

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

23 November 2025

Christ the King / The Reign of Christ
Today's service can be found in APBNZ on page 404

Kingdom versus Culture

Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Sentence

God has highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:9-11

Collect

Sovereign God,
it is your will to gather up all things in your beloved one,
reigning in the universe in the power that is love,
mercifully grant that the whole of creation, freed from slavery,
may serve and praise you through Jesus Christ who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

8am Hymns: **P:** **WOV 136** vs 1,2,3 & 6
 O: **WOV 301** all verses
 R: **WOV 163** vs 1,3,4 & 6

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.

WORSHIP

CARING

MISSION

What's on at St Aidan's

Today

8am - Holy Communion, followed by 'Thank You' morning tea.

9:30am - Family Service with Holy Communion, followed by 'Thank You' morning tea for all volunteers

Kids Church and Youth programmes held during this service.

10:45am - Confidential prayer in the Side Chapel.

This Week

Men's Breakfast - 7:30am on Thursday 27th November, at Brown's Café. *This will be the last meeting until Feb 2026.*

ASTA - Friday 28th November, 10am in the GA. *More info next column.*

PLUS REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

mainly music - Wednesday 9:30am.

Weekly Prayer - 9:15am Thursday in the GA or [via Zoom online](#).

Mission Shop - Open 10am to 2pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Next Week

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10:45am - Confidential prayer in the Side Chapel.

Prayers

- ◆ For world leaders and diplomats: that they may govern with justice and wisdom, and work for peace and reconciliation
- ◆ For those continue to be affected by conflict and natural disaster: may they find peace and healing, and receive aid in rebuilding their lives
- ◆ For the sick, the poor, and the oppressed: that they may receive healing, comfort, and relief from hardship
- ◆ For the persecuted and imprisoned: that they may find hope and strength in God's presence

Coming Up

Diocesan Ordination Service - 10am on Saturday 29th November at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. Five people will be ordained at this service. Those being ordained deacon are: Lukas Thielmann and Ruth Wivell, and being ordained priest are: Grace Behm, Kate Shrigley and Sarah Murphy.

Lessons & Carols with Cantemus Choir - Sunday 7th December at 7pm. *More info next column.*

Carolling in the Community - Wednesday 17th December from 5pm.

Blue Christmas - Sunday 21st December at 5pm in the church.

'Thank You' Morning Tea

THANK YOU! After both the 8am and 9:30am services today, Sunday 23rd

November. This is a chance for St Aidan's to say 'thank you' to every one of our wonderful volunteers. Please join us for some yummy food and a chat!

Holiday Worship Roster

Our services will be combined during the holidays. If you are available for any of the roles, please add your name to the sign up sheets in the GA.

Lessons & Carols

Cantemus Choir will join us on Sunday 7th December at 7pm for our annual Lessons and Carols service. Please bring a donation or a wrapped gift for a child to put under the Christmas tree for ATWC. The service will be followed by strawberries, chocolate, mince pies and wine.

ASTA

At our last meeting for the year on November 28th 10am, we'll write for human rights. Journalists and defenders of the environment in jail in Tunisia, Ecuador, Myanmar & elsewhere; we write to right their cases and send messages of hope. All welcome. Contact Anne P.

'The Apostle' Magazine

Our latest edition of 'The Apostle' is now available as printed copy and can be picked up in the GA.

This Christmas issue is filled with reflections, recollections and seasonal inspirations.



Blue Christmas

Our Blue Christmas service on the 21st December at 5pm is intended to give extra support for those who find the Christmas season challenging.

Whether you are feeling lonely, at a loss, or are grieving, we are offering a space for honesty, rest and healing.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th Dec

4pm Kids' & Youth Christmas. Lead by Christina and Nic, this is a great opportunity to bring children and grandchildren and celebrate Jesus' birth in a fun, interactive way.

9:30pm Carol Service with Holy Communion, our annual late evening carol service.

Christmas Day Thursday 25th Dec

8am Holy Communion, a quieter service following the NZ Prayer Book.

9:30am Family Service with Holy Communion, for all ages.

Contacts @ St Aidan's

To contact the people below whose details are not displayed, either refer to your St Aidan's parish directory, or contact Anne in the office who will be able to assist further.

Office: Mon-Fri 9 - 3:30	Anne Godman-Funaki office@staidans.co.nz 929 4670 ext 1	Home Groups:	Wesley 929 4670 ext 4
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Coffee & K's:	Annette McGrevy & Ronnie Kay	Young Adults:	Nic Mercer
Evening Fellowship (EF):	Christine Roke	Youth:	Nic Mercer youth@staidans.co.nz
		Find us online:	www.staidans.co.nz @staidansremuera

Regular Events @ St Aidan's

Sunday Services	8am Holy Communion 9:30am Family service with Holy Communion, and including Youth and Kids' Church during the service
AFG	Afternoon Fellowship Group meets in the GA, first Tuesday of each month March to December, at 1:30pm.
Choir Practice	Practise on Sunday morning at 9am. Contact Antoinette.
Coffee & K's	Meets for a walk and coffee on the 4 th Saturday of each month. Contact Annette McGrevy.
Contemplative Prayer	Meditation (online via Zoom meeting ID: 876 7943 0576) each Wednesday at 9:30am - contact Anne P.
Kids' Church	All children aged 3-10 during the 9:30am service. Contact Christina .
mainly music	Wednesday at 9:30am in the Hall during school terms. Music and play for pre-school aged children and their families or care givers. Contact Hannah .
Men's Ministry	Meets on the last Thursday of each month, February to December, for breakfast at 7:30am. Contact John.
Mid-week Communion	Mid-week Holy Communion services, first Wednesday of the month at 11:30am.
Mission Shop	Open Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 2pm. Contact Jenny.
Pins & Needles	A knitting for charity group, second Monday of each month. Contact Mary.
Prayer Meeting	Thursday mornings at 9:15am in the GA, or join from home via Zoom - Enter the Zoom online meeting ID : 959 1932 0025, or phone: +64 9 884 6780 and enter Passcode 1 #.
Small Groups	All welcome! Contact your small group (home group / house church / Bible study) leader, or speak to Wesley for information about joining a small group.
Vestry	Meet monthly 7:30pm in the GA, usually on the fourth Tuesday.
EF	Evening Fellowship meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7:30pm in the GA.
ASTA	Advocacy at St Aidan's is community-focused writing for advocacy and justice, 10am on the last Friday of each month. Contact Anne Priestley.
Young Adults	Meets every second Sunday at 4:30pm to 6:30pm, plus occasional social events. Contact Nic .
Youth	School aged youth (age 11+), Sunday during the 9:30am service. Contact Nic .

Bank Account for direct deposits:

Parish of St Aidan Remuera* 06-0257-0052666-13

Please use your giving number as reference. Contact the office if you are unsure what it is or would like one allocated.

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