

This Week's Activities

St Peter's Church

Tue 10:00am Pop In

Wed Study and Communion (finished for year)) Thurs 11.20am Communion Service

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

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 Nov: \$32,601

Monthly expenses budget: \$34,320

Year to date

Income: \$341,034

Expense: \$302,027

budget

\$349,294

\$335,752

Administrative Matters

St. C Cleaning

16 December

S Morrison, Doragh family

G & P Smit



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

Dave Allo 4/12-17/12



Parish Office and Ezee Meals

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UPDATE 10 December 2017 tawa-linden anglican church

The Evangelist and the Baptist

This morning's gospel reading features two important people. The first is Mark, the Evangelist, who is credited with writing the Gospel. Contrary to popular opinion though, it is not Mark's Gospel. It is the Gospel of God. Mark is simply the narrator, telling us the good news that God has brought into the world in the advent of Jesus Christ, as Mark has heard it from Peter. It would be worth our while getting to know Mark's 'Gospel of God', since Mark will be our fellow traveller until this time next year. So here's a thought. Why not set yourself to read the gospel of Mark in one or two, or at most three sittings, over the next month or so. Reading it right through should only take about 90 minutes. In fact I knew someone who could recite the whole of Mark's Gospel from memory!

Our second VIP is John the Baptist. We know John as the herald – the seemingly eccentric desert dweller who foretold the Messiah's coming, and recognised him when he arrived. If you have ever looked through a telescope you will know that you see only a small part of the scene, albeit in great detail. Looking through our long telescope back 2,000 years, we see John in great detail (even down to what he wore and what he ate) but can easily miss the bigger scene - where John fits into Israel's society and theology. It's likely that John was more famous in his day than Jesus was (the Jewish historian Josephus wrote much more about John than he did about Jesus). What seems likely was that John, far from being an eccentric desert dweller, was a Prophet of Israel in the mould of Elijah, Samuel, Jeremiah, Isaiah and Moses. It had been a long time since Israel had had a major Prophet, and John's presence created quite a stir! Yet John declared that one was coming – a Messiah – whose sandals John was not worthy to untie, a task considered so menial that even a Hebrew slave was considered too worthy to do it. As we move into Advent we are reminded that Jesus was not just an itinerant preacher who taught good things, but came as God and King, to fulfil God's purposes for all of creation. It will serve us well as we study some of the minutiae of Mark's account of the Gospel of God, to be constantly asking 'in what way does this remind us that Jesus is God and King?' That will help us keep our theology, and our living, in perspective!

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Tawa –Linden Anglican Church

Annual General Meeting

11:45am (following the St. Christopher's service)
today

Includes : Election of officers

Proposed Budget 2018

General business



8:30am service

St Peter's Church, Linden

10am Family Communion

St Christopher's Church, Tawa

Second Sunday in Advent

Readings

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Sentence of the Day

Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3:4; Isaiah 40:5a



Collect of the Day

God for whom we wait and watch, you sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth even to the point of suffering. This we ask through Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

2017-2018 Diary Dates

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 fun day: Mon 18 Dec 10am, contact Hayley for details.

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

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

New Wine Festival 2018: 18-22 Jan at Kapiti College—see noticeboard for details.

Installation of new Vicar: 30 Jan 7pm at St C followed by supper.



Please Pray for:

- 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 remembering Terry as he recovers from Shingles.
- Refugees everywhere, may they build new lives somewhere safe.
- For students sitting exams and making plans for their future.
- All suffering from extreme and unusual weather and the effects of climate change; that the governments of the world would acknowledge their impact on the environment and heed the call for action.

New Wine Festival 2018 18—22 Jan at Kapiti College

Registration forms available in both churches.

Movement Anglican Diocese of Wellington—Newsletter

<http://movementonline.org.nz/>

“Finding The Forgotten God - Credible Faith for a Secular Age” by Ron Hay. He introduced his book to us when visiting last year. It is ‘A brilliant explanation of the Christian faith which deals in a fresh way with the questions people often ask’. ‘It contains some challenging stories from secular Kiwis who have become followers of Jesus.’ I have 2 more copies @ \$25 ea. Lesley Anderson 022-232-4533.

This Week and Beyond

While Andy does not leave until mid January we are going to farewell him during the service on 17 December with a shared morning tea to follow. So please bring some finger food to share next week. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Andy (thank you to those who have already done this) please give this to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday 12 December.



Christmas Funday

Monday 18 December

Crafts, games, lego, stories...

For Primary School children

Time: 10a.m - 2.00p.m.

Venue: The Emmaus Centre, St Christopher's Church

Cost: \$15 per child

We are limiting the numbers and likely to fill up so please book by e-mailing hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz as soon as possible

Nine Lessons and Carols Service

Tonight 7pm

at St Christopher's

Bring family and friends,
sing some carols

hear the message of Christ's coming.

Men's Convention Wed 13 Dec from 7.30pm at the Roundabout Pub.

All men welcome.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS

Every year we give Christmas food parcels to Birthright families and to some of our local folks who may find Christmas a difficult and lonely time.

Boards for the Christmas food parcel donations are in both churches from today. Please take as many tickets as you can and return the items with the tickets on Sundays or to the office during open hours.

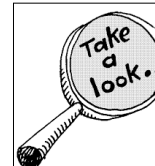


Kenepuru Hospital Chaplains are looking for volunteers to help them with carolling around the wards on Christmas Eve at 6pm. If you or anyone in your church would like to join us please be in contact with me at amy.finiki@ccdhb.org.nz. All ages, stages, and abilities welcome!

Pete's Place

Come in, have a cuppa and some good company
Last day for the year

Thurs 14 Dec 10am-2pm
at St Peter's Church.



From Parish Manager

A large collection of dishes and containers are in the Annex and Emmaus kitchens.

Please check and take yours home.

You may need it at Christmas or over the Summer.

Installation of Digby Wilkinson

We have had to change the date of Digby's installation as our new Vicar. It will now be on **Tuesday 30 January** at 7pm followed by a shared supper. Please note this change of date.