

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

14 December 2025

Advent 3

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

Rejoice, the Saviour comes

Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Sentence

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'

Isaiah 35:3-4

Collect

Potent God,

you raise up people in every age to radiate your passionate love for all.

May we be so inspired by their enthusiasm

as we too proclaim your liberating message,

and joyfully anticipate an age

when your commonwealth of love and justice pervades every day.

With Jesus we pray. Amen.

8am Hymns:

P: **WOV 200** *all verses* *Come Thou Long-expected Jesus*

G: **WOV 109** *all verses* *Tell Out My Soul*

O: **Te Harinui** **(see insert)**

R: **WOV 224** *all verses* *Joy to the World*

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

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

Community Carol Singing - Wednesday 17th December, starting from 5pm at St Aidan's, and then on to some local aged care facilities.

Next Week

8am - Holy Communion.

9:30am - Family Service with Holy Communion.

5pm - Blue Christmas service in the church. All welcome to attend and participate as you feel comfortable.

Lessons & Carols

"Thank you!" - to everyone who came along to hear the wonderful Cantemus Choir last Sunday, all who assisted with the service and supper, and donated cash and gifts for ATWC.

Prayers

- ◆ We thank you generous God for the world in which we live. We praise you for the joy and beauty of the seasons. We give thanks for night and day, a time for rest and sleep, and a time for play and work. We give thanks for people, all so wonderfully different, yet each created in your image
- ◆ Nations of the world where pride and hubris interferes with power to produce tyranny and the divide between rich and poor is beyond imagination
- ◆ All those impacted by fire, flood, war and dislocation, may they be sustained by our prayer and know joy, hope and peace

Coming Up

The Parish Office will close for 2025
3:30pm on Monday 22nd December.

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th Dec

4pm Kids' & Youth Christmas.

9:30pm Carol Service with Holy Communion.

Christmas Day Thursday 25th Dec

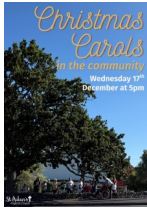
8am Holy Communion.

9:30am Family Service with Holy Communion.

Summer Combined Congregations Services - *One service only each Sunday at 9am* from 28th December to 25th January.

Community Caroling

This Wednesday 17th 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, Waimarie & Oceania Meadowbank, and possibly more), returning to St Aidan's around 7pm. All welcome to join us for this very special fun night.



Blue Christmas



Our Blue Christmas service will be held **next 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 facing a difficult Christmas season for any other reason, illness, loneliness, etc.

Holiday Worship Roster

We still 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.

St Aidan's Vestry

Please support and pray for our new vestry for 2026:

Vicar's Warden: James Parkinson.

People's Warden: Vacant.

Treasurer: Kumar Mather.

Synod Representatives: Nic Mercer & Emily Paul.

Vestry Members: David Cotton, Liz Fraser, Jenny Haggitt, Juli Mercer & Charlotte Rudkin.

Clergy: Rev'd Dr Kim Benton & Rev'd Wesley Fifita.

Minute Secretary: Barb Clephane.

Auckland's Angels

Auckland Angels is the Auckland City Mission - Te Tāpui Atawhai campaign to donate food, gifts, and funds each Christmas.

Leave your gifts in the donation box up to Sunday 21st December.

Cash donations can be put in a clearly marked envelope in the offertory, or by card [online at Auckland City Mission's donate page - scroll down to "Donate to Your Team" and search for St Aidan's.](#)



Preserves For Sale

Looking for a unique home made eco-friendly gift for someone? Anne P has marmalade, pickles, jams, and other preserves by arrangement, with proceeds to St Aidan's.

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	Evening Fellowship (EF): Christine Roke
Vicar:	The Rev'd Sarah Stevens-Cross <i>On leave until further notice</i>	Home Groups: Wesley 929 4670 ext 4
Priest in Charge:	The Rev'd Dr Kim Benton M 027 510 3714 kim@staidans.co.nz	Children's Ministry Coordinator: Vacant
Priest Associate:	The Rev'd Wesley Fifita M 027 269 3037 / 929 4670 ext 4 wesley@staidans.co.nz	Library: Anne Mercer
Priest Assistant:	The Rev'd Christina Turner christina@staidans.co.nz	mainly music: Hannah Pospos mainlymusic@staidans.co.nz
Other Clergy:	The Rev'd Anne Priestley	Men's Ministry: John Priestley
Vicar's Warden:	James Parkinson	Mission Shop: Jenny Haggitt
People's Warden:	Vacant	Outreach: Barbara Weir
Afternoon Fellowship (AFG):	Mary Parkinson	Pastoral Care: Desré Simpson
Accounts:	accounts@staidans.co.nz	Pins & Needles: Mary Parkinson
ASTA:	The Rev'd Anne Priestley	Prayer Circle: Karel Lee
Choir:	Antoinette Pope	Privacy Officer: Miles Brown privacy@staidans.co.nz
Coffee & K's:	Annette McGrevey & Ronnie Kay	Website & Social Media: Isobell Tregoweth staidansremuera@gmail.com
		Young Adults: Nic Mercer
		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 McGrevey.
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.

*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.