

## Regular Events @ St Aidan's

<b>Sunday Services</b>	<b>9:30am</b> Family Communion with Youth and Kids' Church <b>Combined Service - No 8am Service during January</b> <b>5:00pm</b> G@5 (not on 4th Sunday of each month) Meets again on 4 Feb. <b>5:00pm</b> Evening Service (4th Sunday of each month). Meets again on 25 Feb.
<b>Wednesday Service</b>	<b>11:30am</b> Holy Communion without music. Next service on 7 Feb.
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>9am</b> Monday to Saturday - in the Gathering Area.. Starts from 15 Jan.
<b>Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>7pm</b> Wednesday - in the Gathering Area for ½ hour. Starts from 17 Jan.
<b>Youth</b>	School aged youth (11 and over), Sun at <b>9:30am</b> service and Fri at <b>7pm</b> . Starts from 11 Feb.
<b>Kids' Church</b>	All children aged 3-10 during the <b>9.30am service</b> . Contact Sarah Ashworth. Starts from 11 Feb.
<b>Friendship Group</b>	Wednesdays at <b>10am</b> in the GA. Join us for fellowship, games and morning tea from 7 Feb.
<b>Mainly Music</b>	Wed during term time at <b>9.30am</b> . Music & play for families with pre-school aged children.
<b>Choir Practice</b>	Wednesdays at <b>7.30pm</b> in the Church. New members welcome. Contact Chris.
<b>Home Groups</b>	All welcome! Contact Sheryl or Glen for more information.
<b>AAW</b>	A women's fellowship group. Meets monthly on 1st Tuesday at 1.30pm from 6 Mar.
<b>W.E.F.</b>	A women's evening fellowship group. Meets monthly on 3rd Tuesday at 7.30pm from 20 Feb.
<b>St Aidan's Vestry</b>	Next meet on <b>21 March</b> at <b>7.30pm</b> in the Gathering Area.

## Contacts @ St Aidan's

<b>Office:</b> Mon-Fri 9– 3.30	<b>Emily Paul</b> W 929 4670 ext 1 office@staidans.co.nz	<b>Music:</b>	<b>Chris Graham</b> 027 444 7615 cjmusic@hotmail.com
<b>Vicar:</b> Sun-Thurs	<b>The Revd Glen Ashworth</b> W 929 4670 ext 2 M 027 457 4105 vicar@staidans.co.nz	<b>Accounts:</b>	accounts@staidans.co.nz or contact the office
<b>Priest Assistant:</b> Tues-Fri + Sun	<b>The Revd Pam Tizzard</b> W 929 4670 ext 4 M 027 472 6352 priestassistant@staidans.co.nz	<b>Prayer Circle:</b>	<b>Anne Mercer</b> 520 2861
<b>Vicar's Warden:</b>	<b>Juli Mercer</b> 021 429 345	<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Anne Mercer</b> 520 2861 &
<b>People's Warden:</b>	<b>Pete Macaulay</b> 021 488 485 peter@no1.co.nz	<b>Co-ordinators:</b>	<b>Marie Taylor</b> 524 8642
<b>Kids' Church:</b>	<b>Sarah Ashworth</b> W 929 4670 ext 3 M 021 562 205 children@staidans.co.nz	<b>Pins &amp; Needles:</b>	<b>Marie Taylor</b> 524 8642 mariertaylor@xtra.co.nz
<b>Youth</b>	<b>Conor McGrath</b>	<b>AAW:</b>	<b>Christine K</b> 027 488 2472 kennedy.nzl@gmail.com
<b>&amp; Young Adults:</b>	M 021 081 90306 youth@staidans.co.nz	<b>Home Group</b>	<b>Sheryl Swanevelder</b> 578 2520
		<b>Coordinators:</b>	<b>Glen Ashworth</b> 929 4670 ext 2
		<b>Women's Evening</b>	<b>Jan Evans</b> 578 1505
		<b>Fellowship :</b>	jannigel@icloud.com
		<b>Library:</b>	<b>Joan E-L</b> 579 5958
		<b>Mission Shop:</b>	<b>Jenny Haggitt</b> 524 5254 <i>Thurs, Fri, Sat:10-2pm</i>
		<b>Friendship Group:</b>	<b>Jenny Haggitt</b> 524 5254
		<b>Mainly Music:</b>	<i>(school term only)</i> <b>See Sarah</b> Wed 9:30am staidansmainlymusic@gmail.com

### Social media contacts:

[www.facebook.com/staidansyouthremuera](http://www.facebook.com/staidansyouthremuera)

[www.staidans.co.nz](http://www.staidans.co.nz)

[www.facebook.com/StAidansRemuera](http://www.facebook.com/StAidansRemuera)

Bank Account number: St Aidans Church Remuera 06-0257-0052666-13

# Welcome to St Aidan's Anglican Church for our Christmas Services

Merry  
Christmas



*We hope you enjoy the worship and fellowship  
here at St Aidan's.*

*If you are visiting, please pick up  
a **Welcome to St Aidan's** brochure in the Gathering Area;  
or see [www.staidans.co.nz](http://www.staidans.co.nz)*

For those with **hearing aids**, a **loop system** is available: please switch your hearing aid from normal hearing to *Loop* or *T-Coil* programme.

**Communion @ St Aidan's:** If you need **gluten free bread**, please ask the person distributing bread as they approach you.

We ask that you do not dip the bread/wafer in the common cup please.  
**Individual cups of grape juice** are available as an alternative to wine in the common cup;  
just ask the cup bearer at communion time.

**WORSHIP**

**CARING**

**MISSION**

5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera, Auckland

## Christmas Message from our Vicar



*This year I have heard more comments about some of the retailers' Christmas catch phrases than any other time I can remember. With slogans like, "What's Special about Christmas?" on Sylvia Park billboards and Farmers, "Christmas is Found Here", while examples of clever marketing, seem to be a bit more audacious and over-reaching than usual. These statements may be true for some but I suspect for others, Christmas is probably not found inside a wrapper. Although, if you think about it, the receiving of a gift is central to the Christmas event that we celebrate - as Isaiah prophesied, "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us" (Isa 9:6). And this is then something we are called to share with others. While we may balk at the claims of the retail industry, can gift giving be a vehicle once again for expressing something of the gospel message? This may mean adding some explanation along with what is giving, or contributing to the discussions around the Christmas meal. Like the angel, can we be those that are "bringing you good news of great joy" (Luke 2:10) and share where Christmas is to be truly found?*

Glen

**Today's service begins on page 404 of the red NZ Prayer book**

### Readings

Gen 1:1-5  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

### Sentence

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. *Luke 2:10-11*

### Collect

Eternal God,  
You have made this day  
shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
help us to see afresh the revelation of that light on earth  
and to celebrate good news this day.  
In your name we pray,  
Amen

## In your Prayers

- For safety in travel and peace in our hearts at journey's end
- The homeless of our city
- Emergency services personnel
- For those involved in peace negotiations around the world
- For the Hughes family, on mission in Bangladesh away from family at this time.



## Contacts @ St Aidan's over Christmas

Glen is on call during the Christmas holidays. The church will be open on Thursday mornings and at other times by arrangement.

**Vicar**      **Rev'd Glen Ashworth**      W: 929 4670 ext 4  
E: vicar@staidans.co.nz      M: 0274 574 105

The office reopens on **15 January** and Emily will be back from **6 Feb.**

**Office:**      **Lilian Richardson**      929 4670 ext 1  
Mon-Fri 9– 3.30      office@staidans.co.nz

## But wait - there's more!

*We are a community committed to worship, caring and mission. During the year we express this in a variety of ways. We hope that joining us today gives you an idea of who we are and what is going on in the life of St Aidan's - but there's a lot more information in the brochure/our Magazine on the table in the Gathering Area.*

*Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to one of the staff team, Vestry members or a member of our community and we will only be too pleased to answer any questions you may have.*

*Whether you are here on holiday, for a special family occasion, or you are looking for a new Church - may you be blessed as you worship with us.*

