

2020



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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Message From the Priest-in-charge

Dear Friends

It is hard to believe that I have already been in your midst, here at Holy Trinity, for 8 weeks. Time has flown by. Here we are, already mid-way through the Season of Advent, which we use as a preparation for the coming of Christmas when we celebrate anew the birth of Christ into our lives and the expectation of His second coming. We have lit the candles of HOPE, praying for the grace to see God's plans of redemption for our lives and this world; of PEACE, as we seek peace not only in our own lives but for our communities and world; and today we light the candle of JOY – praying with expectant hearts for the joy of the Holy Spirit to enable us to shine Christ's light in the world.

In the New Year I plan to write a short piece in the newsletter each week to keep you up-to-date on life in the parish. Today I want to note three things:

1. Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who helped to make last Sunday's Pageant such a special service. It proved so well that when we bring our God-given gifts together in a common purpose, we are MAGNIFICENT!
2. Today is the last day for a while that you will see Jenny Fulljames presiding at the Eucharist or preaching. She will be taking a break in what Jenny describes as 'a bit like a trial retirement'. She will still be around however and will probably be back on the roster later in 2021!
3. Today Vestry is meeting to look at the strategic direction for the parish, following on from the very helpful consultation held with Bishop Andrew in October. Please keep us all in your prayers as we work together, listening to God's Spirit in our midst. We will keep you informed on plans as they are made, and parishioners will certainly be invited to join with us in bringing God's vision to fruition in 2021 and beyond.

With every blessing for the coming week

Adrienne

Preacher today: Rev'd Adrienne Bruce

Readings Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Prayer for the day

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Loving God, you show us the joy of life, we rejoice in this season of Advent. In the watching and waiting prepare us to receive the gift of love. 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

Your destiny is to become like Jesus: "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son." Romans 8:29

Holy Trinity Kidz in Sunday School Rm 2, 10am during school term-time

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.



**Sunday
20 Dec
5.30pm.**

Bring your picnic blanket, dress up, enjoy the start of summer and celebrate Christmas with friends and family.

Christmas Eve Services

5.30pm Children's Service

"The Christmas Story". A special adaptation of Jesus birth designed for children and families or any age. Songs, stories and interactive fun. Dress up as an angel or a shepherd or biblical character if you like! Everyone welcome.

10.30 Christmas Cake

10.45 Carols and Communion. Come and hear our special guest choir from Copper Crest too.

Christmas Day Services

8am – Traditional & Communion

9.30am – Families & Communion

Christmas Rosters

There are still a few spaces if you are able to volunteer for any of the slots at 10.30pm, 8 am and 9.30am. Rosters on Noticeboard.



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 or summer reading. Hardcover Books \$45. (\$5 per book to the building fund).

The **HTT prayer group**, which at present meets Wed 12pm with the last meeting on 16 Dec 2020, will be meeting next year on Tuesdays 11.30am, starting 2 Feb 2021.

All welcome. Hester 0275720582

The **Church Office** will be closing on Wed 23 Dec (12pm) and 2021 reopening Mon 11 Jan (9am-12)



Alpha 2021 are

Tuesdays 9 Mar – 13
June 7- 8.30pm or

27 July – 9 Nov. Leaders training 2 Mar & 20 July. Let your friends know. See Noticeboard.

Community News Board

St Peter's Anglican church, 11 Victoria Road, Mount Maunganui presents "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" Dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' story - Sun 13 Dec 4PM. Also, Nine Lessons and Carol Service Sun 20 Dec at 7pm. Entry by Koha at both events.

Pick up a postcard – coming soon



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