

***The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt
December 25th 2023***



Photo credit: Advent Wreath made at the All-Age Party, by Rev Annette Cater, 2023

NAUMAI, HAERE MAI! MALO E LELEI! TALOFA! 欢迎 (HUĀN YÍNG!)
Welcome all who are with us in person or on Zoom

Sentence: "I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11

Collect: Almighty God, you gave your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him, and be born of the Virgin Mary
grant that we, who are born again and made your children by
adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-9
Luke 2: 1-20

8am Eucharist ANZPB p404

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| Presider | Annette Cater |
| Preacher | Annette Cater |
| Leader | Alan Smith |
| Opening | 'O come all ye faithful' |
| Reader | James Middleton |
| Gospel | Lynne-Stella Hassett |
| Offertory Hymn | 'Once in royal David's city' |
| Final | 'Hark, the herald angels sing' |

10am Family Eucharist

Zoom – see below for the link

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| Presider | Annette Cater |
| Preacher | Annette Cater |
| Worship Leader | Allen Sutton |
| Server | Aarushi Amolik |
| Song 1 | 'O come, all ye faithful' (CfC p.88) |
| Song 2 | 'Joy to the world' (Band) |
| Collect | See front page |
| Reading | Mary Houston |
| Gradual Hymn | 'Carol our Christmas' (Band) |
| Gospel | Sarah Lerwill |
| Intercessions | Ralph Robertshawe |
| Offertory Hymn | 'Once in royal David's city' (CfC p.100) |
| The Lord's Prayer | |
| Agnus Dei | Gibbs |
| Communion | 'A maiden most gentle' 'Be not afraid' |
| Family Time/ Notices | |
| Final Song | 'Hark, the herald angels sing' (CfC p.39) |
| Dismissal | |
| Voluntary | |

9am All Saints Family Eucharist

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| Presider | Kathy Orr-Nimmo |
| Preacher | Kathy Orr-Nimmo |
| Leader | Harry Adam |
| Reading | (N/A) |

10am Service ON ZOOM

Copy and paste link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j82288208761?pwd=ajhaNHdFWmRaSC9naXVB1pPUmlNUT09>

By phone: Dial (04) 886 0026

Meeting ID: 822 8820 8761

Passcode: 635400

Prayers this week

God of grace
We behold your glory.

Eternal God, your Word brings everything into being, and in your grace we are adopted as your children.

Teach us to honour and respect the imprint of your essence in all people...

Your light shines in the darkness and nothing can overcome it.

Word of life, you inspire prophets to tell of your wonders and call your people to walk in your ways.

Guide the steps of those who sit in government...

Bring justice and peace for the good of your whole creation.

Spirit of truth and wisdom, you bring hope to birth and lighten the hearts of all who call on you.

May this celebration of our Saviour's birth renew within us the good news of your gift... Bless all with whom we exchange tokens of love and expand our concern to embrace strangers and unknown friends.

Blessed Lord, shine your light on all who walk in darkness;
any for whom this season heightens distress...
Anoint them with the oil of gladness.

Lord, you make ruined places break into song and restore all that has been lost.
Lift the heads of all who are weighed down with grief and give your new life to those who have died...

With the whole host of heaven, we will sing your praises and exalt your name.

Amen

(Prayers taken from *Intercessions for Years A, B and C* by Ian Black)

Let us pray this week for the following members of our congregation for whom prayer is asked:

Elizabeth W, Richard, Jean H, Megan, Dawn, Daniel, Tonia, Linda, Bridget, Lynley, John and Patricia, Rohan Samson, Shree Saluja, Skyler Samson, Diana B, Kristine

Let us pray for those who mourn, those who have died: Christopher Mcilraith (Jude Gibbard's brother), Ray Garner (Kevin's father)

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us!

We are so pleased you are joining the services today.

The Common Cup is offered to all at our communion services. You may decline a sip if you do not want drink from this cup.

Please note, NO dipping of wafers or bread.

**Can you contribute to the Lower Hutt Food Bank?
They would like our help.**

The food bank has requested:

Cereals
Soup - canned or packet
Honey/peanut butter,
Jams/Marmalade
Vegemite/Marmite
Canned tomatoes
Canned spaghetti and tomatoes
Canned Vegetables, Canned Meat
Canned Fruit, Dried Pasta and Noodles
Cooking Oil, Coffee, Tea and Milo
Milk powder
Soap powder
Sanitary products, Toothpaste, Hand soap

Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Office Summer Hours

The Parish Office will **close for Christmas on Friday, 15 December.**

It will reopen on Tuesday 16 January in a limited capacity, as some of the staff will still be On Leave at this time.

A summer Newslink will be published to convey essential worship information (Sentences, Collects, Readings) and announcements for the period that the Parish Office is closed.

9 Lessons and Carols Recording

The A/V Team at St James' has kindly recorded the 9 Lessons and Carols Service that was at St James' Church last Sunday.

If you'd like to enjoy the service again or know someone who wasn't able to attend that evening, please share this YouTube link with them:

<https://youtu.be/oe3MZkkNiRY>

Suzanne Duncan Thanksgiving Service Sunday, 11 February 2024, 10am St James' Church

A service to remember Suzanne Duncan and to welcome our new scholars will take place at the 10am Service.

A catered morning tea will follow the service. We invite past scholars from the past 30 years to join us at this service.

STRING BEAN PUPPETS PRESENTS:

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**FREE SCHOOL
HOLIDAY PUPPET
SHOW AND SHADOW
PUPPET WORKSHOP
FOR 4-10 YEAR OLDS**



A bat who is afraid of the dark finds his courage and discovers
the beauty of the night .

image credit:: Sophie Helm

WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY

10.30AM

ST JAMES



Christmas Miracle 2020

a true story

BY BERYL GLANVILLE

While planning food for Christmas
And thinking well ahead
We had a ham, Kate cooks roast lamb
A quiche ideal instead.

I ordered at the counter
And felt relieved, you see
So I could cook the vegetables
Make fruit kebabs for tea.

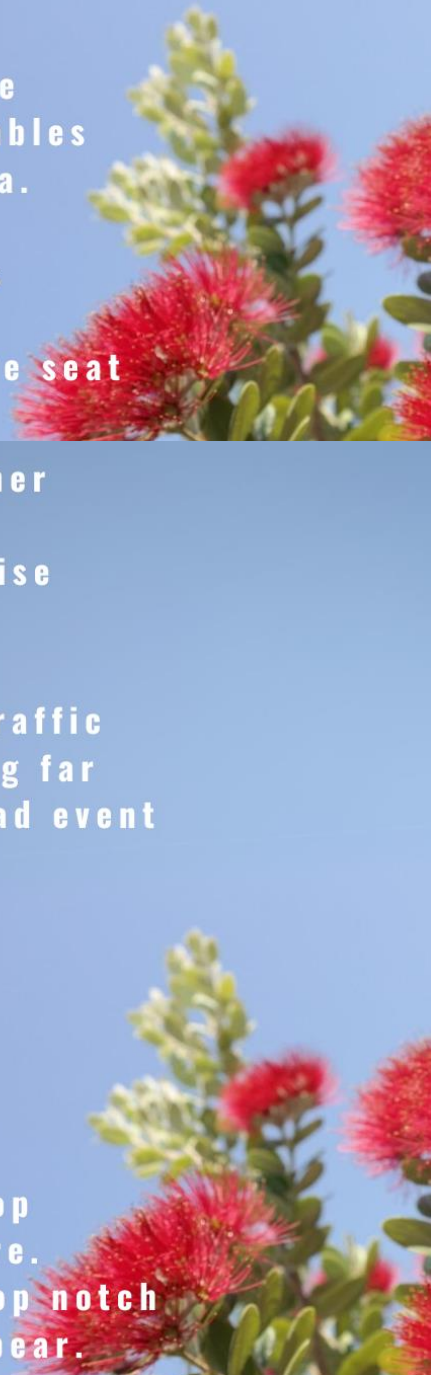
Two days before our Christmas
I drove down to the shop
And placed the quiche upon the seat
My wallet went on top.

Whilst driving around the corner
A honk, honk, HONK I heard.
I was alarmed to hear such noise
So pulled up at the kerb.

Amidst the Christmas traffic
three people travelling far
Had witnessed such a sad event
My wallet off the car.

Pure panic was arising
Would someone be a thief?
The lady who had picked it up
Would take it to the police.

I hurried to the cop shop
No happy comfort there.
My panic had just hit top notch
My grief was hard to bear.



So stumbling from the cop shop
Where could I go from there?
I had a quiche, no money but
Imagine my despair.

A lady who came walking
Black wallet in her hand
It was my missing item
So Christmas wasn't canned!

We both embraced then giggled
Best wishes shared with love
There are some glorious people
Sweet angels sang above.

So miracles do happen
With Christmas in the air
At every time, in every way.
Be brave, stay kind and care.



Services between December 31st 2023 to January 21st 2024

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| 8am | Eucharist, St James' Church |
| 9am | Morning Worship, All Saints Church Eucharist, All Saints Church |

Upcoming activities/ events

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| January 28 10am | Blessing of the backpacks During the 10am Service, Rev Annette will bless the backpacks of our school children and (adult) workers. If you'd like to have your backpack blessed, please come to the service with your backpack. |
| February 11 10am | Suzanne Duncan Thanksgiving Service A service to remember Suzanne Duncan and to welcome our new scholars. This will be during the 10am. A catered morning tea will follow the service. We invite past scholars to join us at this service. |
