

*The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt
22 December 2024 | 4th Sunday of Advent*



'The Virgin Mary' by Norval Morrisseau (1966)

NAUMAI, HAERE MAI! MALO E LELEI! TALOFA! 欢迎 (HUĀN YÍNG!)

Welcome all who are with us in person or online

Sentence: "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. Luke 1:45

Collect: God, faithful and true,
make us eager with expectation,
as we look for the fulfilment of your promise
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Today's Readings: Hebrews 4: 4-7, Luke 1: 39-45,

Let us pray...

for the following members of our congregation this week:

Jean H, Megan, Dawn, Tonia, Linda, Bridget, John and Patricia, Diana B, Margaret, Reeta George Laxman, Augustine Seaver, Emma Campbell, Marion, Emilie A, Golda P, Ian and Penny, Philip Janes, Kate and family, Kay and family, Belinda, Betty, Albert, Len C, Mary H, Roger

Let us pray for those who mourn, those who have died:

the Berkahn family, Winifred Maud Williams, Kristine Clariza, Albert Hamilton



Offering at the Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt

Our offerings process

We are using a cashless process and encouraging parishioners to give via electronic banking.

For those new to the parish or can only donate with cash, please find the wooden offering box located at the back of All Saints' / St James' Church.

When the donations are taken, the presiding priest will acknowledge ALL offerings, cash or electronic.

02-0528-0045901-00, St James' Church
Reference: [surname], [giving number],
[type of payment: offering]

**Daily Prayer (week days)
8am, via Zoom**

**Via Zoom link: - 78232674706
Passcode: - Lambchops**

Prayers this week

Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

*His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
[Luke 1:50]*

We pray for our families
and the communities around us.
Bless us as we look to welcome others into your
family;
hold us in your love.

*He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their
inmost thoughts.
[Luke 1: 51]*

We pray that your church would reflect your
mercy and humility.
Remind us of your faithfulness;
direct us beyond offerings and sacrifices
and conform us to your will.

*He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
[Luke 1:52-53]*

We anticipate your arrival, and the world cries
out for justice.
Bring peace to those at war,
convict the powerful to act
with compassion and love.

*Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your
will." [He sets aside the first to establish the
second]. And by that will, we have been made holy
through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.*

God of all hope and joy,
open our hearts in welcome,
that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming
may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

8am Eucharist, ANZPB, P404, St James'

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| Presider | Catherine Froud |
| Preacher | Catherine Froud |
| Worship Leader | Lynne-Stella Hassett |
| Reader | Ross Miller |
| Gospel | Alan Smith |
| Intercessions | Lynne-Stella Hassett |
| Chalice | Lynne-Stella Hassett |
| Welcomers | Alan Smith Robina Richardson |
| Sound | Mark Stone |
| Morning Tea | Margaret Miller |

9am Family Eucharist, All Saints

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| Presider | Kathy Orr-Nimmo |
| Preacher | Kathy Orr-Nimmo |
| Leader | Harry |
| Reading | Gill B |
| Intercessions | Lorraine |

**Nametags**

Just as you take your nametag from the stands at the start of church:
Please return them to the stand when you leave.

10am Family Eucharist, St James'

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| Presider | Catherine Froud |
| Preacher | Catherine Froud |
| Worship Leader | Barbara Taylor |
| Songs | 'This I believe (the Creed) 'Jesus, be the centre' |
| Reader | T |
| Gradual | 'Tuhia' |
| Gospel | Helen Willberg |
| Intercessions | Janice Brown |
| Offertory hymn | 'Tell out, my soul' (422) |
| The Lord's Prayer | English |
| Chalice | Barbara Taylor Jill Gazzard |
| Bread | Helen Willberg |
| Server | Ellen Yarrow |
| Agnus Dei | Berkahn (English) |
| Communion | 'Light of lights beholden' 'Who you say I am' |
| Family Time/ Notices | |
| Final Song | 'Love divine' (131) |
| Dismissal | |
| Welcomers | Jacques |
| Sound | Fiona Hall |
| Vision | Dean Pemberton |
| YouTube | Phil Mackenzie |
| Morning Tea | Susan Oxenbridge Heather Keith Liz Coates |

Livestream of 10am Service

<https://www.youtube.com/@stjamesallsaintschurcho2568>

Family Time/ Notices

Readings for this week

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| Mon | Mal 3:1-4, 4:5-end; Ps 25:3-9 Luke 1:57-66 |
| Tue | 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-11, 16; Ps 89:2, 19-27, Acts 13:16-26; Luke 1:67-79 |
| Wed | Ps 110, (117); Isa 62:1-5; Matt 1:18-25 |
| Thu | 2 Chron 24:17-22; Ps 31:1-8 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-60; Matt 10:17-22 |
| Fri | Exod 33:17-23; Ps 97; 1 John 1:1-5; John 21: 20-25 |
| Sat | Jer 31:15-20; Ps 8; 1 Cor 1:25-29; Matt 2:13-18 |

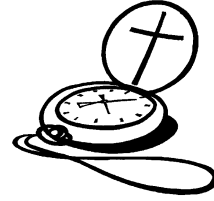
Lenten Study Guides 2025

If you or your fellowship/ Bible study group want to do a Lenten study next year, please place your order with Daniel at the Parish Office:

worship.support@stjames.net.nz

The cost of the booklet is **\$5 each**.
You can pay it in cash or make an online banking payment to:
02-0528-0045901-00, St James' Church
Reference: [lent book]

We expect these booklets to arrive at the Parish Office by the end of January.



Lenten 4 Week Retreat in Daily Life- 11 March – 6 April 2025

This is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life, focusing particularly on prayer with Scripture. You make the retreat at home, with a commitment to pray for **20-30 minutes each day**.

The structure of the retreat will include:

- an **opening session** at All Saints' Church
- **weekly one-on-one meetings**
- a **closing session**

The Rev Kathy Orr-Nimmo will be the Director of this retreat.

Rev Kathy was formed in Ignatian spiritual direction at Loyola House, Ontario, Canada in 2003, and has led many retreats in daily life since then.

A koha for the parish is encouraged.

Please contact Kathy if you plan to come, as she needs to know numbers to plan for the one-on-one meetings.

Mobile: 022 252 9929 or email:

ornimmo@hotmail.com

Note: Between 14-23 January, Kathy will be away and will be offline.
Avoid contacting her then.



Share the cost

Share the load

Share the joy

Meri Kirihimete

Aaaarg! was the word of the week to kick off Advent and it was so good to project ahead to see the impact of our congregation as the story of Christmas was retold from a very different perspective. Thanks to those who contributed to the pageant – a powerful message to tell a story in a different way.

We are now really into candles, angels and carolling so good to sing together and have the wonderful choir and music booming through the church. –

The decorations have been up in the Mall for most of the past month and we are being inundated with messages to shop, spend, gift, share, and celebrate. But lets just take a moment to step away from the commercial messaging and reflect on the pressure, the expectations, the flurry and the effect it creates on relationships. If you work with a team you are busy looking at what needs to be completed before the holidays, school session are easing off, some are looking to plan that holiday, some are checking on the bank balance for the shopping list, those at school are wondering who will be their teacher next year while others just want to get to the end in one piece and with their sanity intact!

What is it we really need to be doing to be grounded and focussed on the meaning of Christmas itself! What ever expectation we have of the festival time, the reality is that we get busy, can be overwhelmed, and pressured, and that challenges relationships we have with those around us.

So lets keep it simple, things are tough at the moment, interest rates may be dropping but just eating and putting petrol in the car causes us to stop and slow down and prioritise.

- Coming together to sing carols, pray, grieve, hug and laugh is therapeutic, it does not require us to splash out or over extend, it is about being together to be thankful for what we have, what we can share and how we relate and be who we really are.
- It takes less facial muscles to smile as it does to frown 😊
- So maybe it is time to gather your thoughts and start listing our blessings, friends, family, our groups within the parish, communities, and society itself.

If nothing else, this year has challenged us all in a number of ways – both within our parish family and society. Be thankful for what you have on the list for there are many who will have less.

It could even be time to recap and refresh our thoughts on what the good book said, it just may assist with keeping grounded - try this [Matthew 5:3-12](#)



Meri Kirihimete,
take time out to chill and think of your faith, love and peace,
Blessings for a joyous Christmas time with a safe and constructive new year

Lorraine on behalf of the Wardens

Rest and Worship

Dear Parish

I want to write to you about rest. That gift from God that reminds us of how the Christian faith is about good relationship: with God, with each other and with ourselves and our world. Our lives are a gift meant to be enjoyed, and we do that through gathering together as a church to worship, and by living rich and full lives as well.

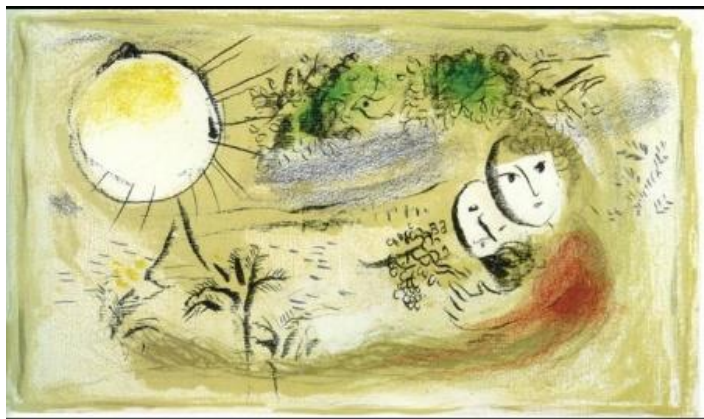


Image: 'The rest' by Marc Chagall (1968)

I make it a practice to reduce our worship services over January and simplify them because of rest and sabbath. Without noticing, many of you will always have a job to do on a Sunday at church. That's not necessarily a bad thing – as it means you are connected and active in your community of faith.

But sometimes it makes it hard to just participate and receive from God. We can slip into thinking that church is work and a duty; if we see a gap and we fill it often enough, it can make it hard to feel able to just be present. At the extreme, this leads to feeling like it's just another place that takes from us, guilts us and is only interested when we give – and that is damaging to our relationship with God: and our witness to others. We can even use it as a crutch. If I'm busy doing things at church I don't have to deal with other things in my life – sorting out household stuff, being available to family and friends that I don't see often enough, acknowledging how I'm really feeling when I finally stop and nobody needs anything from me.

Jesus said, "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." As Christians we testify to the truth that knowing Jesus makes a difference to our lives. That includes being good at resting and being able to receive.

In reducing services I recognise that those who go to the 10am service in particular are the most affected. I hope that you can see the gift this offers those in our community who help facilitate our worship throughout the year to be given a break. And that it gives you an opportunity to worship at 8am instead or join in at All Saints Belmont at 9am. You could even visit neighbouring churches or skip it altogether as see what people do on a Sunday morning when they aren't at church.

Normal services resume from Sunday 26th January with a blessing of the backpacks (or work bags) in all three congregations. Feel free to bring yours. And we will be advertising our Lenten studies, February Sunday Social events and be ready to journey into a new year together.

May God bless you this Summer,

Rev. Annette Cater



Hall Redevelopment Project Update

Thank you!

First, a huge thank you to everyone who so very kindly made a donation to our hall kitchen appliances and IT. As a result of your generosity, we can report that a total of \$13,050 has been either donated or pledged for kitchen appliances or IT. \$6,750 has been put towards kitchen appliances and \$6,300 for IT set-up.

We are still ideally looking for approximately \$10,000. If anyone who intended to make a donation, has yet to do so, we would be delighted to receive your gift.

TG Macarthy Funding Application

The donations we have received are even more important, because we have recently had a response from the TG Macarthy Trust declining our second application to them for funding. We remain very grateful for the \$100,000 donation they have already made to us. The Trust advised us that there had been a 51% increase in applications from the previous year; being 6 times the size of the grant budget.

Pub Charity Application for Furniture

There is other good news though. We recently submitted an application for \$17,750 funding for trestle tables and padded, stackable chairs for the Hall. We have just received advice that our application has been approved in full! We believe we are very fortunate to have received the grant, particularly for the full amount.

Lotteries Application

We have made application to the Lotteries Commission for Stage 2 funding; and have yet to receive notification of the results.

Showing our Appreciation

So, to show our parish's appreciation, and help comply with our accountability obligations, please tag both the TG Macarthy Trust and Pub Charity on Facebook, for their generosity and support to our project.

Our Continuing Request

If you are interested in providing an additional donation, **payment** can be either by:

- Direct payment into the Hall Development Trust Account **02-0528-0492904-002**, noting **(your name)** and **(Hall Kitchen)** as the payment references; or
- Cash for the funds can be included in a sealed envelope marked "**Confidential – Hall Kitchen Donation**".

The payment form to be completed is available either from the church office or by emailing HallDevelopment@stjames.net.nz .

Your PDAT team, Vicar and Wardens




LOWER HUTT ANGLICANS PIRATE ADVENT SCAVENGER HUNT


Ahoy, me hearties!

Be ye ready for a jolly good family adventure this here Advent? Grab yer little mateys or yer best crew and join our Pirate Scavenger Hunt!


Solve ye pirate riddles to chart yer course to a secret treasure spot!


To set sail, head on over to find yer first QR code clue. From there, the hunt begins!

 1 December – 5 January

 St James' Church,
71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt

CONTACT US

 Call to find out more
(04) 569 6737

 Visit our website
www.stjames.net.nz/event

 Visit our Facebook page
facebook.com/angparishlh

Everyone's welcome!

Christmas Services

ST JAMES' CHURCH, 71 WOBURN RD

Tue 24 Dec, 5pm

Family Christmas Eve Service

Tue 24 Dec, 11pm

Congregational Carols
Christmas Eucharist

Wed 25 Dec, 9am

Christmas Service

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, 6 NORFOLK ST

Wed 25 Dec, 9am

Christmas Service

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed from:

**Friday 13 December
to Monday 20 January**

We apologise for the inconvenience

Have a blessed and restful summer!

Everyone welcome.

Summer Calendar '25

ST JAMES' CHURCH, 71 WOBURN RD

Sun 29 Dec – 19 Jan, 8am Sunday Service only

Sun 26 Jan, 8 & 10am Sunday Services resume

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, 6 NORFOLK ST, BELMONT

Sun 29 Dec – 26 Jan, 9am Sunday Service



Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

TE WHARE KARAKIA NUI O PAORA TAPU KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

The Cathedral will continue to have its Choral Eucharist at 10am between 29 December to 19 January. Members of the parish are welcome to worship there if they still prefer to worship mid-to-late Sunday morning.

This service is also livestreamed at <https://www.wellingtoncathedral.org.nz/>

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DIARY THIS WEEK

Sunday 22 December

8am Eucharist, St James'

9am Family Eucharist, All Saints'

10am Family Eucharist, St James'

Tuesday 24 December

5pm Family Christmas Eve Service

11pm Congregational carols

Christmas eucharist, St James'

Wednesday 25 December

9am Christmas Service, All Saints

9am Christmas Service, St James'

Sunday 29 December

8am Eucharist, St James'

9am Family Eucharist, All Saints'

For the full events calendar visit:

<https://www.stjames.net.nz/infoodle-calendar>

Parish Office Hours

71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt

Tuesdays to Thursdays: 9am to 1pm

**When you have finished using the
Newslink, please return it to the back of
the church.**



All Saints Church
6 Norfolk Street, Belmont Domain



St James Anglican Church
71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt