

## This Week's Activities

### St Peter's Church

**Tue** 10:00am finished for the year

**Wed** Study and Communion (finished for year))

**Thurs** 10:00am Pete's Place finished for the year

**Fri** 10:00am Craft Group, finished for the year

### Longview Home

**Thurs 11.20am Communion Service**

### St Christopher's Church

**Mon** 1:30pm Prayer & Share (foyer)

**Wed** 10:00am Pop In—finished for the year

**Thur** 10:00am Pop In—finished for the year

**Fri** 7:00am Prayer for Community transformation

**Fri** 5:00pm Illumin8—finished for the year

**Fri** 7:30pm Radi8—finished for the year

**Sat** 8:00am Prayer, (Emmaus Centre)

**Sun** 7:30am Listening to God, (Church)

**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 Matters\$ (not incl vicarage refit)

Income for 1-13 Dec: \$15,847

Monthly expenses budget: \$39,495

### Year to date

**Income:** \$353,516

**Expense:** \$322,379

### budget

\$365,579

\$375,247

## Administrative Matters

### St. C Cleaning

**23 December**

A & H Davidson,

G Somerville



**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 Davidson 18/12-31/12



### Parish Office and Ezee Meals

Office Hours:- **Tues—Fri 9.30am-12.30pm**

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# UPDATE 17 December 2017 tawa-linden anglican church

This week's Gospel text is about John the Baptizer being the prophetic witness who heralded the coming of Jesus, the One who is the true Light. John would go on to baptise Jesus in the Jordan river and testify to having seen the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove to rest upon and remain on Christ.

Later, after a season of testing, Jesus entered the synagogue to affirm that indeed the Holy Spirit was upon him. He quoted from Isaiah chapter 61, which is our Old Testament text today. The Spirit of God came upon Jesus to empower and anoint him for the ministry God called him to. He was empowered to do stuff – awesome stuff – kingdom stuff. The same Spirit of God came upon the first believers (Acts 2) empowering them as the newly birthed Church to go forth in Christ's name with the same kingdom mandate.

Last Friday was my 174th and final youth group event on-site here at St Christopher's. Over that time I have observed the challenges faced by our wonderful young people of discerning what God has called them to do as opposed to what expectations might be placed upon them by older adults.

As "grown ups" we have a tremendous responsibility and privilege to agree with God in discerning how best to empower our young people for the calling that God has for them. Elijah passed on to Elisha a mantle that saw him go forth and do great works for God (1 Kings 19:19-21). King Saul meant well when he placed upon young David the armour that Saul himself had successfully used. "Saul replied, 'You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man.'" (1 Samuel 17:33). But it just wasn't right for David. It wasn't the right fight. It was a burden not a blessing.

The Apostle Paul recognised the possibility of similar dynamics happening, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Tim 4:12). Paul was concerned that Timothy would have others who assumed positions of superiority who would make judgment calls about his life. The early church leaders knew how crucial it was to get it right! "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following .." (Acts 15:28)

What has God put upon your heart to do for His kingdom? What has God's Spirit empowered you to go do? As we "put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27) may we, like John the Baptist, discern the Spirit upon our brothers and sisters. Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24).

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

**10am Family Communion**  
St Christopher's Church, Tawa

### Third Sunday in Advent

#### Readings

Psalms 126; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

#### Sentence of the Day

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God. *Isaiah 61:1-2*

#### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. Amen.



### 2017-2018 Diary Dates

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

**Office closes for year:** 12:30pm Fri 22 Dec.

**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.

**Office re-opens:** 9:30am, Tues 23 Jan 2018.

**Lego Brick Roadshow:** 27 Jan, see noticeboards for details.

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

**AAW Sunday:** commissioning service during St P service, 4 Jan

**Friday craft group restarts** : 10am Fri 2 Feb 2018

**St Peter's Web Study and Communion:** starts 10am Wed 7 Feb 2018

**Pete's Place restarts:** 10am Thurs 8 Feb 2018

**Over 60's Garden Party:** 2-4pm Mon 19 Feb at Valrae Gardiner's home.



### 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.
- Refugees everywhere, may they build new lives somewhere safe.
- All suffering from extreme and unusual weather and the effects of climate change; especially those areas of NZ with drought conditions and the fires in California

#### Installation of our new Vicar Rev Digby Wilkinson

will be on **Tuesday 30 January** at 7pm at St C followed by a shared supper.

#### New Wine Festival 2018 18—22 Jan at Kapiti College

Registration forms available in both churches or online [www.newwine.org.nz](http://www.newwine.org.nz)

## This Week and Beyond



### Urgently Needed

The Christmas Fun Day (tomorrow) needs clean glass jars (no labels) with lids about 150ml - 400ml in volume - if you have any to spare please let Hayley know and drop them at her house Sunday or at the office on Monday. Thanks.

### Christmas Fun Day 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](mailto:hayley.balmer@xtra.co.nz) as soon as possible



### 26 Dec: Boxing Day Parish & Community Pot Luck lunch

from 12noon in the Emmaus Centre.

If you are interested in joining us for lunch please contact June Gennard.

If you know anyone who would like to join us, please feel free to invite them".

### Special collection for Non-AMB Mission Partners.

As discussed at the AGM last week there will be an opportunity to donate this Sunday and next (24 Dec).

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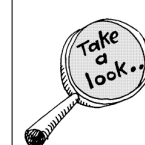
This year's Christmas Appeal is an insert in today's Update and also details available from their website [www.tearfund.org.nz](http://www.tearfund.org.nz)

After 10am service **TODAY** there will be a shared morning tea as our official farewell to our Youth Pastor/Deacon Assistant Andy Hickman and his family.



### 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.

### LAST DAYS LAST DAYS

#### CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS

Boards for the Christmas food parcel donations are in both churches and there are still tickets available.

Please return to office by 12:30pm Tues 19 Dec



### Results of AGM election

Mike Henderson, Bishop's Warden and chair of the AGM would like to congratulate the following successful candidates.

People's Warden  
Sally Simpson

Lay Synod Representatives  
Andrew Parkinson  
Jaimie Balmer  
Mike Henderson

2018 Vestry  
Allan Pledger  
Evans Chogumaira  
Heather Davidson  
Julie Howarth  
Mark Edgecombe