

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Sunday 25th December 2022

CHRISTMAS DAY - The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Te Rā Whānautanga o tō tātou Ariki, o te Karaiti

Readings

Isaiah 62: 6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3: 4-7
Luke 2: (1-7),8-20

Sentence

I bring you good news of great joy for
all people: to you is born this day in
the city of David a Saviour, Christ the
Lord. Luke 2: 10-11

Collect

Son of God, light that shines
in the dark, child of joy and peace,
help us to come to you and be
born anew this holy night. Hear
this prayer for your love's sake.

Amen

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 26th December – Sunday 1st January 2023

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

Notices

Good News

The Wardens are happy to announce, on behalf of Bishop Steven, that the Reverend Michael Holdaway has accepted the Bishop's invitation to take up the position of Priest in Charge in the Otago Peninsula Parish. Michael and his wife, the Reverend Mary-Jo Holdaway, will be coming to us early next year. (The date is still to be confirmed).

Macandrew Bay House Group will not meet formally on Tuesday mornings during the holidays but will resume in mid-January.

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.

Parish Office hours for holiday period

The office will close at 5pm on Tuesday 20th December 2022 and re-open on Thursday 19th January 2023.

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/>

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal

The Christian World service Christmas Appeal (and gifts) this year are focusing on an essential need and basic human right - access to water. There are envelopes available in the Harding Lounge, and some will be distributed with the Parish Magazine, or click on the link below to make a donation:

<https://cws.org.nz/get-involved/give/christmas-appeal/>

Covid Reminders

Consider masking up in crowds; using a mask on public transport; get a booster shot, if you are eligible; isolate for at least 7 days if you have covid (and longer if you still have symptoms).



**May your heart be filled with
the peace and joy that
Christmas represents.**

Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray the Christian community in Pakistan.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Parish of Upper Clutha – St Columba, Wanaka; St Andrew, Cromwell; Tarras Church and the Vicar Ven. Damon Plimmer; Priest Assistants – Rev'd Doreen McKinlay and Rev'd Barry Entwistle; Aged Care Pastoral Worker – John Lightfoot. We also pray for The Cursillo Movement.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Louise Petherbridge, Alan Petrie, Mary Philps, Sue Pierre.

Those who have asked for prayer

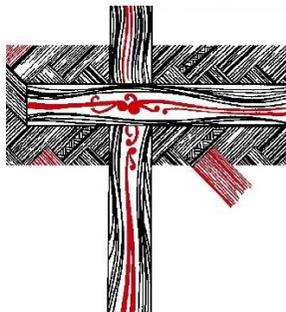
Peter Stapleton's sister Dorothy
David Horne
Barbara Gillies

In the Community

As we give thanks today for the birth of Jesus Christ into a human family, let us pray for families in our community, around our nations, and around the world – families of all shapes and sizes, situations and needs. May the New Year bring them relief from hunger, from violence, oppression, and the knowledge that all are the children of God.

St Michael and All

Angels: Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay



Next week's readings:

Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalm 8

Galatians 4: 4-7 or

Philemon 2: 5-13

Luke 2: 15-21