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YOUNG CHILDREN ACTIVITY BAGS

We want children to feel welcome at St Peter's Cathedral. There is a basket at the back of the church with bags for pre-schoolers 2+ years of age. It contains items for quiet activities. Feel free to help yourselves to one. We hope this will help you and your family enjoy your Sunday morning worship.

A wheelchair, walker and baby changing facilities are available: please ask.



Nativity scene

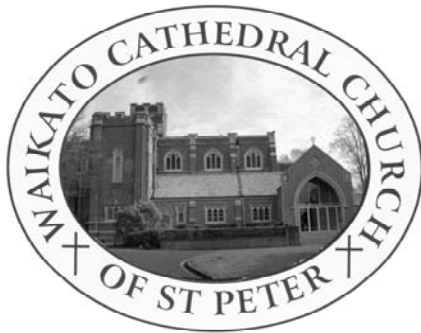
THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

8.00 am	Eucharist	President Preacher
9.45 am	Choral Eucharist & Nativity Play	President Preacher
11.30 am	Informal Eucharist	President

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
The Dean, Jan Joustra
Sunday School
The Rev'd Canon Pine Campbell



Dear Friends,

The Advent Adventure

How are you going with your Advent readings? If you are following the Lectionary you will have noticed that last Sunday's Old Testament reading was Malachi 3:1-4.

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a fullers soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in the former years."

On reading this passage, it struck me that one of the truly exciting things about being a Christian during Advent (and at every other time for that matter) is simply "living" into God's unfolding future. This is the future which He is bringing about, a future in which we are invited to participate, yet have no ultimate control over its timing or its eventual outcome. That is, in the end, we do not determine its shape or its features. We cannot speed up its coming, nor can we slow it down. We can only wait for it to break upon the stage of world history, and then receive it as a gift from the one who invites us to journey with Him into it.

Blessings, Phil.

THIS WEEK			
MONDAY 14 DECEMBER			
1.30 pm	Funeral, Bev Bremner.		
7.30 pm	LOFT		699 River Road
TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
5.30 pm	Eucharist (<i>with laying on of hands and prayer for healing</i>)		
WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
10.00 am	Eucharist		
10.00 am	Music and Movement (<i>during term time</i>)		Cathedral Centre
7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice		Tower
THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
12.10 pm	Reflective Eucharist		
7.30 pm	Choir Practice		
FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER			
8.45 am	Morning Prayer		Saint Anne's Chapel
SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER			
SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER		THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT	
8.00 am	Eucharist	President Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson The Dean, Jan Joustra
9.45 am	Choral Eucharist	President Preacher	The Dean, Jan Joustra The Dean, Jan Joustra
11.30 am	Informal Eucharist	President	The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson
7.00 pm	Carol Service	Officiant	The Dean, Jan Joustra

Roster for Sunday 13 December	
8.00 am	
Liturgist	Wendy Tyrrell
Welcoming	Joy McRobie
	Ross McRobie
Readers	Joy McRobie
	Ross McRobie
Prayer Ministry	Andrea Haines
09.45 am	
Liturgist	Lyn Toki
Welcoming	Jean Redout
	Bruce Ram
Sidespeople	Nigel Sherwen
	Sandie Sherwen
Morning Tea	Kim Ayers
	Ken Ayers
Readers	
	Nativity Play
Gospel	
Intercessor	Rosemary Blackwell
Chalice	Lyn Toki
	Annika Hinze
	Andrew McKean
	J Mupandawana
	Nigel Kapoor
	Glenda King
Prayer Ministry	Ann Couch
	Rosemary Blackwell

Roster for Sunday 20 December	
8.00 am	
Liturgist	Bryan Bang
Welcoming	Margaret James
	Andrea Haines
Readers	Wendy Tyrrell
	Rosemary Allbrook
Prayer Ministry	Shirley Wilson
09.45 am	
Liturgist	Pam McAdam
Welcoming	Joan Nicholson
	Chris Hickey
Sidespeople	Giles Brant
	Brigit Brant
Morning Tea	Shirley Muir
	Anne Burroughs
Readers	John Mitchell
	P Koopman-Boyden
Gospel	Lesley Hyde
Intercessor	Giles Brant
Chalice	Pam McAdam
	Bruce Ram
	Jean Redout
	Jean Robertons
	Shirley Wilson
	Elizabeth Bang
Prayer Ministry	Alan Parkin
	Petra McQuoid

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER
Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

MEN'S SHELTER DINNER ROSTER
19th December. Joshua and Alan.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Eucharistic Liturgy "Thanksgiving of the People of God" may be found in the New Zealand Prayer Book on page 404.

INTRODUCTION

My brothers and sisters, we gather on this third Sunday of Advent to hear the cry of John the Baptist who invites us as a community to live our Christian lives in charity and harmony. May we who celebrate the sacred mysteries today turn to the Lord in prayer and in obedience to God's Word.

OPENING HYMN LONG AGO PROPHETS KNEW

(Number 2 in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant:

We have this **ADVENT WREATH** to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. As we light the third candle let us say together:

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

A young person asks:

Why do we light the third candle?

A parent replies:

We light the third candle to remind us of John the Baptist, who told us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. He said, "I am a voice that cries in the wilderness; Make a straight way for the Lord."

Liturgist:

"A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light." (John 1:6-8)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant:

Let us say together:

Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. Amen.

INTROIT

Shepherds Loud their Praises Singing. Rowley.

President:

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.

Amine.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you.

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Liturgist:

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your holy name;
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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ERNIE AND GLENDA

wish to extend an invitation to their friends at church to attend their wedding on Saturday 23rd January 2010 at 2pm followed by light refreshments and later a wedding dance at 8 pm. If you are interested please let Ernie and Glenda know so they have an idea of numbers. Telephone 852 5448.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Great holiday activity for the kids. Please come and help make the Christingles at 10 am on Wednesday 23rd December in the kitchen at the Cathedral Centre.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TREES AT THE METEOR

As you will be aware TREES AT THE METEOR IS BACK!

Our wider Christmas Community mission is back with more joy than 2009. Again artists are being asked to reflect on what Christmas means to them - and we have the opportunity at the St Peter's Cathedral to present something of the redemptive power, the mystery and the wonder of the incarnation what Christmas means to us.

BUT WE NEED HEARTS AND HANDS!

If you are able to promote these positions through your church we would really appreciate it!

SOME HOT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR!

Cashiers; People choice Vote coordinators; Street Welcomers/ Bouncers Theatre Guides; Cathedral welcomer/ exit person; Hospitality team; Cafe helpers; Car park guide Drive Way guide; Donkey driver/ collector Donkey monitors; Lawn installation monitor; Security. If you're available for one or more nights (or even a part of a night) for any of these positions please get in touch with Jemma Allen: jemma@waikato.ac.nz as soon as possible and we will get back to you with details regarding your shift/s. (Let us know what role above you'd prefer to help out with, and the nights you can help (Tues = 15, Sat =19th)

We are looking forward to working with you. Just for the love of it.

SEE YOU AT TREES 09

DAVE and the Incedo crew

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Christmas Cards, Christmas Music, Gifts and Nativity Sets

BEVERLEY BREMNER

It is with real sadness that we note the passing of Bev Bremner. Bev was a regular helper at Wednesday Communion services where she helped with morning tea. Perhaps not so well known to us was the quiet and unobtrusive ministry of care she routinely offered to the residents of Hilda Ross village where she lived. Bev was a person who always had a cheerful and positive word for everyone she met. Life was at times a struggle for her but she never complained and always directed her attention and love outwards towards others. Her funeral will be held on Monday 14th December at 1:30pm in the Cathedral.

PRESENTS UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

If you would like to place a child's present under the Christmas tree in the Cathedral then it will be distributed by Anglican Action to those who would otherwise get nothing at this season. Please indicate on the present whether it is for a boy or a girl, and give a rough indication of the age of child for whom it would be suitable.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes will begin early next year and the Confirmations will take place on the Feast of Pentecost, 23 May 2010. Enrolment forms are available from the Cathedral Office.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

20 December	7.00 pm	Lessons and Carols
24 December	2.00 pm	Blue Christmas Service
	5.30 pm	Christingle (for the kids)
	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (with incense)
25 December	8.00 am	Eucharist (with Carols)
	9.45 am	Choral Eucharist

CHURCH ALIVE AND TAONGA MAGAZINES

The new editions of *Church Alive* and *Taonga* are available at the back of the Cathedral. Please take copies for your friends and those who may not otherwise receive them.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

(please kneel or sit)

Liturgist

Jesus said: There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

**Merciful God,
we have sinned in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

President:

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

(Number 28 in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

NATIVITY PLAY (please sit)

During the Nativity Play hymns 33 (choir) 16, 37, and 51 in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book will be sung.

THE PEACE (please stand)

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou./The peace of Christ be always with you.

A ki a koe ano hoki./And also with you.

Please respond in either language.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN HARK THE GLAD SOUND

(Number 5 in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

ARCHDEACON REG PONDERES ON CHRISTMAS COMMERCIALISM

Many Christians are critical of Christmas. One of their main objections is the way the season is always commercialised.

This has been the case for hundreds of years. Just think of the time when the Puritans managed England, and of how they made sure that Christmas was banned.

It seems to me, however, that there may be a positive side to all of this commercialism that many people fail to see.

While it cannot be denied that shops make use of the Christmas season in order to boost their revenue, in so doing such businesses give a great boost to the Christian message.

One result of this is seen in church attendances. Perhaps because of all the publicity, we get a far higher church attendance at Christmas than at Easter—even although Easter is supposed to be the most important season of all.

Some years ago, a church had a message in stained glass which read: “Glory to God in the Highest.” Unfortunately the window became broken, and the letter ‘e’ was obliterated. The result then read: “Glory to God in the High st.”

While it is important for the churches to proclaim “Glory to God in the Highest,” I personally find no offence when the message of the shops is “Glory to God in the High Street.”

After all, Christmas says Jesus came right where we are—not to a beautiful church, but to a busy world of commerce and industry. And so I never object when I see shops advertising the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem.

Reg Nicholson

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

The Thursday study group that meets after the Reflective Eucharist on Thursdays is having an Advent-themed study until Christmas. All are welcome.

CAROL SERVICE 20TH DECEMBER 7.00 PM FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE IN THE COURTYARD

**** Please bring a plate of your favourite mince pies. Wine will be provided. ****

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Christmas cakes will be on sale after the 9.45 am services on Sundays in Advent. If you have special requests (e.g. no mixed peel) please speak with the Dean or Rosemary Blackwell.

love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

FINAL HYMN O COME , O COME EMMANUEL!

(Number 1 in the red Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Hymn Book)

During each of the four weeks of Advent an extra verse of the hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel", will be sung unaccompanied by the organ. The service concludes in silence as we await the coming of our Lord.

Please join us for refreshments after the 8.00 am and 9.45 am services.

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

For those in need: Michael, Helen, Soumaya, Matthew, Alan, Nancy, Athol, Richard, Helen, David, Chris, Elaine, Diana, Carrie, Freda, Bob, Nicholas, Lesley, Matthew, Maurice, Pearl.

Birthdays: Heather Hitchens 13; David Pineaha-Sarsfield 13; John Campbell 14; Molly Brant 15; Dilip Kurien 15; Kim Ayers 16; Sarah Burroughs 16; Kiri Johnson 18; Nigel Kapoor 18; Nariko McDonnell 19;

Wedding Amy and Craig Hacker-Cary 17.

Anniversaries:

In Memoriam: Margery Hardy 14; Mary Barnett 14; Esther Rogers 15; Mary Simmers 16; Mavis Gaylard 16; Ena Stevens 17.

In the Anglican Communion and Diocese of Waikato: St Margaret's seria, Brunei in the Diocese of Kuching, and the parishes of Stratford and Tamahere in the Diocese of Waikato.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The president says:

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature.

By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

In his coming among us the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him you will make all things new when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this

to remember me'. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said: 'Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me'.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Jesus Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Rimsky-Korsakov

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**We who are many, are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us your peace.**

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GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president says the invitation to communion.

Come God's people, Come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

THE INVITATION

God invites everyone to gather around his table. We extend an invitation to all to come forward and receive this Holy Sacrament.

During the administration of Communion prayer ministry will be available in Saint Anne's Chapel.

ANTHEM

Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding. Bach.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living he declared your