

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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Sunday 27th November 2022 1st Sunday of Advent Te Rātapu Tuatahi o te Haerenga Mai

Readings

Isaiah 2: 1 -5
Psalm 122
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

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 28th November – 4th December

Tuesday: 10.00 Macandrew Bay house-group

Wednesday: 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 10.00am - Playgroup at St Philip's

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

Notices

The Advent wreath

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit.

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. Psalm 33:20

Prayer: **Eternal God, as we await the coming of our Saviour, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**

Song: **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.**

Covid Precautions

Following the recent change to the Covid-19 Protection Framework, masks are no longer required in church though 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.

Worship Leaders' Roster

A roster for the next 3 months has been emailed out. If you did not get the email, or you would like a copy please let Ralph know.

Caversham Lecture Series in November at St Peter's, Caversham on Tuesday evenings, starting at 7.30pm. On Tuesday 29th November the speaker will be Mr John Mathieson - The Science and Art of Orthopaedics.

Anglican Missions have a new website. Click on the link below to check it out.
<https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/>

A Reminder about the Bishop's Companions Programme for 2023

Final date for registration is 30th November.

<https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/publication/pD7m0Pi/article/418QyXe>

Some helpful advice on how to keep ourself safe from slipping, tripping and falling.

Click on the link below for more information

<https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/publication/pD7m0Pi/article/qIXRa8A>

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).

Online Services

A reminder of the monthly on-line Service next this Sunday at 10.00am.

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

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.

Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Parish of Waitaki – North Oamaru – St Mary, North Oamaru, St Martin, Duntroon, St Alban, Kurow. We also pray for Altar Servers and Sacristans; the Diocese of Nelson and The Five Marks of Mission.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Diane Jackson, Celia Joyce, Debbie and Neville Kershaw.

Those who have asked for prayer

Gwen and Peter

David Horne

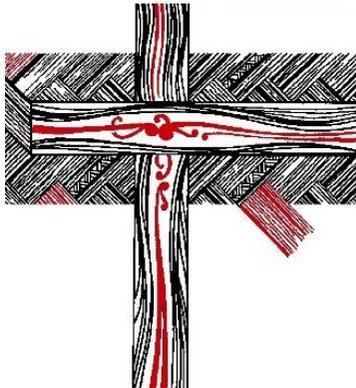
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In the Community

Today we pray for our families living in poverty, especially where there are children in need. We give thanks for community agencies providing support and meeting those needs.

St Michael and All

Angels: Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay



Next week's readings:

Isaiah 55: 1 -3
1 Timothy 6: 6-11
Luke 10: 21-24