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THE HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/
TE RĀTAPU TUAWHĀ O TE HAERENGA MAI
24 · 12 · 2023

GREETINGS! NGĀ MIHI!

This will be our final weekly newsletter for this year. So it comes with Christmas blessings to you all!

As we come to the end of another positive year at the Cathedral, I am grateful to the wonderful staff team, the Cathedral Council and Resources Board and to each of you. It is a privilege to be involved in this community of faith as it tries to be hospitable, inclusive, transformed and transformational in a complex world. The beautiful worship and music we offer week by week, the diverse range of events we have for the wider community, city and Diocese, our support of our social service agencies and missions and our ecumenical and inter faith engagement. It is a very alive and busy space. I am looking forward with expectant hope for what 2024 will call us too.

As we wait expectantly for the coming of the Christ child once again, my prayer is that we will all find time to make space for God. To recognise in the ordinary moments the hope that the Christ child promises as he comes to us in his humanity, earthed in skin and found in the vulnerability of a child. May you take time to recognise this deep hope and discover the presence of God as presents are unwrapped, dishes are done, a meal is shared, an unexpected phone call or email is received, or in a beautiful sea scape or landscape, or in a smile or a kind word.

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing look for God in ordinary places. You'll be surprised!

Some reminders:

The Cathedral Office will be closed from 22nd December – 15th January.
From Christmas Day through to 11th February there will only be a 10am Eucharist each week in the Nave and at 9am in St Stephens Chapel, Judges Bay.

**With Every Blessing,
Dean Anne**

SUNDAY SERVICES

4th Sunday of Advent/Te Rātapu Tuawhā o te Haerenga Mai

8AM EUCHARIST *Bishop Selwyn Chapel*

9AM HOLY COMMUNION *St Stephen's Chapel, Judges Bay*

10AM CHORAL EUCHARIST *Cathedral Nave*

READINGS 2 Sam 7:1-11,16 Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

6PM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE *Cathedral Nave* [LIVE STREAM](#)

11:30PM MIDNIGHT MASS *Cathedral Nave* [LIVE STREAM](#)

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[Live Stream](#)



Christian World Service Advent Appeal

PARTNER STORY

In September Luqman was marooned by the flood waters that covered one third of Pakistan. When the water rose too high, he sought safety with his mother in his great grandmother's house which was only partially flooded. The weather was hot and the water polluted. They could not cook their food properly. There was no school, no friends to play with and nowhere to go. Luqman's grandmother carefully rationed the fresh drinking water her brother delivered to the household.

In this climate crisis, we can support partners like Community World Service Asia with our gifts and prayers so they can help families recover. Together we share love with families facing the long term effects of flooding.

FOR REFLECTION

When do you feel close to God and to others in this time of Advent and Christmas?

How might you share love with people on the frontline of the climate crisis this Christmas?

How might you share God's love and care for the planet in your community?

[CWS Website](#)

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL OFFICE IS
CLOSED
21 DECEMBER - 14 JANUARY

In an **emergency**, please contact:

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

There will be no Midday Eucharist and Wednesday Evensong starting 25 December.

Services will resume on the following dates:

Midday Eucharist & Wednesday Evensong: 7 February 2024

On Sundays, there will only be the 9am Holy Communion in St Stephen's Chapel, Judges Bay and the 10am Eucharist in the Nave. 8am Eucharist, 5pm Evensong, and Taizé Prayer resume on 11 February.

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

6:00pm Sunday 24 December

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Cathedral Nave

The Christingle tradition began in the Moravian Church in Germany. At a children's service in Marienborn in 1747, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus.

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child to be distributed by the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

MIDNIGHT MASS

11:30pm Sunday 24 December

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Cathedral Nave

Join us for Midnight Mass at the Cathedral as we celebrate the birth of Christ. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be available live stream. Your presence whether physical or virtual is welcome.

Let us all welcome Christ once again. See you there!

[Live Stream](#)



CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST

10:00am Monday 25 December

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Cathedral Nave

Celebrate the joyous occasion of Christmas Day with us at the Cathedral Nave as we gather for the Eucharist at 10am. For those unable to join us in person, we invite you to join our live stream.

All are welcome.

[Live Stream](#)



THE ANGLICAN MAGAZINE OUT NOW

[Read the Magazine Online](#)

The December 2023 edition of The Anglican magazine is now available. Read about all the latest happenings around the diocese including:

- Ordinations 2023 - introducing the two new priests and four new deacons
- Denise Cosgrove talks about her first year as CEO at The Selwyn Foundation
- The Parish of St Heliers celebrates its 125-year anniversary.

[Read More](#)

YOU'RE NOT ALONE THIS HOLIDAYS

[We encourage you to call the right people to get the right help](#)

Mental distress can impact anyone in the whānau, and with increased stress and loneliness over the Christmas and holiday season there is often an increase in the number of people who need support.

New Zealand Police Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa have collated a useful page of information and contacts to help people, many of whom we may be ministering to, make contact with appropriate support, as well as some helpful reminders around identifying somebody in need of support.

[Need Help?](#)



CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CAN TREE

[Bring a can or two and help a family this Christmas](#)

In the past years, the Friends of Holy Trinity Cathedral has helped the Auckland City Mission through their Christmas Can Tree initiative. The Can Tree is back and you can find it in the Cathedral Nave. We're calling upon your generous hearts to help make our Can Tree more festive this year. Please donate as many can goods / food items you can share to those families in need.

The Friends of the Cathedral has also created a Givealittle page wherein you can pledge your donations.

[Donate Here](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

[Join our Welcoming Team](#)

With increasing visitors numbers and the cruise ship season in full swing, it is the intention to keep the Cathedral/St Mary's open throughout the Christmas/New Year period. For this to be possible a minimum of 2 Welcomers are needed for each shift.

Please contact Geoff Styles, our Welcomers Coordinator.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

[Email Geoff](#)



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

You are all welcome to attend our services.

3 DECEMBER / ADVENT 1

8:00AM Eucharist *Bishop Selwyn Chapel*

10:00AM Choral Eucharist *Cathedral Nave*

8:30PM The Advent Procession: From Darkness to Light *Cathedral Nave*

10 DECEMBER / ADVENT 2

8:00AM Eucharist *Bishop Selwyn Chapel*

10:00AM Choral Eucharist with Pageant *Cathedral Nave*

5:00PM Choral Evensong *Cathedral Nave*

17 DECEMBER / ADVENT 3

8:00AM Eucharist *Bishop Selwyn Chapel*

10:00AM Choral Eucharist *Cathedral Nave*

7:30PM The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *Cathedral Nave*

24 DECEMBER / ADVENT 4

8:00AM Eucharist *Bishop Selwyn Chapel*

10:00AM Choral Eucharist *Cathedral Nave*

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00PM Christingle Service (with children) *Cathedral Nave*

11:30PM Midnight Mass *Cathedral Nave*

25 DECEMBER / CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM Eucharist with Carols in St Mary's *St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity*

9:00AM Christmas Holy Communion *St Stephen's Chapel, Judges Bay*

10:00AM Festal Choral Eucharist *Cathedral Nave*



SET AN EXTRA PLATE IN THE TABLE THIS CHRISTMAS BY DONATING TO AUCKLAND CITY MISSION

Your donation will make a huge difference for families

As many of us look forward to the festive season, the harsh reality for thousands of families is that after bills, there's little left for food every week, let alone a simple Christmas dinner or gift for their children.

If you can afford just one more meal this Christmas, we can help feed a whole family. Please donate to the Mission's Christmas Appeal, because everyone deserves a little joy this Christmas.

[Donate Here](#)



CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Son of Mary, Son of God,
may we, for whom the heavens have opened
never lose that heavenly vision.
May we, who like the shepherds,
have seen in your birth a new kind of love,
witness to that love in our lives.

Welcome, welcome, Jesus Christ our infant
saviour,
baby who makes every birth holy.
May we, who like the shepherds
have witnessed in the stable a new kind of love,
return to our work with joy.
May we, for whom the heavens have opened
to proclaim that God is with us,
we who have fed on living bread
and drunk the wine of heaven,
go out to be instruments of your peace, day by
day.

Father of all,
the child born for us is the Saviour of the
world.
May he who made us your children
welcome us into your kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns with you now
and for ever.

SUPPORT US

Regular gifting significantly supports this Cathedral's life and mission. Every donation, irrespective of size, will support the ongoing life of Holy Trinity Cathedral and will be gratefully appreciated by the many who visit and enjoy our place.

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

Details for one-off donation:

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02-0192-0031919-00
Ref: DONATION <Your name>

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