

This Week's Activities

St Peter's Church

Tues 10am Pop In
 Wed 10am Study and Communion—(finished for 2016)
 Thurs 10am Pete's Place—drop-in
 Fri 10am Craft Group

Longview Home

Thurs 11.20am Communion Service

St Christopher's Church

Mon 1:30pm Prayer & Share (foyer)
 Wed 10am Pop In
 Wed 3:45pm Youth Discipleship group Yrs 9-13
 Wed 7-7.20pm Emmaus Centre, Prayer for the process of finding a new Vicar.

Thurs 10am Pop In
 Thurs 3:30pm Youth Discipleship group Yrs 7-8
 Fri 7:30pm Radiator Youth Group
 Sat: 8am Prayer, (Emmaus Centre)
 Sun: 6.30am Listening to God, (Church)

Small groups meet for study and fellowship most evenings.

Contact office for more details, or see notice-board in Annex or check in "Welcome Book".

Financial Matter\$ Income for November

Offerings: \$27,080 Other income : \$4078

Monthly budget "break-even" amount is **\$30,795**



Administrative Matters

St. C Cleaning Team 17 December
 G&R Escott, E Blauw, Pledger family

Lawn mowing 11 Dec—31 Dec
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For those who generously give via automatic payment or internet banking, electronic giving acknowledgement cards are available in the foyers. These may be placed in the offertory plate as a symbol of your giving.

Ezee Meals sold from office: 9.30am-12.30pm Tues—Fri. Meals can be delivered on Thursday morning to customers living in Tawa & Linden

Encouragement Cards available in Foyers. If you would like to encourage someone, please write your words of encouragement, then either give to person, or place in offertory plate if you would like to remain anonymous.

Notices for Update should be in the office by **9.30am Thursday** (Admin@tac.org.nz)

Name Tags are available at the back of the church/foyer. If you do not see your name and would like a tag, please contact office and one will be made for you.

Parish Office

Office Hours:- **Tues—Fri 9.30am-12.30pm**
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If you require confidential prayer support please phone Shirley 232 4300 or Philippa 232 3262

Priest in Charge and Mission Director

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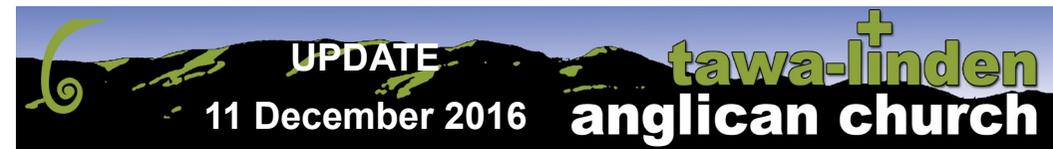
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2016—Celebrating 150 years of Anglican
 Worship in the Tawa-Linden Area

What are you waiting for?

If you spend much time at our house at the moment you are likely to hear the one of the children saying "I can't wait for Christmas". But what is it that they are waiting for? Their idea, their expectation, of what Christmas will be like is based on what they remember from previous Christmases – an expectation built upon family tradition.

Before the birth of Jesus the people of Israel were waiting for a messiah. They were waiting with an expectation built on tradition – a reading of the scripture, an understanding of history. But Jesus was unexpected; born not in a palace, but a stable; living not as a king or ruler but as a servant; not leading a violent political overthrow but walking the road of peace. When John the Baptist asks "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus answers him "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor". These signs were already foretold in the scriptures but the people were expecting something different. This was what was promised by God and proclaimed by Isaiah.

As we wait during this time of advent maybe we can search out the signs of God at work, of God's promise, in the unexpected places.

Where is God waiting to be born today?

How can we help prepare and point the way?

Can we put aside our expectations about the way things 'should' look and be open to God's unexpected plan and vision for this world?

Rachel Doragh

Tawa Linden Anglican Church Special General Meeting

11:45am today at St Christopher's Church

Presentation of ministry reports and proposed 2017 budget.

Election of vestry members

8:30am Service
 St Peter's Church, Linden

10am Family Communion
 St Christopher's Church, Tawa
 Followed by Morning Tea

Third Sunday in Advent

Readings

Psalm 146:5-10, Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Sentence

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. *Matthew 11:11*

Collect of the Day

Terror and doom, and wrath to come, John your herald preached to bring us to repentance; open our eyes, almighty God, show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.**

2016/2017 Diary Dates

TicTACtoe board games: 6:30pm 10 Dec in Emmaus Centre

SGM: 11 Dec, 11.45am after St C service,

Office closes for the year: 12:30pm 23 Dec

Christingle Service: 6pm 24 Dec at St C—a fun family service for all ages.

Christmas Eve Service: 10:30pm 24 Dec, St C, Carols and communion

Christmas Day Services: 8:30am St Peter's and 10am St Christopher's

Parish Picnic: 15 Jan, 12 noon at Grasslees Park

New Wine Summer Festival and church camp: 19-23 Jan—see notice for details

Office re-opens: 9:30am 24 Jan

Ministry Service Fair: 29 Jan St C

ALPHA Parenting: 26 Feb—26 March—see Hayley Balmer for details

Ash Wednesday and beginning of Lent: 1 March—a Lenten study guide will be available early next year.

ALPHA Course will be running May-July, details to come.



Please Pray for:

- Strength and healing for all those struggling with ill health in body, mind and spirit.
- For all those recovering from surgery.
- Comfort and peace for those who are bereaved
- For all those affected by the earthquake in Indonesia and Soloman Islands and for those still dealing with and feeling the effects of the Kaikoura Earthquake and after shocks.

Daily readings (Lectionary)

Sun 11 Dec	Psalm 68:1-19	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Philippians 4:4-7
Mon 12 Dec	Psalm 40	Isaiah 49:14-25	1 Thess 5:1-11
Tues 13 Dec	Psalm 70	Isaiah 50	1 Thess 5:12-end
Wed 14 Dec	Psalm 75	Isaiah 51:1-8	2 Thess 1
Thurs 15 Dec	Psalm 97	Isaiah 51:9-16	2 Thess 2
Fri 16 Dec	Psalm 98	Isaiah 51:17-end	2 Thess 3
Sat 17 Dec	Psalm 71	Isaiah 52:1-12	Jude

We are family, we are disciples, we care for the last, the lost and the least

This Week and beyond

New Wine Summer Festival 19 - 23 January 2017

register at: https://newwinenz.formstack.com/forms/kapiti_2017

We are hoping that all of you have considered coming to New Wine Summer Festival. If anyone needs financial assistance to make it possible for you to participate please can you register and bring your invoice with whatever contribution you can make to the office and we will arrange a subsidy for the rest. There will be people travelling up every day for those who don't want to tent or bach. Speak to Hayley (232 9433) if you have any queries.

Christmas Food Parcels

Each year our parish distributes food parcels to Birthright families and members of our parish and community who need a little extra help at Christmas.

Boards with food parcels tickets are available in both churches from today. Please take as many as you can. Please return donations to sides people on Sundays or to the office by Tues 22 Dec. Family or groups can provide a whole food parcel, see Jill Bruce after 10am service for more info.



Mike and Vicky Perris are to host night **prayers** at their house 6:30pm on Sunday evenings (4, 11, 18 Dec). This is open to everyone of all ages. Our address is 18 Kowhai St, Linden. Any questions call Mike 232 0616 or 027 2320012.

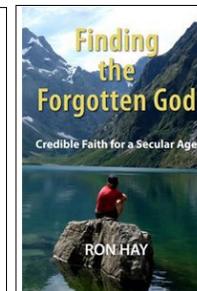


"The Anglican Church in Tawa A History"

A book compiled by Bill Darnell for the Sesqui is available from the office. **\$2.**

Pete's Place. Come in, have a cuppa and some good company

Thursdays
10am-2pm at
St Peter's
Church.



'Finding the Forgotten God - Credible Faith for a Secular Age' by Ron Hay. 'This is a brilliant explanation of the Christian faith which deals in a fresh way with the questions people often ask.' A gift for someone special or for your own holiday reading. \$25.00 from Lesley Anderson. 17 copies available!

Annual Christmas Fun Day

Mon 19 Dec: 10 - 2:30pm. for Primary School children

Crafts, stories, games, lego... Bookings essential - only a few spaces left. Contact Hayley for details - whether you would like to help or have a child who would like to participate.

We need used Christmas cards - please leave at office or give to Hayley, thanks.

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