

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
Thurs 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—15 Nov: \$16,214
Monthly expenses budget: \$34,320

Year to date	budget
Income: \$321,281	\$349,294
Expense: \$297,417	\$335,752

Administrative Matters

St. C Cleaning 25 November

R & G Escott, A & L Pledger,
Webster 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.

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.

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

Lawn mowing

Allan Pledger 20/11-3/12



Parish Office and Ezee Meals

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UPDATE 19 November 2017 tawa-linden anglican church

Parable of the Talents (*Matthew 25:14-30*)

What Jesus is really talking about here is faith. Three different people in Jesus' parable, with different levels of "ability" were given resources for building up the Kingdom of God, two showed "faith" and one didn't. This parable shows the element of risk that is essential to the call of God. God always asks us to step out of our comfort-zone and act out of faith, not fear.

It's what God expected of Noah when he told him to build an ark and collect animals. It's what God expected of Abraham when he told him to leave his home. It's what God expected of Moses at the burning bush. It's what God expected of Mary when he sent the Angel Gabriel. It's what God expected of Paul after knocking him off his horse. Had any of those people acted out of their fear (*What will happen? Will we be safe? Will we have enough money? Will people still like me? Can I accomplish this?*) instead of faith, the Bible would be a very different book.

And the difference between the two slaves who invested what the "Master" gave him, and the slave who dug a hole and buried what the "Master" gave him—is a willingness to have faith, instead of succumbing to fear.

It's why the call of the Scriptures, from the beginning to the end, is "do not be afraid."

We are called to be people of faith, not people of fear. For so many reasons For one, we do stupid, ridiculous things when we're afraid.

But, even more, we lose sight that even through all the risks of failure, and all the failures themselves, God is still always with us. We don't go through failure alone. And, on the other end, God turns our failures into things we couldn't even imagine.

It's all about faith.

And, faith is what God expects of us all.

Terry



Mike Burrows from Open Doors will be speaking at St Christopher's this morning.

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

10am Family Communion
St Christopher's Church, Tawa

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Psalms 123, Judges 4:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Sentence of the Day

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other. *1 Thess 5:9-11*

Collect of the Day

We pray you, Jesus, take the old water, our busy conscientious lives, and turn them into gospel wine, that everyone may see your life and thirst; for the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

2017 Diary Dates

Working Bee at St C: Sat 25 Nov from 9am. Details on noticeboard

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

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

Men's Convention: Wed, 13 Dec 7:30pm Roundabout Pub

SGM: Sun 10 Dec 11:45am St C

Nine Lessons and Carols: Sun, 10th Dec. 7pm—8pm at St C's

Christmas Eve: 6pm Family Service and 10:30pm Evening Service

Christmas Day service—Mon 25 Dec, 10am St Christopher's



Please Pray for:

- Our new Government, for good conversations, and wise decision making
- For the Last, the Lost, and the Least
- 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, especially Pastor Quentin Morgan (Tawa New Life) following a massive heart attack.
- 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. Please see Fri's email for links etc

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

This Week and Beyond

Working Bee at St C. Sat 25 Nov 9am

Lets get the place tidied up for Christmas. Everyone welcome—jobs for all ages and abilities!

Tasks include clearing our old SAMs office, washing inside and outside walls and windows, clearing out the roof gutters and sumps, trimming trees.

Specialist equipment required are trailers and or vans for tip runs (tip fees will be paid), pruning gear, hoses and extension brushes, Strong muscles.

Full list of jobs and equipment on annex noticeboard. Please sign up where you can help.

Working bee will happen rain, shine or train strike.



Most important—we need some offers of baking to feed the workers and someone to make the morning tea. Let the office know.

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.

PFNZ Angel Tree Christmas.

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

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

Waiting For the Prince of Peace-

There will be a **Taize service** at Tawa Union Church this

Sunday, 19 November, at 7 pm. A chance to gather a breath before Christmas. All are welcome.



**Tawa -Linden Anglican Church
Annual General Meeting
11:45, 10 December 2017
St Christopher's Church**

Nominations are now open for:

Lay Synod Representatives,
People's Warden,
Vestry members.

Synod has made some procedural changes to how this will happen please read nomination forms and this week's insert for details.

Nominations must be received by the office no later than 10am Fri 1 Dec.

Report books have been emailed to parish and printed versions are available from foyers.

Any items for business please contact Mike Henderson.