

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

30 November 2025

Advent 1

Today's service can be found in APBNZ on page 404

The Peace of God

Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2:3a

Collect

Praise and honour to you living God;
your coming will be like a thief in the night,
like lightning flashing across the sky.
Grant that we may be ready,
and our hearts answer, Come Lord Jesus.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

8am Hymns:

P: WOV 192 vs 1, 3 & 4

O: From Heaven You Came (see insert)

R: Christ Be Our Light (see insert)

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.

9:30am - Family Service with Holy Communion.

Kids Church and Youth programmes held during this service.

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

This Week

Afternoon Fellowship Group - Our last meeting for the year is this Tuesday 2nd December at 1:30pm, with a short communion service in the church, followed by a festive afternoon tea and carols singing.

Midweek Communion - Wednesday 3rd December, 11:30am in the church, followed by a light lunch.

Coffee & K's - Christmas lunch on Saturday 6th December, 12pm at Belly-worship Café on Atkin Ave, just off Tamaki Drive in Mission Bay. Contact Annette for more info or for car pooling.

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.

Prayers

- ◆ As we light the candle of Peace today, we pray for God's peace to reign in our hearts, our homes, our community, and in our world
- ◆ Those who have experienced loss and are grieving, however recent that loss has been
- ◆ Aid agencies who are preparing to embody God's love in a practical way this Advent season, especially Auckland City Mission and ATWC as we collect items for them to distribute to those in need
- ◆ All of our church ministry groups as they finish up for this year

Next Week

8am - Holy Communion.

9:30am - Family Service with Holy Communion.

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

7pm - Lessons & Carols with Cantemus Choir, followed by supper in the GA. *More info next column.*

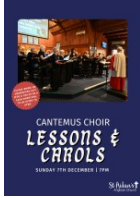
Coming Up

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

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

Lessons & Carols

Cantemus Choir will join us at 7pm on Sunday 7th December for our annual Lessons and Carols service. Please bring a donation, or an unwrapped gift for a child, to place under the Christmas tree for the Anglican Trust for Women & Children (ATWC). The service will be followed by supper of strawberries, chocolate, mince pies and wine in the GA.



Blue Christmas



Our Blue Christmas service will be held on Sunday 21st December at 5pm. Christmas can be a sad and difficult time due to various losses that have been experienced during the year, or because of grief processes still being worked through. This service is open to anyone remembering the death of a loved one, or who faces a difficult Christmas season for any other reason, illness, loneliness, etc.

Holiday Worship Roster

We need volunteers to fill duty roles during Christmas and January services when our regular roster takes a break. If you are available for any of the roles, please add your name to the sign up sheets in the GA.

'The Apostle' Magazine

The [Christmas edition of 'The Apostle'](#) magazine is now available online or printed copies can be collected from the GA. This issue is filled with reflections, recollections and seasonal inspirations. Feel free to share the link, or a printed copy, with your family, friends, and neighbours.



Missed a Sermon?

Audio recordings of all of our weekly sermons can be found on St Aidan's website at: www.staidans.co.nz/sermons/

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th Dec
4pm Kids' & Youth Christmas
9:30pm Carol Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Day Thursday 25th Dec
8am Holy Communion
9:30am Family Service with Holy Communion

Advent Calendar & Study

The [Diocesan Advent Calendar](#) is back for 2025, and a new three session [Advent journey with John the Baptist](#), from the Diocese of Waiapu's Ministry Educator, is also available for individual &/or groups' study.

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.

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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

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