

This Week's Activities

St Peter's Church

Tue 10:00am Pop In
Wed 10:00am Study and Communion
Thurs 10:00am Pete's Place—drop-in
Fri 10:00am Craft Group

St Christopher's Church

Mon 1:30pm Prayer & Share (foyer)
Wed 10:00am Pop In
Wed 3:45pm Youth Discipleship Group
Thur 10:00am Pop In
Fri 7:00am Prayer for Community transformation
Fri 5:00pm Illumin8—yrs 6-9 youth group
Fri 7:30pm Radi8—yrs 10-13 youth group
Sat 8:00am Prayer, (Emmaus Centre)
Sun 7:30am Listening to God, (Church)

Longview Home
Thurs 11.20am Communion Service

Small groups meet for study and fellowship most evenings. Contact office for more details, or see noticeboard in Annex or check in "Welcome Book".

Financial Matter\$ (not incl vicarage refit)
 Income for 1—8 Nov: \$8674
 Monthly expenses budget: \$34,320

Year to date	budget
Income: \$317,786	\$349,294
Expense: \$283,613	\$335,752

Administrative Matters

St. C Cleaning

18 November
 H Naus, Alve-Perris family



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.

Lawn mowing

Paul Roberts 6/11-19/11



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.

Parish Office and Ezee Meals

Office Hours:- **Tues—Fri 9.30am-12.30pm**
 1 Lyndhurst Road, P O Box 51 023, Tawa
 Phone: 232 8448
 Website: www.tac.org.nz
 Facebook : Tawa-Linden Anglican Church

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.



If you require confidential prayer support, please phone Shirley on 232 4300 or Philippa Reaney on 232 3262

Priest in Charge and Mission Director

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UPDATE 12 November 2017 tawa-linden anglican church

Jesus tells about 10 bridesmaids who are waiting to meet the bridegroom. Their task was to welcome the bridegroom when he arrived. They have lamps which are filled with oil and burning and they begin waiting for the bridegroom to come. The bridesmaids wait... and they wait... and they wait... until they go to sleep! Suddenly there is a fuss as the bridegroom arrives. Now is their moment; but the oil has run low. Five of the bridesmaids had brought extra oil—so the five who had run out turn to the others and they say please share, give us oil for our lamps. But the wise ones say no, there is not enough to go around, we have ours and we are going to the party.

Now I have to say at this point on so many occasions I have heard this parable spoken about I have been told that I should be like one of these wise ones and have extra oil for my lamps. But I have to admit on reading the parable again I do not want to be associated with the wise ones in any way shape or form. At the heart of Jesus messages lies a generous God who invites us to generosity even at great cost to ourselves. The example and behaviour of the so-called wise ones to me is abhorrent. There is almost an air of smug self-satisfaction as they go off to the party. We got in because we are wise. Don't they care about those left behind? Those outside? Those who are excluded? Their sisters? Their friends? How often has your heart broken with the notion that someone that you love might be excluded from the loving kingdom of God because they did not have enough faith, knowledge, commitment? Is this the God we encounter in the scriptures? In Jesus? What happens to those women left waiting outside? They act. They don't sit idly by and give up, they race off to the market and somehow find someone to provide them with more oil. They return to the house of the bride and they knock on the door equipped and ready to help but the door is shut. How does this fit in any way, shape or form with what Jesus teaches. Inside are a group who refused to do what Jesus taught, share generously, even if it means your own suffering. Outside is a group who are experiencing rejection despite their last ditched efforts to knock on the door, which Jesus said would be opened. How do we make sense of this situation? Jesus sums up the parable with these perplexing words, "Keep awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Jesus does not mention oil nor the wisdom or folly of those who bring extra or those who fail to. Jesus's warning to the disciples is to stay awake – to be ready for what is hand, to be engaged with his presence, as the presence of the kingdom of heaven.

In the next Chapter of Matthew, Jesus shares the last supper with his disciples and then heads out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He takes Peter and James and John and asks them to wait for him and stay awake with him as he prays. The disciples, who had not long before heard the story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids and the injunction to stay awake, go to sleep. What a perplexing scene we are left with. Bridesmaids inside that seem selfish, bridesmaids outside excluded, disciples who fall asleep. Where is hope? Our hope is in Jesus who gives new life, risen from the dead, the one who opens the doors and reawakens us – God is with us, God desires the best for us, God invites us to celebrate with the bridegroom as he shares his life with us.

Terry

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

10am Family Communion
 St Christopher's Church, Tawa

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Sentence of the Day

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Matthew 24:42, 44

Collect of the Day

Father, let us not serve you grudgingly like slaves, but with the gladness of children who delight in you and rejoice in their work; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

2017 Diary Dates

ticTACtoe board games: Sat 11 Nov; 9 Dec, Emmaus Centre—all welcome

Ordinations and Hui: Sat 18 Nov, 10am St Paul's Wellington Cathedral

Working Bee at St C: Sat 25 Nov from 9am. Details to follow.

Advent Service: Sun 3 Dec - 7pm Our Lady of Fatima

AAW: Mon 4 Dec, 7:30pm in St. Peter's



Please Pray for:

- Our new Government, for good conversations, and wise decision making
- For the Last, the Lost, and the Least
- Blessing on all new babies and their families
- For our clergy Terry and Andy; and Hayley our Children's Ministry Leader
- Strength and healing for all those struggling with ill health, and recovering from surgery.
- Refugees everywhere, may they build new lives somewhere safe.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS

Boards for the Christmas food parcel donations will go into the churches at Advent, however in line with last year, families or small groups may like to donate a whole food parcel instead.

If this appeals to you please contact Jill Bruce 0210323350 jillmarian@hotmail.com

For:- list of the necessary items for inclusion,
Or:- to indicate that you would like me to shop for you, and arrange payment.

Parcels have a value of \$80-100 depending on where and how you shop. This initiative is NOT to replace the board and tag donation method.



New Wine Festival 2018

18—22 Jan at Kapiti College
Registration forms available in both churches. Early bird rates close 30 Nov.
Some funding is available see Hayley.

Save the date!!

Working Bee at St C. Sat 25 Nov 9am

Lets get the place tidied up for Christmas. More details to come



This Week and Beyond

Ordination Service & Diocesan Hui

Sat 18th November at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

as they combine the Ordination Service and Diocesan Hui

- **2017 Ordination Service** at 10.00am,
- Then we flow into our **festival-style Hui celebration** over lunch with stalls, food and family-friendly activities.

At **1:30pm**, we move into a celebratory Eucharist, giving thanks for all that God has done and is doing, through us and in us.

Who will speak for you if you can't speak for yourself?

Thurs 16 & 23 Nov 10-11am

Tawa Union church

Noel Tiano, chaplain at Porirua Hospital will be presenting U3A talk
Contact Tawa Union church for details 2328844

Anglican Diocese is looking for people interested in helping with the next house set-up for refugees arriving early December.

Please see noticeboards for more details.

TAWA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK

Do you know of anyone who might appreciate a helping hand for a few hours? From Tues 5 - Fri 8 Dec, Year 10 students will be out and about, serving in the Tawa community. Contact Sam McGuire through the Tawa College office (04 232 8184) or email smguire@tawacollege.school.nz for more details.

Nine Lessons and Carols Service

Sun 10 Dec 7pm at St Christopher's
Anyone interested in joining a small choir to sing at the service contact Gail Milner 2324739 or milner_family@xtra.co.nz.

A practice will be held at St C on Sun 3 Dec at 3pm. If you are interested I will also need a few people to read the lessons. Many thanks. Gail



Vicarage BBQ & Open Day

This Sunday
12.30 to 2pm.

Come see all the good work that's been done in getting the Vicarage ready for Digby and Jane.
BBQ running from 12.30pm.



PFNZ Angel Tree Christmas.

This year we have 27 Angels. Please see Mary Clare after both services to pick up yours.

Food Fair

A huge thank you from Hanny and the team to all those who supported the food fair—cooks, bakers, servers, hosts, set-up and pack down team and everyone who came and bought meals. We raised \$1200 for New Wine.

Wellington City Mission is looking for street collectors for the Christmas Star Street Day appeal Fri 1 Dec. Please see noticeboards or contact Ella 2580882 or ella@wgtncitymission.org.nz

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