



Sunday 22 December 2019

4th Sunday of Advent

Colour Violet

**The Giving of Gifts
is not something
man invented.
God started
the giving spree
when he gave
a gift beyond words,
the unspeakable gift of
His Son.**

Robert Flatt.

Naumai, Haere mai! Welcome!

Scripture Verse: An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Matthew 1 :verses 20 - 21

Collect:

God of light and life, you give us the joy of summer as we prepare for the coming of your Son. Like Mary and Joseph grant that we may be ready to recognise and welcome your presence in this world at Christmas, and at the end of time. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 7 : 10 - 16 Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel.
Gospel: Matthew 1 : 18 - 25 The Birth of Jesus the Messiah.

Presiding and Preaching - Rev'd John Hughes

General News:

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!*



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 as in the news section for December and January.
Thursday Eucharist	Recommencing in February.
“UP”	Recommencing in February.
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 Starts Friday 7 February 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	Recommencing in February
Retreat Days:	Recommencing in February
Contemplative Prayer	Recommencing February 8th 2020 .

Discipleship

Alpha	Finished. New course to be scheduled.
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	Luke	1 : 57 - 66	Tuesday	Luke	1 : 67 - 79
Wednesday	Luke	2 : 1 - 14	Thursday	Matthew	10 : 17 - 22
Friday	John	21 : 19b - 25	Saturday	Matthew	2 : 13 - 18

Diocesan Mission Statement

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

**This week
22/12**

**10 am Eucharist
Wellesley Hall**

Presider	Reverend John Hughes
Preacher	Reverend John Hughes
Set-up / pack-up	Myles Breen, John Nippert
Welcomers	John Nippert, Keith Levy
Liturgical Asst	Stuart Mossman
2nd chalice	Mike Parker
Readers	First reading - Keith Levy Gospel - Cushla Jamieson
Intercessions	Stuart Mossman
Musicians	Paul Eteveneaux Jennie Champion
Sound / tech	Chris Burt
Kids' Club	Jen Young, Myles Breen
Morning tea	Geraldine Blackman, Patsy Jorgensen

No more Pew Sheets in 2019
Christmas Rosters are an insert only.

To all of you for the many tasks you have so willingly undertaken this year our sincere thanks.

May you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a holiday time of joy and relaxation.

Rev'd John Hughes,
And the office staff this year:
Priscilla Synnott and 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.



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Luke 2 v 13 - 14

St Alban's Anglican Church, Eastbourne

Vicar	Rev'd John Hughes	5626076
Vicar's Warden	Heather Molloy	021303838
People's Warden	Philip Plimmer	562 8211
Vestry	Joy Baird, Libby Bloomfield, Patsy Jorgensen, Jeremy Lovell-Smith, Denis Packer and Mike Synnott	
Pastoral Care	Jennie Lovell-Smith	562 0242
Coordinators	Jean Martel	562 7415
Priest (Hon)	Reverend Canon Peter Stuart.	

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