

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Tuesday 1 - 5 pm Thursday 1 - 5 pm



Sunday 11th December 2022 3rd Sunday of Advent Te Rātapu Tuatoru o te Haerenga Mai

Readings

Isaiah 35: 1-10
Psalm 146: 5-10
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

Terror and doom, and wrath to come, John your herald preached to bring us to repentance; open our eyes, almighty God, show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 12th December – Sunday 18th December

Wednesday: 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist at St Michael's

Sunday: 10.00am - Holy Communion at St Michael's

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Begin with 2 candles lit.

“We have already lit the first and second candles of the Advent wreath for HOPE, and PEACE. Today we light the third candle for JOY.”

Another candle is lit (3) (The pink one if you are using that)

Scripture: “You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” Isaiah 55:12

Prayer: “Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.”

He came singing hope and He lived singing hope.
He died singing hope. He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
You and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and He lived singing peace.
He died singing peace. He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on we must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.

He came singing joy and He lived singing joy.
He died singing joy. He arose in silence.
For the joy to go on we must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.

Notices

2023 Calendar

Our Mission Fundraiser calendars are once again available. These calendars feature New Zealand bird photographs, and make great Christmas presents. Orders to the Parish Office, or at Church on Sunday. The cost is \$25 each. Orders close at 5pm on Tuesday 13th December.

Covid Precautions

With a recent upsurge in daily Covid cases, although masks are no longer required in church you are strongly encouraged to continue to wear them. Please continue to use the sanitiser on entering and leaving. Spaced seating is now not required, but please be considerate of others' need to have space around them. Likewise in greeting one another at the Peace, please take a cue from others and respect their wishes. We can now have Communion in both kinds, the wine and the wafers. However parishioners may still prefer not to share the common cup and to take Communion in one kind only. As Bishop Steven has reassured us, you still receive Communion in full if you take only one kind. Most important, don't come to church if you are at all unwell. By taking careful steps forward, we protect ourselves, our families, and those around us who are especially vulnerable.

Macandrew Bay Community Carols

Tonight at 7pm in the Macandrew Bay Hall. Koha for Women's Refund please. A shared supper with follow the singing.

Support for the Red Cross resettling former refugee families

The Red Cross would welcome contributions of single duvet inners, warm blankets, towels, new pillows, and kitchen equipment for newly arrived families. Also needed is sports equipment for teenagers (eg bike helmets, skateboards, footballs, and other sports gear). Also potted-up vegetable and herb plants (especially mint, cucumber and tomato) for their gardens would be very welcome. If you can offer any of these things please bring them to church. Or if you need someone to pick them up and deliver them to the Red Cross, please contact Elizabeth (phone 476 1650).

December/January hours for the Diocesan Office

The Diocesan Office will be closed from midday on Thursday 22 December 2022 and re-open on Monday 9 January 2023.

Online Services

A reminder of the monthly on-line Service. There is no online Service in December. The next one is 22nd January 2023.

To find Sunday church services that are held online, go to the Diocesan website at <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/on-line-worship/>

Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray for youth of our Province – Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Southern Coastal Deanery - St Mary, Mornington; Holy Cross, St Kilda; St Mark, Green Island; St Margaret, Brighton and the Regional Dean - Ven. Jan Clark. We also pray for the Diocesan Council.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Marion McLean, Cushla and Gilbert McMillan, Jean Marchant.

Those who have asked for prayer

Peter Stapleton's sister Dorothy

David Horne

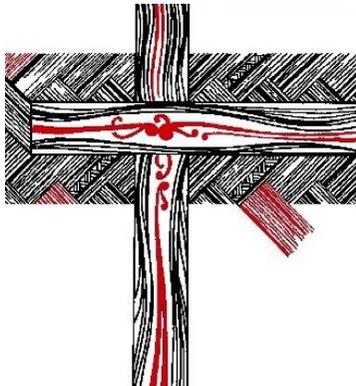
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In the Community

We pray today for our Playgroup families and give thanks for the fun and fellowship, mutual support and care that the Group shares. May all these families know the blessings of Christmas, and enjoy peaceful and relaxing summer holidays.

St Michael and All

Angels: Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay



**Next weeks service will
be a Eucharistic
celebration of
Christmas readings and
carols.**