

Regular Events @ St Aidan's

Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion 9:30am Family Communion with Youth and Kids' Church 5:00pm Evening Service worship with a shared meal on the fourth Sunday of each month
Wednesday Service	11:30am Holy Communion without music
Morning Prayer	9:00am Monday to Saturday - in the Gathering Area.
Prayer Meeting	7:00pm Wednesday - in the Gathering Area for ½ hour.
Youth	School aged youth (11 and over), Sun at 9:30am service and Fri at 7:00pm .
Kids' Church	All children aged 3-10 during the 9.30am service . Contact Sarah Ashworth.
Friendship Group	Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Gathering Area. Join us for fellowship, games and morning tea.
Mainly Music	Wed during term time at 9.30am . Music & play for families with pre-school aged children.
Choir Practice	Saturdays at 10.00am in the Bethel Room. New members welcome. Contact Antoinette.
Home Groups	All welcome! Contact Sheryl or Louise for more information.
AAW	A women's fellowship group. Meets monthly on 1 st Tuesday at 1.30pm .
WEF	A women's evening fellowship group. Meets monthly on 3 rd Tuesday at 7.30pm .
Pins & Needles	A Knitting for charity group. Meets monthly on 2 nd Monday at 10:00am in the GA. All Welcome
Men's Ministry	Meets on the last Thursday of each month for breakfast at 7:30am. Contact Glen.
Contemplative Prayer	Meets each Wednesday at 9.45am, 276A Victoria Avenue. Contact Anne Priestley.
St Aidan's Vestry	Next formal meeting 19 th February 2020, 7.30pm in the GA.

Contacts @ St Aidan's

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		Friendship Group:	Jenny Haggitt 524 5254 <i>(school term only)</i> See Sarah
		Mainly Music:	Wed 9:30am staidansmainlymusic@gmail.com

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

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

15 December 2019

How do we wait?

Today's 8am service begins on page 476 of the red NZ Prayer Book

Readings

Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

Sentence

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and
rejoice with joy and singing.

Isaiah 35: 1

Prayer

Almighty God,
as we prepare with joy
to celebrate the gift of Jesus this Christmas,
Help us to bring joy to our world
by loving others the way you taught us.
Amen.

Welcome to St Aidan's! Please stay for morning tea in the Gathering Area after our services. If you are new, or would like more information, please make sure to introduce yourself and fill in the Newcomer's form.

- ◆ *Prayer Ministry is available in the side Chapel.*
- ◆ *We serve wine in the common cup and grape juice in individual cups.*

WORSHIP

CARING

MISSION

5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera, Auckland

What's on at St Aidan's

Today

8am - Communion.

9:30am - Family service with Communion plus Kids' Christmas pageant. We also welcome the Golden Group who are worshipping with us today.

Nine Lessons & Carols - 7pm.

A performance of Christ's story through music and readings. Followed by supper with mince pies. Come along and bring your friends!



This Week

Neighbourhood Carol Singing - Wednesday 18th December, meet at the church at 5:45pm and wear something red &/or Christmassy.

Prayers

- Our Nine Lessons and Carols service and Neighbourhood carol singing this week
- Ourselves as we engage with our non-Christian family and friends, may we have the right words and attitude as we look for opportunities to share the gospel
- Grieving families, the injured and all others involved in the White Island/Whakaari eruption



Next Week

8am - Communion.

9:30am - Family Communion. No Kids' Church now until February.

Neighbourhood Carol Singing

Wednesday 18th December. Join an informal group to sing traditional carols in our community. Meet at the church at 5:45pm, or you can



join us at several locations later. This was really enjoyed by those who took part last year and there is always room for more singers! Sign up sheet in the GA.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4pm Kids' Christmas service

7pm Communion Service

11pm Midnight Communion & Carols

Christmas Day

8am - Communion

9:30am - Family service with Communion

Noticeboard Info

There is always much more happening than we are able to share in the newsletter, so don't forget to look on the noticeboard regularly for things happening around the Parish and in the wider community.

Christmas & Summer Rosters

We still need volunteers for a number of roles on the Christmas and Summer service rosters - readers, chalice assistants, greeters & welcomers, and AV people.

Please add your name where you are able to help in the areas in which you have received training.

Our usual roster is not in operation for January, so please ensure you sign up on this sheet.

Open Door January

The Gathering Area will be open on Wednesday 8th, 15th & 22nd January, from 10am to 11:30am.

Come along for a chat, to knit, to play Scrabble or Mahjong, and have a cup of tea and coffee.

Lots of things close down in January but not us!



'The Apostle'

The Christmas edition of our Parish Magazine is available today, so don't forget to collect your copy.



Pastoral Care/Home Communion: *If you are unwell or know of someone who is unwell and would like a visit or Communion at home or be added to the confidential Prayer Circle, please contact the office so we can arrange for this to happen.*

Summer at St Aidan's

One service only at 9am each Sunday on 29th December and 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th January.

Parish Library

There are lots of great Christian books on our library shelves covering a wide range of topics, so why not take one (or two, or three!) home to read over the summer break? We would love to print your short review/recommendation too, just email to the office.

The Parables of Jesus: R.T. Kendall

In a detailed explanation of each of the parables (some 35), we are shown the way in which each of these stories told by Jesus built a bridge from the natural world of His time to the spiritual. As valuable then in understanding His message as it is to us today.

Circle of grace - A book of blessings for the seasons: Jan Richardson

In the Celtic tradition, a combination of poetry and mystery, these blessings encompass the most basic concerns of daily life, weaving their way into places where God meets and sustains us.