

DIARY 17th December - 23rd December

Wed 19th	10.00am	Eucharist at St Michael's followed by morning tea
Sun 23rd	8.00am	BCP Communion service at St Michael's
	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Nicholas'
	10.00am	9 lessons and carols with Eucharist at St Michael's, St Aidan's will be in attendance.

NOTICES CONTINUED ...

Waverley Community Playgroup

Playgroup has now finished for the year and will resume on the 7th February.

The Combined Parish Service for January

will be at the Hospital on January 27th, where we help get the patients to the service in the Chapel by collecting them in wheelchairs or beds from the wards. It's a significant Parish outreach, and we'd like to encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend, and help out if they are up to it. Please could you give your name to Nicki in the parish office.

6 Day Silent Retreat

A directed retreat in the vast open spaces of the Maniototo. Held at En Hakkore, Orangapai (near Ranfurly).

Time: 11.00am Sunday 3rd March until lunchtime Friday 8th March. Cost: \$475.

Registration closes 22nd February.

Retreat Team: Kelvin Wright, Barbara McMillan, Judith Anne O'Sullivan and John Franklin.. For further information,

please see the brochure on your church noticeboard.

For registrations and enquiries, please contact John Franklin, john.franklin94@gmail.com

Wardens' Holidays

Elizabeth Purdie will be away from the 17th December to the 13th January. While Ralph Gordon is away from the 30th December to the 16th January.

Parish Office

The office will close on Friday 21st December and reopen again on Monday 14th January.

Vicar's holidays

Jo will be available in the parish through until 17th January, but will be away 17-28th January.

Vicar's Timetable

Jo is in the Parish on Monday - Thursday & Sunday. Her office is in St Nicholas' hall where she is able to meet privately with parishioners. You can ring her anytime on 471 7417 / 027 662 8233 or email Joanna.fielding@hotmail.com

OTAGO PENINSULA PARISH ANGLICAN CHURCH

St Aidan's, Macandrew Bay School
Portobello Road, Macandrew Bay
St Michael's, Elliot Street, Andersons Bay
St Nicholas', Dunrobin Street, Waverley

PEW NEWS

16th December 2018



Vicar: Rev. Jo Fielding
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476 1650

People's Warden: Ralph Gordon
454 2580

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Parish Administrator: Nicki Wallis
Monday - 8.00am - 11.00am
Thursday 8.00am - 11.00am
Friday 8.00am - 10.00am

3rd Sunday of Advent

SENTENCE:

Do not fear. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; God will rejoice over you with gladness, God will renew you in love.

Zephaniah 3:16-17

COLLECT:

Loving God, John foresaw repentance, and justice to signal your coming: shape our lives; sift our thoughts; weigh our actions; and make us ready for that great day; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

For Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Micah 5: 2-5a

Psalm 80: 1-7

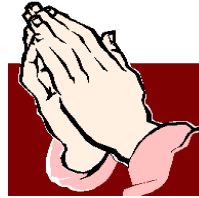
Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

PRAYERS

The Wider Church

We pray for education and educators in Papua New Guinea; for the Newton Theological College and the Kerina Evangelists' College as they train priests and catechists for work in diverse and isolated communities.



In the Diocese

We pray for our Bishop Steven, wife Lorraine and family; for the parish of Dunstan and their Vicar Penny Sinnamon and Priest Assistant Carol Masters.

In the Community

We give thanks for the fun and fellowship shared at the Waverley Playgroup this year and pray for God's love and blessings for the parents, children, and helpers as they celebrate Christmas and enjoy their summer holidays. Lee, Chris & Dylan, Cody & Jesse as they live out their confirmation promises as members of the Church

Those who have asked for prayer

Rev. Stu Crosson and all the congregation of St Matthew's Church, Alison Latton, Julia and Anya, Trevor & Joan Berry, Mary Philps, Claire Johnson, Kathy Vidal, Val Davidson, Liz Duggan, Shirley.

From the Parish Roll

We pray for Lee Dick, Julia Dryden, Bruce Duncan, Kath Duncan, Paul and Valerie Dyer, Stan Ferris, Lester and Helen Flockton.

NOTICES

Urgent Appeal from AFC

Anglican Family Care are appealing for **toiletries** (soap, toothpaste, tampons, hand cream) and **new clothes and toys for small children** for emergency Christmas gifts for their client families. If you can help, please take donations to the AFC office on Hanover Street on **Monday** (or Tuesday before midday at the latest).

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the service last Sunday at St Nicholas' such a wonderful morning. A lot of preparation went on behind the scenes, in all sorts of ways. Our visitors were warmly welcomed - and it was wonderful to have so many people there to support Chris, Dylan with their parents, as they made their confirmation promises.

Jo would also like to **thank all of you who have supported playgroup** so generously throughout the year. We have already had applications from new families for 2019! The playgroup is a significant outreach to our local community, and a real sign of God's love in action where it is needed.

Christmas Hours - Diocesan Office

The Diocesan Office will be closed for the Christmas holidays as follows: Friday 21st December at 12 noon, reopening on January 14th 2019 at 8.45am. Please note that Dominique Aitcheson will be away from the 18th December.