



## Prayers for this week:

### The Church

- We await your coming, Lord. Bless us and all those we love, with your deep aroha.
- We pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa (Archbishop Albert Chama)
- For the parish of Eketahuna (Jill Woods) and Whanganui Police Chaplaincy (Stuart Goodin).

### The World

- For those affected by Typhoon Rai in the Philippines, as they also struggle with the pandemic, one of the hardest hit in South East Asia.

### The Covid-19 Epidemic

- For us all as we adjust to a reality where Covid may be present in the community once again in the near future.

### The Community

- For families where poverty, violence, and difficult family relationships make Christmas a stressful time.

### The Local Church

- For all visitors who will be present at our services over the next few days; may they feel welcome, and encounter You in this place.

### Those for whom prayer is asked

- Bill, Lynley, Emma, Daniel, Leila, Ian, Diana, Stephen, Sheldon, Joyce, John, Emily, Holly, Ryan, Lindsay, Sophia, Lynne-Stella, Annette, Mark.

**We also pray for:** Connie, Peter, Roger, Dorothy, Louisa, Albert, Priscilla, Eddie B, Reeta and others known to us.

### Those who mourn, those who have died.

- Duncan Brown

**This Sunday: Preacher/Presider:** Peter Bengé

**Leader/Intercessions:** Murray Wills

**Readings:** Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45 (Barbara Taylor)

**Songs:** He hōnore / Who you say I am

Hope of the world

Hail Mary, full of grace

Ave Maria (Elgar) / Jesus I come (communion)

**Hymn 156** Come down, O love divine

## **NEXT SUNDAY!**

**BOXING DAY : SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 2021**

**Our Parish will have only one service on Boxing Day.**

**The All-in service will be Morning Worship at All Saints Church,  
6 Norfolk Street, Belmont Domain at 9am.**

Derek Lightbourne will preach. Parishioners who normally attend St James Church are most welcome to attend, along with the regular worshippers of All Saints.

A vaccine pass will be required.

After the service, morning tea will be served in the Norfolk Room.

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Christmas Day
Psalm 24 1-6 Luke 1 26-38	Psalm 33 1-4,11-12 Luke 1 39-45	Psalm 113  Luke 1 46-56	Psalm 25 3-9 Luke 1 57-66	Psalm 89 2,19-27 Luke 1 67-79	Psalm 96  Luke 2 1-14

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

<b>Kid's Prayers</b>	<b>Tuesday 6.45pm</b>	rebeccaheerdegen@gmail.com
<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>Wednesday 10am</b>	millermargaretm@outlook.com
<b>Woburn</b>	<b>Wednesday 7.30pm</b>	maureen@lamb.org.nz
<b>Families</b>	<b>Wednesday 8-9pm</b>	rebeccaheerdegen@gmail.com
<b>Central Hutt</b>	<b>Thursday 7.30pm</b>	benges@orcon.net.nz
<b>Prayer and Praise</b>	<b>Thursday 4pm</b>	lynnejayh@gmail.com

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**Good news! Infoodle** has launched a new phone app that is easier to use and has a fresh new look. Download the app from Google Play or the Apple App Store; search for Infoodle. Open the app and search for "Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt". Without signing in you can view the parish calendar, the Newslink page of our website or go to our parish Facebook page. If you have an Infoodle login you can also view your roster.

If you have questions about the Infoodle app or need assistance please contact Amanda Wills on 021 515 943 or [amanda@maxsys.co.nz](mailto:amanda@maxsys.co.nz).

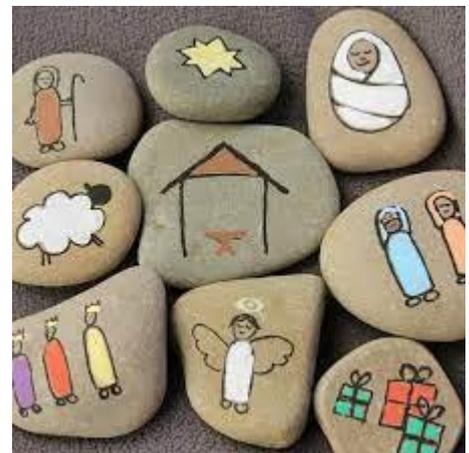
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**Please Help with Painting Stones!!!**

This year's Christmas Eve family service will centre on the Nativity Story using painted river stones to tell the Christmas story.

We need your help to draw or paint simple pictures of characters from the nativity story on river stones to give to families as a reminder of the Christmas story to take home. If we have any left over we will hide them around the gardens/Hutt Valley for families to find!

Come and collect a few stones from Reception to take home, **or you can join us after church on 19 December for a 'drawing bee'**. Feel free to use these images as inspiration or come up with your own designs!



You can use whatever tools you prefer – both paint and Sharpie pens work well. Please return your painted stones to Reception by **21 December** so that they can be glazed.

**Contact:** Fiona Strachan: [FJEStrachan@gmail.com](mailto:FJEStrachan@gmail.com) +64 22 068 5573

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**Farewell Gift for Peter and Helen**

We invite you to contribute towards a farewell gift for Peter and Helen. Please put your contribution into an envelope, marked "Gift for Peter and Helen".

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# A note from your PEL ...

Kia ora tātou,

This will be my last PEL note for now. The traffic light system is now in place and there is little to report on a weekly basis. If we move settings (to 'green' or 'red') information will be provided at that point.

This Sunday is the last Sunday in Advent, and the theme this week is love. Hope, peace, and joy have acted as a pathway directing us towards this fourth gift of Christmas. Reflecting on this pathway reminds me of 1 Corinthians 13:13:

*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

This morning I read an article on Stuff written by Bishop Justin about those who don't have access to vaccines for Covid-19. I invite you to read it too:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/coronavirus/127301162/when-we-talk-about-freedom-of-choice-lets-remember-those-who-have-no-choice>

Bishop Justin encourages us to look beyond ourselves, and our country, to the world and the needs present there. He then invites us to respond with love.

So, may all the gifts of Advent – God's hope, peace, joy, and love – be present with us all this week as we move towards celebrating the birth of Jesus. As we receive these gifts, I wonder how each of us is going to respond?

Arohanui,

Raewyn Berkahn  
Pandemic Emergency Leader

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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR SERVICES:

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## **All Saints' Church**

6 Norfolk Street, Belmont Domain

*(A vaccine pass will be required to attend these services.)*

**Christmas Day : 25 December 2021, 9am : Christmas Day celebration**

Sunday 26 December : Boxing Day

9am : Morning Worship

Sunday 2 January 2022 :

9am : Epiphany—Morning Worship

Sunday 9 January 2022 :

9am : Baptism of the Lord—Eucharist

Sunday 16 January 2022 :

9am : Epiphany 2—Morning Worship

Sunday 23 January 2022 :

9am : Epiphany 3—Eucharist

**30 January 2022 : 9.30am combined service at St James**

**Farewell to the Revd Peter Bengé and Helen Bengé**

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## **St James' Church**

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*ZOOM live streaming will be available : Meeting ID 822 8820 8761 : Passcode 635400)*

**Christmas Eve : 24 December 2021:**

5.30pm Children & families' service

11pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day : 25 December 2021**

8am Christmas Day celebration

10am Christmas Day celebration



**Sunday 26 December :** There will be no St James services on Boxing Day; the only service on Boxing Day will be at All Saints' Church—see above.

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