

# St Aidan's

## Anglican Church

**7 December 2025**

Advent 2

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

### **Prepare the Way in Hope**

#### **Readings**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

#### **Sentence**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

Mark 1:15

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
you sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son;  
grant that those who proclaim your word  
may so guide our feet into the way of peace,  
that we may stand with confidence before him  
when he comes in his glorious kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. Amen.

**8am Hymns:**    **P:**    **WOV 199** vs 1, 2 & 5    *On Jordan's Bank*

**O:**    **O bless the God of Israel** (see insert)

**R:**    **O come, O come, Emmanuel** (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

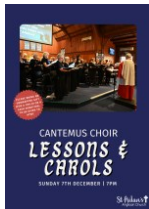
**8am** - Holy Communion.

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

*Kids Church and Youth programmes held during this service.*

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

**7pm - Lessons & Carols with Cantemus Choir** in the church. Please bring a donation, or unwrapped gift for a child, to place under the Christmas tree for the Anglican Trust for Women & Children (ATWC). Followed by supper of strawberries, chocolate, mince pies and wine, in the GA.



## This Week

**Pins & Needles** - 10am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, in the Gathering Area

**mainly music** - Final sessions for 2025 this Wednesday 9:30am, including a visit to the Nativity in the church and Christmas morning tea.

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

**Mission Shop** - Open 10am to 2pm Thursday, Friday, and last day for 2025 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Prayers

- ◆ Community connections through our Lessons and Carols service this evening with Cantemus Choir
- ◆ Auckland City Mission, ATWC, and all other support agencies working to assist those in need. Pray that all of us with abundant blessings would be generous in sharing our resources
- ◆ Areas experiencing severe flooding, especially South East Asia, and other natural disaster zones. Pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones, and the added burden of clean up and rebuilding

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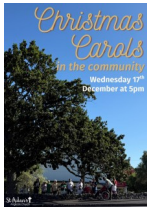
## Coming Up

**Community Carol Singing** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, starting from 5pm at St Aidan's and moving on to local aged care facilities.

**Blue Christmas** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm in the church. All are welcome to attend and participate in this service as you feel comfortable.

## Community Caroling

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, starting on St Aidan's front lawn from 5pm we will sing to the passers by and vehicles stopped at the intersection. For those able to continue, we will drive to local aged care facilities to sing (BUPA & Oceania Meadowbank, and possibly more), returning to St Aidan's around 7pm. Sign up on the clipboard in the GA. All welcome to join us for this very special fun night.



## Blue Christmas



Our Blue Christmas service will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 facing 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 take an extra printed copy to give to 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/](http://www.staidans.co.nz/sermons/)

## Christmas Services

*Christmas Eve Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec*

**4pm** Kids' & Youth Christmas

**9:30pm** Carol Service with Holy Communion

*Christmas Day Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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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<b>Vicar:</b>	The Rev'd Sarah Stevens-Cross <i>On leave until further notice</i>	<b>Children's Ministry Coordinator:</b>	The Rev'd Christina Turner <a href="mailto:christina@staidans.co.nz">christina@staidans.co.nz</a>
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<b>Priest Associate:</b>	The Rev'd Wesley Fifita M 027 269 3037 / 929 4670 ext 4 <a href="mailto:wesley@staidans.co.nz">wesley@staidans.co.nz</a>	<b>mainly music:</b>	Hannah Pospos <a href="mailto:mainlymusic@staidans.co.nz">mainlymusic@staidans.co.nz</a>
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<b>People's Warden:</b>	Lynne Trenwith	<b>Pastoral Care:</b>	Desré Simpson
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<b>Coffee &amp; K's:</b>	Annette McGrevy & Ronnie Kay	<b>Young Adults:</b>	Nic Mercer
<b>Evening Fellowship (EF):</b>	Christine Roke	<b>Youth:</b>	Nic Mercer <a href="mailto:youth@staidans.co.nz">youth@staidans.co.nz</a>
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## Regular Events @ St Aidan's

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

### 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.

\*All recorded donations are eligible for a charity refund - Individuals can claim a third of the donation back as a tax rebate, up to a maximum claim equal to their annual taxable income.