

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

24 December & 25 December 2023

Christmas Eve

Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4

Luke 2:1-14

Sentence

'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

Prayer

God of all hope and joy, we make space in our hearts and lives 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

Christmas Day

Readings

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Luke 2: 1-7

Luke 2: 8-20

Sentence

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Prayer

Son of God. Child of Mary born in the stable at Bethlehem, be born again in us today that through us the world may know the wonder of your love. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen.

Welcome to our special Christmas Services. We hope you are blessed by joining with us. If you are new, please introduce yourself to one of our priests.

What's on at St Aidan's

Christmas Eve & Day

Christmas Eve (Sunday 24th December)

4pm Kids' Christmas
7pm Holy Communion
11pm Midnight Carols and Communion

Christmas Day (Monday 25th December)

8am Holy Communion
9:30am Family Service with 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*

This Week

Everyone/thing is taking a break!

Coming up

Open Doors - Wednesday 10th and 17th January, 10am to 12 noon.

Coffee & K's - A special holiday walk with lunch (café or picnic) will be held on Saturday 13th January at the Botanical Gardens. More info later.

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

Prayer Meeting resumes - Thursday 1st 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



Next Week

9am - Combined Sunday congregations Holy Communion

Priest on Duty

26th December to 5th January
Rev'd Louise Anderson 027 4484467

Missed a Service?

Our 9am Sunday services are [live streamed on our Facebook page](#) and uploaded later to our [YouTube channel](#). Sermons are also available at www.staidans.co.nz/sermons/

Giving at St Aidan's

Scan to see your options for supporting the work of St Aidan's financially.



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 7th 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.

Summer Service Time

Throughout January only one service will be held each Sunday at 9am. A special roster is in place for all of these services, so if you are available to sign up for duties please add your name to the sheet on the clipboard.

Usual 8am and 9:30am worship rosters do not start again until February, so please ensure you add your name to the sign up sheet if you will be available during January.

Building Works Begin

A building contractor has been appointed and our building refurbishment work is due to begin on 10th January. There will be some minor disruptions. Please bear with us for the ten weeks this building work is expected to take.

Holiday Opening Times

While the office is closed the church will only be open at set times. ***Even if you have a key please restrict entry to these times*** to ensure no one is on site while the builders are setting up safety barriers, or while our annual carpet cleaning and floor polishing are being completed.

The Church and Social Lounge will be open from **10am to 12 noon Wednesday 10th and 17th January** for our 'Open Doors' days. Tea and coffee will be available, so if you are on duty to clean or arrange flowers, would like some company or just to say hi, please join us at these times.

Office Closed

The office is now closed until 9am on Monday 22nd January. For any administrative matters during this time please speak to the Priest on Duty or, if at all possible, wait until the office reopens.



Mission Shop

Congratulations to the Mission Shop and its wonderful volunteers who raised \$17,673 for missions this year. The shop has now raised over \$140,000 since its opening in 2013. Open again from 8th February 2024.

Regular Events - When do they start again?

GROUP

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)
 Choir Practice
 Contemplative Prayer (Online)
 Kids' Church
 mainly music
 Men's Ministry Breakfast
 Mission Shop
 Parish Office
 Pins & Needles
 Prayer in the GA
 ([Zoom meeting ID](#): 959 1932 0025)
 Mid-week Communion
 Women's Evening Fellowship (WEF)
 Writing Group
 Youth on Friday
 Youth on Sunday

Starts again in 2024

Tuesday 5th March @ 1:30pm
 Saturday 10th February @ 10am
 Wednesday 14th February @ 9:45am
 Sunday 11th February @ 9:30am
 Wednesday 7th February @ 9:30am
 Thursday 29th February @ 7:30am
 Thursday 8th February @ 10am
 Monday 22nd January @ 9am
 Monday 12th February @10am
 Thursday 1st February @9am
 Wednesday 14th February @11:30am
 Tuesday 20th February @ 7:30pm
 Friday 23rd February @ 10am
 Friday 9th February @ 7pm
 Sunday 11th February @ 9:30am

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

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