

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.

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Healing
and Hope.**



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Message From the Priest-in-charge

Dear Friends

Here we are already at the fourth Sunday in Advent with the Christmas celebration of the birth of Christ almost upon us.

Today we welcome **Jordan Alexander Allen**, brought by his parents Latoya and Stuart, to be baptised into the body of Christ, during the 10.00 am service. Please pray for Jordan as he grows in his knowledge and love of Christ throughout his life.

You will recall that last week I mentioned the Vestry strategic direction planning event held last Sunday afternoon. It was a very positive and enthusiastic gathering in the true sense of the word 'enthusiasm' – from the Greek '*en theos*' meaning 'in God'. A small group was formed to further develop the dreams and visions. It includes Leonard Bocock, Ana Snodgrass, Garth Laing and Dave Haden. In the New Year we will find an opportunity to share these future directions with the whole community.

You will also be delighted to know that Vestry has agreed that the building project around the hall complex has the green light and will begin in late January. Special thanks to Peter Ewart and his team for all their hard work on this to date.

And do keep Bex and her staff and the Ark families in your prayers as they wind down to closing this week, and for all of them as they move to new roles and centres in 2021.

With every blessing for the coming Christmastide

Adrienne

Preacher today: Andy Davies

Readings James 1:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer for the day

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Life-giving God, you prepared Mary to be the mother of Jesus; she watched and waited for his coming. Grant us the same courage and willingness to watch and wait, to greet him as Emmanuel, God with us, with joyful hearts. 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

His love for you is ginormous! *“As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.”* Psalm 103:11

Sunday School has finished and resumes on Feb 7. Activities in foyer with Shelley

or Activity Boards available for those who wish to sit with their parents.

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

Everyone welcome.

10.30 Christmas Cake

10.45 Carols and Communion.

Christmas Day Services

8am – Traditional & Communion

9.30am – Families & Communion

Used Mobile phones

I'm looking for any discarded mobile phones to take back to Pakistan mid-February. If it's still working ok, please leave at the office or ring me to pick up!
Thanks, Judith Looser 021 0850 1553

The **HTT prayer group**, which during 2020 met on Wed 12pm, 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 in 2021 is reopening Mon 11 Jan – Fri 15 Jan (9am-12pm). Normal hours start week beg. 18 Jan.

Cliff Osborne has been hospitalised and is in the Coronary Care Unit. Jane is being looked after in respite care in the meantime. While he awaits further surgery Cliff has been advised to restrict non family visitors to one or two a day to enable him to rest. He therefore asks visitors to phone ahead to check.

The hospital number is 5798000.

Invitation to choirs and singers

to be part of a RSCM Waikato event "The Crucifixion" in Cambridge on Palm Sunday (28 Mar) at 4pm. See the Noticeboard for more info.

Community News Board

St Peter's Anglican Church, 11 Victoria Road, Mount Maunganui presents :

"Nine Lessons and Carol Service"
Sunday 20 December at 7pm.

Entry by Koha

Job opportunity for hard-working tech savvy person with integrity in Otumoetai for full days, Thurs & Fridays and occasional other days for cover. See The Noticeboard.

Pick up a postcard – coming soon



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