

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

15 December 2024

Today's service comes from page 476 of the New Zealand Prayer Book,
and will be available online via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

How do we participate? Part 1

Readings

8am

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

9:30am

Luke 2: 4-7; 8-12

Matthew 2: 1-3

Sentence

And the crowds asked him, "What shall we do?"

Luke 3:10

Prayer

God our strength and our hope,
grant us the courage of John the Baptist,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly willing to embody our faith in real and meaningful ways;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

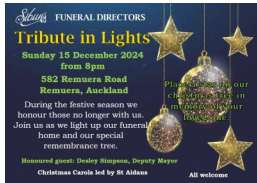
What's on at St Aidan's

Today

8am - Holy Communion.

9:30am - Family service with Holy Communion, 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.



This Week

Caroling in the Community - from 5pm on Wednesday 18th December. There is a sign up sheet in the GA. Please add your name if you are planning to come, so we can let you know of any weather-related changes.

Prayer Meeting - Thursday at 9am in the GA, final for 2024. Join via [Zoom](#).

Next Week

8am - Holy Communion.

9:30am - Family service with Holy Communion.

Prayers



- ◆ Family and friends of Rosalie Stephenson who passed away this week, and all others who are grieving at this time
- ◆ Students and teachers as classes wrap up for the year, that all may have a safe and restful holiday
- ◆ God's peace in countries experiencing conflict, particularly those in Syria and other countries going through a time of transition
- ◆ Innocent victims of persecution and violence

Coming Up

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.*

'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!



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.

Carol Singers Wanted

Sibun's Tribute in Lights - 8pm TODAY 15th December, at Sibun's, 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.



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

We can all help families doing it tough this Christmas. Bring your donations of *toys, gifts, and special Christmas food items**, as well as the usual food staples and hygiene items, to church by Tuesday 17th December for collection by the team and distribution to those in need.

**A list of suggestions is available on page 13 of the 'The Apostle' magazine.*



Christmas at St Aidan's

There is something to suit everyone in our Christmas services:

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th Dec

4pm Kids' & Youth Christmas. A great opportunity to bring children and grandchildren and celebrate Jesus' birth in a fun, interactive way.

7pm Holy Communion Service, a more traditional Christmas Eve. *Come early to secure a parking spot.*

9pm Carol Service with Holy Communion, our annual late evening carol service. *Please note the new time of 9pm.*

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th Dec

8am Holy Communion, a quieter service following the NZ Prayer Book.

9:30am Family Service with Holy Communion, for all ages.

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
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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
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Accounts:	accounts@staidans.co.nz	Find us online:	www.staidans.co.nz staidansremuera
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 .
mainly music	Wednesday at 9:30am in the Hall during school terms. Music and play for pre-school aged children and their families or care givers. Contact Hannah . Restarts Wednesday 5 th February 2025.
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. Contact Jenny. Reopening
Pins & Needles	A knitting for charity group, second Monday of each month. Contact Gail. Next meeting 10 th February 2025.
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 #.
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 2025.
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 .

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.