

St Aidan's

Anglican Church

2 February 2025

Today's service comes from page 404 of the New Zealand Prayer Book,
and will be available online via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

Where the Spirit shows the heart and face of God

Readings

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Sentence

"My eyes have seen your salvation, which
you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples."

Luke 2:30-31

Prayer

God of promise,
You renew your gift to those whose faces are lined
and hearts are filled by the passage of years:
give us grace, with Simeon and Anna,
to see beyond the surface
to where the spirit shows the face and heart of God
in Jesus Christ, the given child. 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. **No Kids' Church or Youth during school holidays. Activity sheets are available in the children's corner at the back.*

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

This Week

mainly music - resumes 9:30am on Wednesday. If you are willing and able to join the team please contact Hannah hannah@staidans.co.nz, or morning tea help contact Desré.

Monthly Mid-week Communion service - Wednesday at 11:30am.

Waitangi Day Public Holiday - The Office will be closed and all staff taking a break this Thursday.

Mission Shop - reopening for the new year this Friday 7th and Saturday 8th February, 10am to 2pm.

Next Week

Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices during both services

8am - Holy Communion.

9:30am - Family service with Holy Communion. *Kids' Church and Youth programmes resume.*

Prayers

- ◆ Ministries restarting this week - mainly music, Mission Shop, and mid-week communion, for a deep sense of welcome and community
- ◆ Open and respectful engagement as the Treaty Principals Bill is debated at select committee and throughout NZ and may God's justice and grace abound
- ◆ Countries experiencing hunger, famine, and insufficient access to clean water



mainly music Helpers

Is God calling you?

Are you passionate about building community and supporting young families?

Are you looking for a new challenge in 2025?

We are looking to grow our mainly music team at St Aidan's. We need friendly, welcoming people of any age, to help on the welcome desk, set up, and help with toys and resources.

You don't need to sing and dance - though you are most welcome to! We encourage you to pray about this and get in touch with Hannah if you are interested or have any questions.



Big Mission Home

St Aidan's will again be entering a team to fundraise for Auckland City Mission's Big Mission Home. If you would like to join the 17km team on Saturday 22nd March, a shorter 10km walk, or even 17km on another date you choose, please contact Anne in the office to sign up.



Bishop's Support

At the inaugural prayer service held after President Trump was sworn in, the Bishop of Washington's sermon included a plea for him to show mercy to vulnerable people. For this she has been strongly criticized and even threatened.

You can write to or email the Bishop, to encourage her and assure her of your prayer support. Listen to her [sermon here](#) and/or her [interview with journalist Rachel Maddow](#).

Blessing of the Backpacks

Next Sunday, 9th February, we will have blessing of backpacks and devices for all students and teachers in our congregations. We encourage you to bring items to be blessed as the new school year begins.

Missed a Week?

Livestream/video of our services are available online at [Facebook](#) &/or [YouTube](#). You can also listen to Mp3 audio of sermons via our website: www.staidans.co.nz/sermons/

Coming Up

Office Closed - Tuesday 11th February while Anne has a training course.

Weekly Prayer - Thursday 13th February, 9am in the GA or [online via Zoom](#).

Young Adults Picnic - Sunday 16th February, 5pm-7pm in Okahu Bay. Please bring a plate to share. All young adults (~18-35) are welcome to join in!

Evening Fellowship - open to all Parishioners, on Tuesday 18th February, 7:30pm in the GA, with supper to follow. Ronnie will be sharing about Tibet.

Louise's Final Service and Farewell Lunch - Sunday 23rd February. As Louise's ministry of Vicar of St Aidan's comes to an end, we will have a shared lunch in the Hall. Please bring a plate of finger food if you are able, everyone welcome.

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's Warden:	Juli Mercer	Outreach:	Barbara Weir
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Afternoon Fellowship (AFG):	Christine Kennedy	Pins & Needles:	Gail Hodder
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		Find us online:	www.staidans.co.nz @staidansremuera

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.
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 .
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.
Pins & Needles	A knitting for charity group, second Monday of each month. Contact Gail. Next meeting 10 th February.
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.
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. 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.