

# 24 December 2023

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# Ready to listen? God's purpose revealed

#### **Readings**

2 Sam 7: 1-11,16

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

Luke 1: 26-38

#### Sentence

"In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David."

2 Samuel 7:17

#### <u>Prayer</u>

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

Welcome to St Aidan's! Please join us 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 a Newcomer's form.

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**MISSION** 

5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera, Auckland

## What's on at St Aidan's

## Today (Christmas Eve)

**9am** - Summer time Combined Congregations Holy Communion

4pm - Kids' Christmas

7pm - Traditional Holy Communion

**11pm** - Midnight Carols & Holy Communion

\*No Kids' Church or Youth Group during School Holidays, however activity sheets are available in the children's corner at the back of the church

## Tomorrow (Christmas Day)

8am - Holy Communion

**9:30am** - Family Service with Holy Communion

# Coming up

**Open Doors** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January, 10am to 12 noon.

**Coffee & K's** - A special holiday walk with lunch (café or picnic) will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at the Botanical Gardens.

Youth & Young Adults Lunch -Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Mission Bay, following the 9am service.

**Prayer Meeting resumes** - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 9am via Zoom.

## **Prayers**

 Safety and care on the roads as people begin to travel away for the holidays



- Those people who are lonely, grieving, or find Christmas a difficult time
- Peace in those places where there is fighting and conflict - war zones, domestic situations, and also in our shops and neighbourhoods
- Family and friends of Bishop Bruce Gilberd who passed away during the week

#### **Next Week**

**9am** - Combined Sunday congregations Holy Communion

#### **Summer Services 9am**

Please remember Sunday services are at 9am during January, and regular rosters don't start again until February. So if you usually have a weekly duty (e.g. reader, liturgist, sidesperson) you will need to write your name on the sign up sheet if you are available and happy



to serve. If you will be away or would prefer to have a rest, that's fine, no need to find a replacement.

## **Open Doors**

The Church and GA will be open on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 12 noon. Tea and coffee will be available, so if you are on duty to clean or arrange flowers,



would like some company, do so some knitting, play scrabble, or just to say hi, please join us at these times.

#### **New Leader**

Congratulations to Dave Finn who has been appointed as our new mainly music Coordinator for 2024. We look forward to Dave joining the staff team, and please pray for him as he steps into this new ministry. Huge thanks to Vaoa for stepping in since Tracy's resignation.

# Kerry's Announcement

Last Sunday Kerry advised that he has been appointed Vicar of the Parish of Altona in the Diocese of Melbourne. His last day will be 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024. While we will be very sad to see Kerry and Vaoa leave, we know that God will bless them in their new ministry. Nearer the time of their departure, we will have the opportunity to farewell them from the parish.

## **Priests on Duty**

**26<sup>th</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January** Rev'd Louise Anderson 027 4484467

**7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January** Rev'd Kerry Davis 022 3649594

#### Office Closed

The office is now closed until 9am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. For any administrative matters during this time please speak to the Priest on Duty or, if possible, wait until the office reopens when Anne will be able to help. Thank you!

# **Building Update**

Great news - a building contractor has been appointed and our building refurbishment work is due to begin on 10<sup>th</sup> January. There will be some minor disruptions. Please bear with us for the ten weeks this is expected to take.

# For Your 2024 Diary

**Blessing of the Backpacks & Devices** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb during both morning services

**Pancake Day** - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm to 7pm in the GA.

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes Services - 11:30am and 7pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## Regular Events - When do they start again?

Starts again in 2024 **GROUP** Contact Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 1:30pm Association of Anglican Women (AAW) Mary Parkinson Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February @ 10am **Choir Practice** Antoinette Pope Wednesday 14th February @ 9:45am Contemplative Prayer (Online) Rev'd Anne Priestlev Sunday 11th February @ 9:30am Kids' Church Izzi Hoskyn Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February @ 9:30am mainly music David Finn Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February @ 7:30am Men's Ministry Breakfast Rev'd Kerry Davis Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February @ 10am Mission Shop Jenny Haggitt Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January @ 9am Parish Office Anne Godman Monday 12th February @10am Pins & Needles Gail Hodder Prayer in the GA Thursday 1st February @9am Vicar, Priest Associate (Zoom meeting ID: 959 1932 0025) or Office Wednesday 14th February @11:30am Mid-week Communion Vicar or Priest Assoc. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February @ 7:30pm Women's Evening Fellowship (WEF) Jan Evans Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 10am Rev'd Anne Priestley Writing Group

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm Youth on Friday Nic Mercer Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February @ 9:30am Youth on Sunday Nic Mercer

Dates listed are the expected restart dates for groups in 2024, however please contact group leaders to confirm.

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