

The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt
St James Church and All Saints Church, Belmont

NEWSLINK

13 December 2020 – Advent 3

Naumai, haere mai! Talofa! Malo e lelei! 欢迎(Huānyíng!) Welcome!

Our Sunday services this week are:

8am –Eucharist at St James

9am –Eucharist at All Saints, Belmont Domain

10am – Family Eucharist at St James

7.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

The third candle is lit

Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace

All: Let light shine in our
hearts and minds.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11, John 1:6-8,19-28

Sentence: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to bring good news to the oppressed and to 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 Jesus Christ, when he comes in his glorious kingdom.

Amen.

Prayers for this week:

The Church

For the church in the Falkland Islands and Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Falkland Islands
For Journey Christian Fellowship: Emile Pacifique, Froduald Mugiraneza
For Naenae Urban Vision team; Te Puna Manawa centre at Naenae; and the Trade School Kitchen.

The World

For the UK as the deadline for Brexit approaches; particularly those most vulnerable to economic dislocation.

The Covid-19 Pandemic

As possibilities for a viable Covid-19 vaccine emerge, we pray not just for their development, but also for their equitable distribution.

The Community

For children as they finish school, and for teachers as they look toward a well-earned break after a very strange year.

The Local Church

For the choir as they get ready for tonight's Lessons and Carols and the other Christmas services, and all other musicians at St James and All Saints.

Those for whom prayer is asked and for their carers:

Emma, Daniel, Leila, Eddie B, Jocelyn, Diana, LSC, Amanda R, Jennifer, Reeta, Philippa, Selwyn, Angus, Priscilla, Dorothy.

Those with long-term needs and their families: Pray for those whose names are known to us.

Those who mourn, those who have died: Roy Bohmer

And THIS EVENING at 7.30pm....

You are invited to
come to our
special service

A FESTIVAL OF *Nine Lessons & Carols*

Sunday 13 December, 7.30pm at St James

Subsidies for New Wine

If you would like to attend New Wine, but have decided not to because of costs, please think again!

We want to assist young people, or families with children, to attend this fun family time in Kāpiti (held 21-25 January 2021). To get an idea of the support available, please speak with our Vicar, Peter, or talk with Andy Spence.

If you are interested please register and pay online at <http://newwine.org.nz/summer-festivals/> Once you have paid, please email a letter of application and a copy of the receipt, to Rev'd Peter Benge, vicar@stjames.net.nz. It would be helpful to include your bank account number to facilitate prompt payment of the reimbursement, should your application be accepted.

Applications close on Tuesday, 15 December.



Concert next Sunday afternoon, 20 December at 2.30pm at St James Church.

Yury Gezentsvey (NZ Symphony Orchestra) and Jonathan Berkahn will be presenting a concert of Handel violin sonatas at St James at 2:30 pm, Sunday. Desiree Gezentsvey will be reading some of her poetry between the pieces.

A chance for reflection in the middle of the Christmas rush.

ADVANCE NOTICE FROM VESTRY:

Next year during Lent (Feb-Mar) the parish will be undertaking a mission and action planning process to set our direction for the next 5 years. We hope to have as many parishioners as possible involved in this process. Please keep a watch for further information in the coming weeks.

Daily readings:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Psalm 25 3-8 Matt 21 23-27 | Psalm 34 1-6,21-22 Matt 21 28-32 | Psalm 85 7-end Luke 7 18b-23 | Psalm 72 1-5,19-20 Matt 1 1-17 | Psalm 72 1-2,12-13,19-20 Matt 1 18-24 | Psalm 71 3-8 Luke 1 5-25 |

8am Eucharist – p.404 NZPB – St James

President: Peter Bengé
Preacher: Murray Wills
Leader: Ken MacKenzie
Readers: Peggy Roberts
Peter Barlow

9am Eucharist – All Saints, Belmont

President: Derek Lightbourne
Sermon: Derek Lightbourne
Leader: Harry Adam
Reader: Phil Gibbons

10am Family Eucharist – St James

President: Peter Bengé
Preacher: Murray Wills
Leader: Guy Benton
Herald: Jess Low
Servers: Emma Mansfield
Aarushi Amolik

Welcome

Song *What a beautiful name*
Kyrie Eleison

Sentence *(read by the Herald)*

Collect *(see front page)*

Reading *Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 (Penn Pattison)*

Gradual *On Jordan's bank*

Gospel *John 1:6-8,19-28 (Maureen Lamb)*

Sermon *Murray Wills*

Intercessions *(Jonathan Berkahn)*

The Peace

Offertory *This I believe (The Creed)*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer in te reo maori

Communion

Agnus Dei *(Berkahn)*

As I went down to the river to pray

All I once held dear

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Song *Hills of the North, rejoice!*

Dismissal

Please join us after the service for morning tea in the foyer.

Diary for the Week

Wednesday

12.15pm Eucharist

Thursday

10am Chirping Cherubs in the church (17 Dec will be the final for the year)

10am Book of Common Prayer communion service held in Children's Room (Final for the year)

Saturday

8.30am Prayer St James

Sunday 20 December

8am service St James

9am service at All Saints

10am service at St James

The Lower Hutt Foodbank closes on Wed 23 Dec. If you have donations of food for the Foodbank for the Christmas season, please bring it by Sunday 20th, so it can be delivered to the Foodbank in time for distribution.

5.30pm Family Christmas Service – Thur 24 Dec

We would welcome contributions of fruit mince pies and children's biscuits for the refreshments for parishioners and visitors (usually about 250 people) after the Christmas Eve 24 December 5.30pm Service.

If you can help, please deliver your contribution of refreshments to St James Church any time prior to Christmas Eve.



Our Christmas Offering this year is for those in need locally (Lower Hutt Foodbank) and overseas (Christian World Service Appeal). Please place your gift in one of the envelopes in the pews and put it in the offering plate or hand it in at the office.

Do you need help or would you appreciate a phone call? Contact details are below:

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