



Welcome

It's great to have you with us today.

If you would like to find out more about what happens around the place, please stop by the welcome desk after the service.

**Hospitality,
Healing
and Hope.**



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A member of the Anglican Community of St Mark

Message

Today, we, the children and supporters, are very excited to present our Pageant '**A Christmas to Believe in**', which we trust you will enjoy (Permission is given to laugh and sing with us!). I take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support throughout the year.

In this year, which has proven difficult for many, we are blessed to be able to gather together and share the message of the gospel through drama and song.

There is a big story here – a grand narrative weaving throughout history starting with the birth of our Lord and Saviour. We are called to help our children and grandchildren glimpse the wonder of this bigger story which has been gradually unfolding for thousands of years.

And we are all part of it.

Join with me in helping the next generation to recognise that God has chosen a part for each of us to play.

Yvonne Edwards
Children's Ministry

Prayer for the day

Gracious God, John the Baptist prepared the way, preaching baptism and repentance. Help us to watch and pray, listen for the wilderness voices still crying to be heard, and respond. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Weekly Promise from God by Rev Jenny Fulljames

God will complete the work he has begun.

"... he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1: 6

Holy Trinity Kidz in Sunday School Rm 2, 10am during school term-time
Parents Room available at the back of the auditorium during the service.

Notices...

Receiving Communion – please note

1. Wafers must not be dipped in the chalice when you receive communion.
2. Receiving communion in one kind only (e.g. the wafer) is deemed to be receiving 'full communion'.
3. Juice is available on the organ side of the church, particularly if managing health issues.
4. For those with mobility issues, we are very happy to bring communion to you. Please collect a card from the Welcome Desk on your way into the church, sit near the centre aisle and, as the distribution of communion comes to the end, wave your card so we can spot you and come to you.

Sausage Sizzle and morning tea today after the Pageant Service. Gold coin koha appreciated.

Sung Evensong today

 at 4pm.

A chance to remember the evensongs you were part of, some of you every Sunday evening, in the old church.



War torn Europe meets Tauranga Church

Simone's book about her humanitarian work in Eastern Europe during the early-mid 90s is on sale in the office. Ideal Christmas gift for yourself or younger generations too. Books with photos/maps are \$45. (\$5 per book goes to the building fund).

Christmas Gift Parcels

As usual we will be offering Christmas food parcels to some members of our parish who might particularly welcome a gesture of love and support this

festive season. You are all invited to make a contribution to these parcels in the form of non-perishable Christmas or other food items to be left at the church office no later than 13 December. Many thanks in advance to those who support this annual ministry.

New contact details for Christine and Carl Gaudin are available from the office on request.

Library Books Missing

The Beginning by Gene Edwards
Will my Life Ever be the Same? by H. Norman Wright, *Islam and the Jews* by Mark Gabriel, *Take This Cup* by the Thoene's, *The Freedom Diaries* by M Holloway, *Under Their Very Eyes* by Meroff & Hamblin, *The Spirit of the Disciplines* by Dallas Willard, *Visions, Visitations & the Voice of God* by Lyn Packer. Check to see if any books are at home, and please return to Church Office or the 'Returns Box' in main Library. Borrowing time is one month. Thanking you, Susan

Community News Board

Thinking Matters – Wednesday December 9th, 6.30pm – 9pm Bethlehem Community Church. Dr Shawn Means speaks on "The Bible and Social Justice Today". Part One: The Rising Tide of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Part Two: Fighting Oppression or Just Another Distraction from Jesus?

Pick up a postcard – coming soon



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