

The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt

St James's Church

All Saints' Church

12th September 2021 – Stewardship Sunday

Welcome! Naumai, haere mai! Malo e lelei! Talofoa! 欢迎 (huānyíng!)

Theme: Stewardship

Sentence: *God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Collect: Jesus,
receive our love and worship,
and help us to invest our lives in your service,
for nothing is too big or small
for us to offer, or for you to use. **Amen.**

Today, it's Stewardship Sunday. Over this period, we prayerfully consider how much we can each give to the Parish in order that it can meet its commitments for Ministry.

A steward is someone who manages the property, finances or household of another, someone who is not an owner, but a manager – just like we are. We have been entrusted as the stewards of many things including God's church and its resources, its ministry, and God's creation in this world.

As Christians we believe that everything we are, and everything we have is a gift from God, and that we will use our resources to participate in the restoration of the world through the building of God's kingdom.

As God loves a cheerful giver, let's rejoice that through God's goodness we have gifts money, time, and talents to share, and today consider how we can help to provide for the services and ministries we offer as a Parish through a review of our giving. (Murray Wills)

Stewardship Prayer

Generous and loving God,
you call us to be disciples of your son, Jesus,
and to be good stewards of all your many gifts.

Open our hearts and minds to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of the way you bless us every day.

Transform us through your spirit, who moves in us and between,
so that we may live lives of generosity and compassion,
trusting in all that you provide, willingly serving the neighbours among whom you have placed us.

Bless the pledges we make this month.
May they be signs of our willingness to live with open hands,
growing as stewards of your giving love. **Amen.**

If you have your Stewardship pledges and responses ready, you can post them in the free-post envelope provided in your pack. If you are making changes to your regular Automatic Payment giving, you can make the changes on the Internet or arrange the change by contacting your bank.

We thank all of you who have made this commitment towards the work of the Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt.



Sunday 12 September 2021 at 9.30am

We are now in Alert Level 2 but this does not mean Sunday services in church - it will again be a ZOOM service. After the service ends today, you are invited to stay on-line for a Parish meeting about the Hall Development project. Please read the information below.

The Zoom Link for the Sunday service (9.30am) is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82288208761?pwd=ajhaNHdFWmRaSC9naXVBV1pPUmINUT09>

Meeting ID: 822 8820 8761, Passcode: **635400**

OR BY PHONE Dial by your location: (if you are in the Wellington district, dial 886 0026)

+64 4 886 0026 New Zealand

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Hall Development Update meeting

A Parish meeting will be held today, Sunday 12 September, to update us all on the Hall Upgrade Project, and to consider both the Concept Plans and requirements for Diocesan approval. This will include some missional aspects from the relevant aspects of the Mission Action Plan work. The parish meeting will follow the 9.30am Zoom service and be part of that session. We will report on this Parish Meeting subsequently.

Prayers for this week:

The Church

- We pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania (Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa).
- For Silverstream parish (James and Julia Coleman and their family).
- For Journey Christian Fellowship (Emile Pacifique and family).

The World

- For the situation in Afganistan as the Taliban establish their hold; for those who are now in danger; and for refugees as they reach their new homes.

The Covid-19 Epidemic

- For those grieving loved ones that have not been able to gather for funerals during Levels 3 and 4.

The Community

- For those businesses and workers suffering financial hardship as a result of not being able to open; and for those finding ingenious ways of carrying on business.

The Local Church

- For the small groups that continue to meet at Level 2.

Those for whom prayer is asked

- Roger and Diana, Emma, Daniel, Leila, Ian, Diana, Stephen, Sheldon, Joyce, John, Beverley, Emily, Carol, and Sarah, Matthew, Michael and Edward.

Those who mourn, those who have died.

- Hugh Gilman.

Preacher: Murray Wills

Leader: Allen Sutton

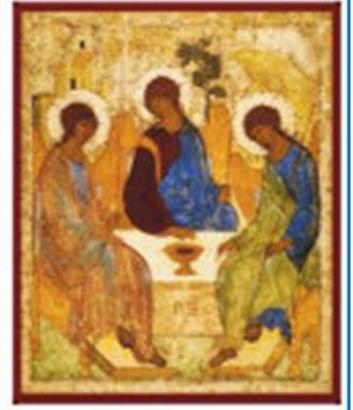
Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (Helen Bengé)

Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24 (Richard Lamb)

Intercessions: Ralph Robertshawe

Choral Evensong via ZOOM, 5pm today

Evensong at **5pm** today will focus on a famous icon - generally known as the 'Rublev Trinity'. In this 15th century painting, Russian artist Andrei Rublev has skilfully interwoven the visit of three angelic beings to Abraham, meeting in Eucharist, while symbolically portraying the Trinity. The preacher is Derek Lightbourne. The service will include music fitting for the devotions with musician and choir, beginning at **5pm**.



**Sunday Service from the
Anglican Diocese of Wellington**

Shine TV

Sunday 12 September, 2.45pm

Daily prayers by ZOOM - 9am prayers, Monday to Friday, and 8.30am on Saturday via Zoom with these meeting details:

Meeting number: 782 3267 4706

Passcode: **Lambchops**

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For your personal daily prayer time (taken from the Anglican Lectionary):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 28	Psalm 98	Psalm 111	Psalm 111	Psalm 49	Psalm 100
	1-5	1-5	6-end	1-8	
Luke 7	John 3	Luke 7	Luke 7	Luke 8	Luke 8
1-10	13-17	31-35	36-end	1-3	4-15

Message from the Diocese

www.movementonline.org.nz/blog/bishops-news-tending-to-our-hearts

This week's prayer points in our Movement:

Let's pray for our climate. Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Events

Everything about diocesan life is better when we're together - so here is one event we'd love to see you at soon: [Synod 2021](#) - Now 16 October

This week both Bishop Justin and Bishop Ellie will take part in their third round of Bishop's Conversations. These global conversation groups have been created as the pathway for the world-wide gathering of the Bishops within our Anglican Communion at Lambeth next year.

Remember the Anglican Mission's GET ONE. GIVE ONE. Campaign? We have hit our target of \$80,000! But it's not the end ... If you haven't donated yet you still can. As you get your vaccinations, send your donation of \$10 (or more) per vaccination to the Mission's 'givealittle' page. As the Archbishop of Canterbury, echoing many global leaders, has said, "no one is safe until we're all safe".

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ZOOM Small Groups: Please contact us to join any of these groups.

Kid's Prayers	Tuesday 6.45pm	rebeccaheerdegen@gmail.com
Bible Study	Wednesday 10am	millermargaretm@outlook.com
Woburn	Wednesday 7.30pm	maureen@lamb.org.nz
Families	Wednesday 8-9pm	rebeccaheerdegen@gmail.com
Central Hutt	Thursday 7.30pm	benges@orcon.net.nz

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To AAW members:

It is unlikely that we will be able to hold our meeting on September 14th. We'll let you know what happens next as soon as we can.

Take care; stay safe.

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Jesus said: 'Look at the birds of the air'.

As an initiative in Eco focus over lockdown, parishioners are invited to share sightings of birds in your neighbourhood, especially as more would seem to be appearing in lockdown space.

Photos are especially welcome. Derek Lightbourne is going to collate the information when Level 3 ends (not the numbers, only the variety). Please send a note of birds you've seen and where you saw them to dereklightbourne@xtra.co.nz

Check out also the parish Facebook page.

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How have the last few days been for you at Alert Level 2? I was walking around the supermarket today thinking that it felt similar to last week – face coverings, hand sanitiser, QR codes, and physical distancing. However, there is still a sense of freedom with the new Alert Level. We only need to look around the world (and indeed to Auckland) to know that we have much to be grateful for. It looks like the Delta variant of Covid has been able to be contained by “the team of 5 million”.

This week I have been reflecting about some of the various teams we have in the parish and my gratitude for these teams. I have been very grateful to those who have helped to ring through the parish roll to check up on parishioners who are not already being contacted by established phone trees. With over three hundred households in our parish, I have been grateful for each of you who has made/is making these phone calls. I have also been grateful for those working on the Hall Development who have worked hard this week to prepare a presentation for the parish. This presentation will be shared after the (shortened) 9.30am Zoom service this Sunday. I am grateful to Vestry for their work, mostly behind the scenes, to 'get things done'. This parish is well served by their Vestry. I am grateful to those working on the MAP process – their work is far from over, but they have been able to contribute some of their (relevant) work to the presentation on Sunday. But most of all, I am grateful for the privilege to serve such an awesome group of parishioners!

This week we are having our Stewardship Sunday. I have heard from many parishioners that they have sent in their pledge form and changed their giving amounts online. Thank you to all of you who have done this. Whilst it is not the most comfortable thing to ask for more, especially in this time when there are many who are affected by the Covid lockdowns, it is still necessary for us to do so. Please know that we are grateful for any extra contribution you can make.

What is one thing that you are grateful for today? I invite you to thank God for that.

Thanks be to our God, who is our faithful companion.

Arohanui, Raewyn Berkahn (PEL).

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FUND-RAISING

MOVIE:

'No Time to Die' 007: The date for our movie was changed again last week. As we are in Covid Level 2, and not knowing how long this will last, we have postponed the event. It was originally planned to be a social evening, but under Covid Level 2, if we went ahead, we would have to practice social distancing ie 2 metres, and we would have to use two or three theatres. When we move to Level 1, and if the film is still showing, I will try to get a theatre, or find a new film.

Margaret Miller

BOOK FAIR:

Our Book Fair was scheduled to be held September 24-25th, but this date is now in doubt. Currently looking at changing the date to possibly Friday 8th and Saturday 9th October, with preparation and set up being Wednesday 6th- Friday 8th October (which is during the school holidays). We will advise you as soon as the date of the Book Fair is confirmed.

In the meantime:

Please let us know via email or phone call if you have books, puzzles or DVD / CDs to donate, and leave your phone number for us to call you as soon as we can accept donations again.

Email reception@stjames.net.nz **Phone:** 04 569 6737 ext 800.

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Contact details:

Please get in touch if you have any concerns while we are in Lockdown.

Vicar	Revd Peter Bengé vicar@stjames.net.nz	021 2541354
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PEL/Parish Admin	Raewyn Berkahn parish.admin@stjames.net.nz	021 245 2677
Youth Pastor	Jess Hedge jrlhedge@gmail.com	021 073 9147
All Saints Chairperson	Phil Gibbons philip.gibbons46@gmail.com	027 224 6809

Families Small Group 8-9pm Wednesdays on Zoom

We are a virtual house group of parents

Which means we all understand if you can't make it, are late, leave early, have to pop out mid session, or we can hear funny noises in the background!

What do we do?

*Some form of bible study/reflection/discussion for discipleship,
Pray together*

*Build deeper connections with each other and the parish
...and occasionally we meet up in the real world for lunch*

Kids Prayers 6.45pm Tuesdays on Zoom

What do we do? Read the Bible or other Christian story

Pray together using the Lord's Prayer and TOPS (pray a **thank you**, pray for **others**, pray for something **personal**, and pray for help to do things differently (**sorry**))

How long? 15-30 minutes (bedtime is important too)

Who is it for? Aimed at kids aged 5-12ish. If you think your child(ren) might enjoy it, they are very welcome to zoom in and try it out

For both these groups contact Rebecca Heerdegen (rebeccaheerdegen@gmail.com)

Local Businesses Who Deliver

Meat

1. <https://www.themeatbox.co.nz/>
2. Hardy St butchery at Waterloo takes telephone orders and delivers. If you ring 566 7939 or 027 357 0100 and leave a message before 10 pm, they will deliver next day. Other contacts are: <https://www.facebook.com/hardystreetmeats> (message them on messenger) or email on hardystreetmeats@gmail.com. Pay by internet banking on their advice of cost. (Raewyn's note: this butchery was recommended by four of the people who contacted me. All of them were very positive about this business.)

Vegetables/fruit

1. Homegrown – their website is very good with picture blocks of food. If you order a box of vegies and fruit (small ones too) they will take out anything that you don't want. <http://www.homegrown.kiwi>. PH Rachel 027 273 8270, email: homegrownvege@gmail.com.

Wine and Beer

1. <https://alana.co.nz/>
2. <https://www.delivereasy.co.nz/>
3. <https://baylands.beer/>

Bakery

1. <https://www.thebakerybasket.co.nz/>

Other

1. <https://www.alittlebitofbritain.co.nz/>
2. <https://www.atlaspowercoffee.co.nz/>
3. <https://baronhasselhoffs.co.nz/collections/all>

Online lists of businesses

1. <https://i.stuff.co.nz/business/300387017/covid-19-nz-lockdown-deliveries-what-you-can-get-where#datawrapper-chart-Jz0zc>
2. <https://www.countdown.co.nz/>
3. https://www.wellingtonnz.com/experience/eat-and-drink/top-local-food-and-drink-delivered-to-you/?fbclid=IwAR2GF3D2scFWiOFj_IH9c3ZMgFNqQa0kVez61XRyfbKb7TsmliYz0q5roSw

**For offerings or other payments to
our Parish bank account:**

BNZ account 02 0528 0045901 00

Reference: [surname] reason [eg offering]