharist: 19 December, at Margaret Turner’s home, 3D Rona House, Rimu Street.

Christmas and January Services:

Wellesley Hall In December

Tuesday	24 December	5.00 pm	Christingle
Tuesday	24 December	10.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday	25 December	9.30 am	Christmas Day Service (family friendly)
Sunday	29 December	10.00 am	Wellesley Hall

Services in January

Sunday	5 January	10.00 am	Vicarage grounds	Ngaio Street
Sunday	12 January	10.00 am	Vicarage grounds	Ngaio Street
Sunday	19 January	10.00 am	San Antonio Church	Oroua street
Sunday	26 January	10.00 am	Wellesley Hall	Days Bay

**These services will be short, with a simple message to include children*

And therefore, both the content and intent is child-friendly.

Sausage sizzle and ice creams will be provided at Vicarage Services.

Bring a deck chair, a holiday mood, togs, towel, and enjoy wonderful gardens to play in, and a beach nearby and a hot spa!

Helpers needed for delivery of the flyer with the 3 Christmas Services.

Only Point Howard, York Bay, and Mahina Bay areas left.

Maps/street details and bundles on the back table. Thank you.

Flyers and pamphlets on the back table.

St Alban’s Eastbourne Mission Statement

Providing the living Presence of God’s Kingdom in Eastbourne and the Bays.

Rhythms of Worship

Sunday	10 am Eucharist at Wellesley College Hall.
Thursday Eucharist	Each week at 10am. Next one - 19 December , Margaret turner's home
"UP"	15 December BBQ at the Vicarage at 6.30pm. End of year thanksgiving.
Giving	Supporting our faith community and mission is a normal part of our Christian Worship. If you would like to do this systematically or regularly here are the
Parish banking details	BNZ 02 0500 0821577 000 Anglican Parish of Eastbourne.

Children

Kids' Club	Every Sunday <u>in term time</u> during the 10am Service.
Pop in and Play	On holiday New Term starts February 3rd 2020.
Wellesley College	On holiday New Term starts February 3rd 2020 9.15am Chapel - Service at Wellesley College.
Chaplaincy	The Parish provides Chaplaincy services to Wellesley College.
Games Evening	Monthly during term time. Venue and time as advised prior to evening.

Rhythms of Prayers

Intercessory Prayer	Thursday at 8.15am. Venue to be confirmed on the day by txt.
Retreat Days:	At the Vicarage. Wednesdays : 9 - 4pm for all or part of the day. 9.30am Devotions, 12pm Contemplative Prayer, 4pm Evening Devotion.
Contemplative Prayer	Saturday at 8.30am in St Alban's Hall Foyer.

Discipleship

Alpha	Finished for this course.
Huddle group	Meetings are two a month, led jointly by Libby Bloomfield and Jennie Lovell-Smith. Joint shared meal at the Pavilion for the groups as advised.
Knitwits	Monthly, venue as advised prior to day.
Men's Group	Usually first Wednesday of month in the Sports and Services Club Tuatoru Street from 6pm. February. 2020
Take a Break (Seniors)	Second Thursday of the month (11am) at St Ronan's Church. Feb 2020
Women's Coffee Group	Third Monday of the month at Hive, Rimu Street at 10am. Feb 2020
Mission Table	On hold until next Autumn.

Gospel Readings for the week

Monday	Matthew	21 : 23 - 27	Tuesday	Matthew	1 : 1 - 17
Wednesday	Matthew	1 : 18 - 24	Thursday	Luke	1 : 5 - 25
Friday	Luke	1 : 26 - 38	Saturday	Luke	1 : 39 - 45

Diocesan Mission Statement

We are family; we are disciples; we care for the last, the lost and the least.

**This week
15/12****10 am Eucharist
Wellesley Hall**

Presider	Reverend Canon Peter Stuart
Preacher	Reverend John Hughes
Set-up / pack-up	Liz Barrow, Myles Breen
Welcomers	John Nippert, Helen and Kevin Mosley
Liturgical Asst	Philip Plimmer
2nd chalice	Elaine Parr
Readers	First Reading - Pauline Steele Gospel - Joy Baird
Intercessions	Philip Plimmer
Musician	Libby and the team
Sound / tech	Chris Burt
Kids' Club	Heather's team of teachers
Morning tea	Stefi Plimmer, Sheryl Selwyn

**Next week
22/12****10 am Eucharist
Wellesley Hall**

Presider	Reverend John Hughes
Preacher	Reverend John Hughes
Set-up / pack-up	Left in place
Welcomers	John Nippert, Keith Levy
Liturgical Asst	Stuart Mossman
2nd chalice	Mike Parker
Readers	First reading - Keith Levy Gospel - Cushla Jamieson
Intercessions	Stuart Mossman
Musician	Libby and team, Helen Mosely
Sound / tech	Chris Burt
Kids' Club	Jen Young, Myles Breen
Morning tea	Geraldine Blackman, Patsy Jorgensen

We welcome you!

We'd love to welcome you to our contact list - to be in touch every so often about what's coming up at St Alban's, and/or to receive our weekly families email. Forms available at the entry.

Office hours:

Wed and Thurs 9am - 3pm.



Upon meeting Jesus,
John said:
"I have need to be baptized of
thee, and comest thou to me?"
However,
Jesus convinces John
to baptize him nonetheless.

Matthew 3:14

St Alban's Anglican Church, Eastbourne

Vicar	Rev'd John Hughes	5626076
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Pastoral Care	Jennie Lovell-Smith	562 0242
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Priest (Hon)	Reverend Canon Peter Stuart.	

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