

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

8 December 2024

Today's service comes from page 456 of the New Zealand Prayer Book,
and will be available online via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

When a Prophet Speaks

Readings

Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3: 1-6

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78-79

Prayer

Praise and honour to you living God
for John the Baptist,
and for all those voices crying in the wilderness
who prepare your way.

May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Welcome to St Aidan's! Please join us for morning tea in the Gathering Area after our services. If you are new, or would like more information, please make sure to introduce yourself and fill in a Newcomer's form.

WORSHIP

CARING

MISSION

5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera, Auckland

What's on at St Aidan's

Today

8am - Holy Communion.

9:30am - Family service with Holy Communion.

10:45am (approx.) - Confidential prayer in the Side Chapel.

This Week

Pins & Needles - 10am Monday in the Gathering Area.

mainly music - 10am Wednesday in the Hall, and visiting the Nativity display in the Church, with Christmas party break up to follow.

Prayer Meeting - Thursday at 9am.

Mission Shop - Open 10am to 2pm Thursday, Friday, and *final day for 2024 on Saturday 14th December.*

Next Week

8am - Holy Communion.

9:30am - Family service with Holy Communion, including the Kids' Church Christmas nativity play/pantomime.

Sibun's Tribute in Lights - Sunday 15th December, 8pm. Honouring those no longer with us as they light up the funeral home and special remembrance tree. If you would like to join the St Aidan's people singing carols, please sign up in the GA.

Prayers

- ◆ Christian churches worldwide as we move through Advent and prepare for Christmas services
- ◆ mainly music as they have their final session for the year, and all our church groups as they take a summer hiatus
- ◆ Those who are travelling during this holiday season, for safety and relaxation



Coming Up

Caroling in the Community - from 5pm on Wednesday 18th December. There is a sign up sheet in the GA.

Parish Office closes for 2024 at 12 noon on Monday 23rd December.

Summer Combined Congregations Services - 9am each Sunday from 29th December to 26th January 2025. *A special roster will be in place for January and we will need volunteers.*

Christmas at St Aidan's

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th Dec

4pm Kids' & Youth Christmas

7pm Holy Communion Service

9pm Carol Service with HC

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th Dec

8am Holy Communion

9:30am Family Service with HC

Special Services

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the special services over the last week. There was a great showing of St Aidan's parishioners at the Ordination for Christina and Kate, the Cantemus Choir's presentation for the Lessons and Carols service, and at Sarah's induction on Tuesday. A very busy week for our parish!

Carol Singers Wanted

Sibun's Tribute in Lights - Sunday 15th December, 8pm at Sibuns', 582 Remuera Road. St Aidan's people will be singing carols, so please sign up on the clipboard in the GA if you would like to come along and join us.

Caroling in the Community - from 5pm on Wednesday 18th December. Sign up on the clipboard in the GA. We will begin on St Aidan's front lawn, and for those able to continue we will go to some local aged care facilities to sing, returning to St Aidan's around 7pm. All welcome to join us for this very special fun night.

Name Tags

As Sarah begins her ministry with us, please remember to wear your name tag so she is able to get to know everyone. If you need a new name tag please request one via the form on the table just inside the church.

ACM Auckland's Angels

Donations can be brought along to church until Tuesday 17th December for collection by the team and distribution to those in need.



Holiday Rosters

Christmas combined congregations summer services don't keep to the usual worship roster duties, so we will need some volunteers to fill these roles. If you can help out during any of these services, please add your name to the sign up sheets.

Cards for Prisoners

Thank you to everyone who donated cards for Auckland prisoners.



A whole box was collected, and these have now been delivered.

'The Apostle' Christmas

[Christmas Edition of 'The Apostle' magazine](#) is available now online, or printed copies in the GA.

We hope you enjoy it as much as our staff enjoyed putting it all together!



Contacts @ St Aidan's

To contact the people below whose details are not displayed, either refer to your St Aidan's parish directory, or contact Anne in the office who will be able to assist further.

Office: Mon-Fri 9 - 3:30	Anne Godman office@staidans.co.nz 929 4670 ext 1	Kids' Church:	Isabelle (Izzi) Hoskyn 929 4670 ext 5 children@staidans.co.nz
Vicar: 929 4670 ext 6	The Rev'd Sarah Stevens-Cross M 021 921 080 sarah@staidans.co.nz	Library: mainly music:	Anne Mercer Hannah Scharf mainlymusic@staidans.co.nz
Vicar: 929 4670 ext 4	The Rev'd Louise Anderson M 027 448 4467 louise@staidans.co.nz	Men's Ministry: Mission Shop:	Pete Macaulay Jenny Haggitt
Curate	Rev'd Christina Turner christina@staidans.co.nz	Outreach: Pastoral Care:	Barbara Weir Desré Simpson
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ASTA:	The Rev'd Anne Priestley		
Choir:	Antoinette Pope		
Evening Fellowship (EF):	Jan Evans		
Home Groups:	Louise A 929 4670 ext 4		

Regular Events @ St Aidan's

Sunday Services	8am Holy Communion 9:30am Family Communion with Youth and Kids' Church
AFG	Afternoon Fellowship Group meets in the GA, first Tuesday of each month March to December, at 1:30pm. Next meeting Tuesday 4 th March 2025.
Choir Practice	Practise on Sunday morning at 9am, Saturday practises currently on hold. Contact Antoinette.
Contemplative Prayer	Meditation (online via Zoom meeting ID: 876 7943 0576) each Wednesday at 9:45am - contact Anne P.
Kids' Church	All children aged 3-10 during the 9:30am service. Contact Izzi . Final for 2024 is on Sunday 15 th December.
mainly music	Wednesday at 10am in the Hall during school terms. Music and play for pre-school aged children and their families or care givers. Contact Hannah . Final session and Christmas party Wednesday 11 th December.
Men's Ministry	Meets on the last Thursday of each month, February to December, for breakfast at 7:30am. Contact Pete.
Mid-week Communion	Mid-week Holy Communion services, first Wednesday of the month at 11:30am.
Mission Shop	Open Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 2pm, final day Saturday 14 th December. Contact Jenny.
Pins & Needles	A knitting for charity group. Final meeting for 2024 on Monday 9 th December at 10am in the GA. Contact Gail.
Prayer Meeting	Thursday mornings at 9am in the GA, or join from home via Zoom - Enter the Zoom online meeting ID : 959 1932 0025, or phone: +64 9 884 6780 and enter Passcode 1 #. Final meeting for 2024 on 19 th December.
Small Groups	All welcome! Contact your small group (home group / house church / Bible study) leader, or speak to Louise for information about joining a small group.
Vestry	Meet monthly 7:30pm in the GA on the fourth Tuesday. Next meeting 25 th February 2025
EF	Evening Fellowship meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7:30pm in the GA. Next meeting 18 th February.
ASTA - Advocacy at St Aidan's	Community-focused writing for advocacy and justice, 10am on the last Friday of each month. Next meeting 28 th February 2025. Contact Rev'd Anne Priestley.
Young Adults	Meets every second Sunday at 4pm to 6pm, plus occasional social events. Contact Isobell .
Youth	School aged youth (age 11+), Sunday during the 9:30am service. Contact Nic . Final for 2024 15 th December.

Bank Account for direct deposits:

St Aidan's Church Remuera

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Please use your giving number as reference. Contact the office if you are unsure what it is or would like one allocated.