

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

Christmas Eve
24 December 2024

Christmas Day
25 December 2024

Readings

Isaiah 9: 2-7
Titus 2: 11-14
Luke 2: 1-18

Sentence

“For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us; authority rests
upon his shoulders; and he is
named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace”.

Isaiah 9:6

Prayer

Son of God, Child of Mary,
born in the stable at Bethlehem,
be born again in us this day
that through us the world may
know the wonder of your love.
Hear this prayer
for your name's sake. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

Sentence

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; for to us a child
is born, to us a son is given.

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Prayer

Emmanuel, God-with-us,
you come amongst us like a bright star,
leading us to a simple vision of love.
Open our eyes to see your angels in our
midst. Help us to find time and space
to be still this Christmas; that we may
hear your song of hope and grace for all
humanity and be messengers of your
love and joy.
This we pray for your love's sake.
Amen.

*Welcome to St Aidan's! If you are new, or would like more information, please make
sure to introduce yourself and fill in a Newcomer's form.*

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th Dec

4pm - Kids' Christmas Eve Service. *Come dressed as an angel, shepherd, king, or animal. We will have plenty of costumes on the day.*

7pm - Christmas Eve Communion Service. *Tuesday is a busy night, so come early to secure a parking spot.*

9pm - Christmas Eve Communion Service.

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th Dec

8am - Traditional Christmas Day Communion Service.

9:30am - Christmas Day Family Communion Service.

Next Sunday

29th December

9am - ONE SERVICE ONLY

Combined Congregations Holy Communion service.

Sunday services will continue to be livestreamed on our [Facebook page*](#) www.facebook.com/StAidansRemuera every week, so you can still join us online from wherever you are.

**You don't need a Facebook account to watch*

'The Apostle' Christmas

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



Prayers

- ◆ Safety and care on the roads, and also in the water across the summer
- ◆ The lonely, the grieving, and those who find Christmas a difficult time. May Christ's love break through and shine light into their lives
- ◆ Peace in places of political unrest around the world, and areas of upheaval, may they find a sense of peace and security amidst the chaos



Coming Up

All regular programmes and staff are taking a break.

Summer Combined Congregations Services - 9am

one service only on Sunday and throughout all of January 2025. Please remember that a special roster will be in place, so we need volunteers to sign up for weekly roster duties, *replacing those weeks when you would normally serve.*

Name Tags

Don't forget to wear your name tag over the coming weeks, as Sarah gets to know us all, and we combine our 8am and 9:30am congregations. If you need a new name tag please request one via the form on the table just inside the church.

Holiday Rosters

For Christmas services, and combined congregations summer services, we do not keep to the usual regular 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. This applies to EVERY SUNDAY between 29th December and 26th January. *Regardless of your usual roster duty*, you will need to add your name to the sign up sheet as reader, chalice, welcomers, AV team, etc.

Mission Shop

The Mission Shop has had another record-breaking year. Thank you Jenny, Terrie, and all your volunteers for your enthusiasm and dedication which helped us reach the grand total of \$18,727 for 2024!

Charities which have benefitted from these funds: NZCMS mission partners in Costa Rica, Auckland City Mission food banks, Anglican Trust for Women and Children, Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa (IHC), Habitat for Humanity, Christians Against Poverty, Christian Broadcasting Assoc., Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa, PARS.

If you would like to be a part of the Mission Shop team in 2025 please speak to Jenny.

Reopening Friday 7th February 2025.

Office Closed

The Parish office is now closed. For any non-urgent issues, Anne will be back in the office from 9am on Monday 20th January. Please note that the church will only be open at specific times while the office is closed, so please contact one of the priests on duty to find out when that will be.

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Dates for Your Diary

1st February - Vestry Retreat

5th February - mainly music starts again in the Hall, 9:30am

9th February (TBC) - Louise's farewell service and shared lunch

9th February - Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices. All students and teachers welcome to bring along items to be blessed as the new school year begins. Kids' Church also resumes on this day

4th March - Afternoon Fellowship plus Shrove Tuesday Pancake evening

5th March - Ash Wednesday

16th March - Newcomer's Lunch TBC

30th March - Parish SGM

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.

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| 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 |
| Other Clergy | The Rev'd Anne Priestley | Pins & Needles: Prayer Circle: | Gail Hodder Karel Lee |
| Vicar's Warden: | Juli Mercer | Privacy Officer: | Miles Brown privacy@staidans.co.nz |
| People's Warden: | Lynne Trenwith | Website & Social Media: | Isobell Tregoweth staidansremuera@gmail.com |
| Afternoon Fellowship (AFG): | Christine Kennedy | Young Adults: Youth: | Isobell Tregoweth Nic Mercer youth@staidans.co.nz |
| 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

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| 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, February to December, at 11:30am. |
| Mission Shop | Open Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10am to 2pm. Contact Jenny. Reopening 7 th February 2025 |
| 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. Retreat 1 st February, 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.