

***The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt
24 & 25 December 2024 | the Eve of Christmas & Christmas Day***



‘Natividade’ by Alberto da Veiga Guignard (1959)

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

Welcome all who are with us in person or online

Sentences: “The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we have
Christmas Eve: seen his glory. “ John 1:14

Christmas Day: “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy
which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10, 11

Collect: Son of God, Child of Mary,
be born again in us this day
that through us the world may know
the wonder of your love.
Hear this prayer for your love’s sake.
Amen.

Readings:
Christmas Eve: Isaiah 9: 2-7, John 1:1-14,
Christmas Day: Isaiah 62:6-12, Luke 2:8-20

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, Thomas Basire

**Let us pray for those who mourn, those who have died:
the Berkahn family**



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.

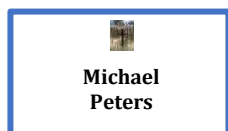
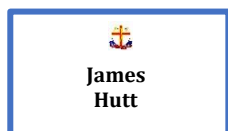
Amen.

11pm Carols & Eucharist, St James'

Presider	Annette Cater
Preacher	Annette Cater
Worship Leader	Heather Keith
Reader	Martin Haua
Gospel	Martin Haua
Intercessions	Daniel Luey
Chalice	Sarah Lerwill Lynne-Stella Hassett Barbara Taylor
Server	Megan Richter
Bread	Lynne-Stella Hassett
Welcomers	Sarah Lerwill Kathy Ingram
Sound	Chas Laurence
Vision	Daniel Luey

9am Christmas Service, All Saints

Presider	Kathy Orr-Nimmo
Preacher	Kathy Orr-Nimmo
Leader	Harry
Reading	Bloss
Intercessions	Richard



Nametags

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

9am Christmas Service, St James'

Presider	Annette Cater
Preacher	Catherine Froud
Worship Leader	Barbara Taylor
Songs	'O come, all ye faithful' 'Joy to the world'
Reader	Kathy Ingram
Gradual	'Carol our Christmas'
Gospel	Alan Smith
Intercessions	Allen Sutton
Offertory hymn	'Once in royal David's city' English
The Lord's Prayer	English
Chalice	Barbara Taylor Mark Stone Alan Smith
Bread	Sarah Lerwill
Server	Marielle Prisk
Agnus Dei	Wiltshire (English)
Communion	'Pōhutukawa carol' 'He honore'
Family Time/ Notices	
Final Song	'Hark, the herald angels sing'
Dismissal	
Welcomers	Dan Reeves Fiona Strachan Carol Hall
Sound	Fiona Hall
Vision	Daniel Luey
YouTube	Phil Mackenzie

Livestream of 9am Christmas Service

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

Family Time/ Notices

Readings for this week

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

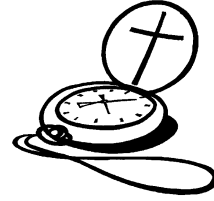
Lenten Study Guides 2025

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.




LOWER HUTT ANGLICANS PIRATE ADVENT SCAVENGER HUNT


Ahoy, me hearties!

Be ye ready fer 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

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Call to find out more
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www.stjames.net.nz/event



Visit our Facebook page
facebook.com/angparishlh



A message from Vestry

For some time now we have been trying to resolve our differences with the Family Centre over some operational matters. When I say some time, that is clearly an understatement as the issue has been ongoing since 1979 that is for the past 45+ years.

Attempts at resolving the relationship between us have involved a number of people (clergy, parishioners and staff) from within each of the parties over time and to date have proved unsuccessful and led to further embedded tension. The Diocese of Wellington is also a party to the relationship.

This tension impacts the efficiency and effectiveness of each party to deliver their mission and build a more effective community of faith within the Valley. It has coloured how we work together and our interactions within the Diocese and others in the community.

It is clear that each of the two key parties hold strong and firmly held beliefs – it can be said they are opposing, based on quite different cultural, philosophical principles, but our faith is the common element which provides the opportunity to identify the common bond and explore the potential that resolution and collaboration would provide.

On 31 October Rev Annette and Lorraine (as representatives of Vestry) met with Rev Charles Waldegrave to work through a draft amended agreement in an attempt to negotiate a resolution. It was constructive, honest, sensitive and prayerful.

We reached an agreement in principle, which has subsequently been ratified by the Vestry at their meeting in November.

The document has been signed by each of three parties - the Family Centre and Parish completed the process on **Thursday 19 December 2024** with members of their Trust Board and the Diocese present

The agreement provides the key parties the following provisions/benefits

- The Family Centre has confidence in its continued use and occupation of Brooks house for its Ministry
- The Parish will continue to use all parts of the site not occupied by the Family Centre
- There is an agreed map of the site to define the boundaries of each area as responsibility for each of the above
- There is a provision which sets out a number of statements regarding building a deeper understanding of the respective ministries
- The key parties are each responsible to meet the individual operating costs involved
- There are conditions identified in the event that the Family Centre needs to relocate or ceases to operate
- The Family Centre will forgo a current annual grant of \$18,500, paid from the Diocese of Wellington in respect of its work and mission

- The Diocesan Council redirects the sum of \$18,500 to the Parish from the Diocesan budget for 10 years from the date of the agreement

We have asked the leaders of the Family Centre to consider how best to rebuild the shaky but growing relationship – It is about how can we blend the very best of each and come together in a challenging and safe way in faith together. We are each taking time to reflect on this to consider options and timing. A theme to explore and prioritise in the new year.

I am aware that there may be a range of thoughts and emotions from parishioners on reading and learning about the signed agreement. Many of you have long time service and commitment within the Parish -you may hold strong beliefs about the nature of the relationship given the length of the disagreement.

While others of you may not have known, been aware or even or understood there was a difference of opinion and this is new information

I am mindful of Annette's sermon to us on Sunday 8 December where she asked us to consider our own acceptance or motivation to change opinions on a topic, saying that just a little movement /change by each of us in a positive direction could make a significant difference.

I ask that you each reflect about faith and consider the quality of relationships you have and want to build/create in the Parish, the Diocese, our community at large, and or wider society. As we look for the potential to grow our faith.

It will require(s) patience, tolerance and understanding sometimes it is the ability not to speak out loud but to reflect. We have much to learn and much to share Stepping outside of our comfort zone may well bring us a new vision/energy needed and allow us to prosper

Blessings

Rev Annette Cater, Lorraine Kilpatrick, Allen Sutton
Vicar Vicar's Warden People's Warden



Signing of the agreement on Thursday 19 December 2024.



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 Update

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

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

Rest and Worship

Dear Parish

I want to write to you about rest. The 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.

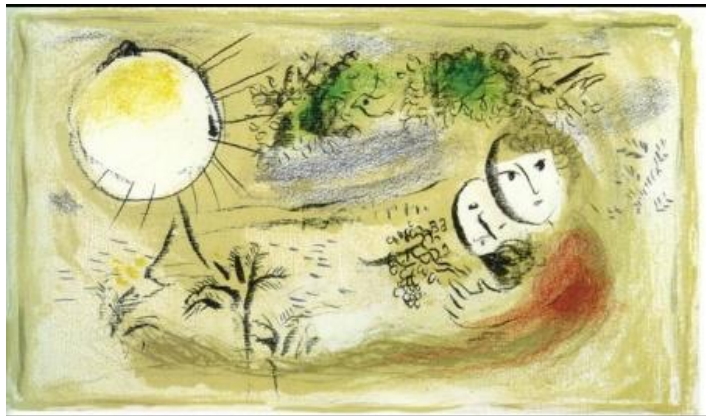


Image: 'The rest' by Marc Chagall (1968)

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

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

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