

Most of our regular activities are on Summer recess.

Please see "Diary Dates" for start up dates in 2018



Financial Matter\$ (not incl vicarage refit)

Income for 1-21 Dec: \$31,083

Monthly expenses budget: \$32,341

Year to date

Income: \$382,767

Expense: \$374,369

budget

\$382,245

\$375,247

Administrative Matters

St. C Cleaning

30 Dec: P&G Mangels, Doragh family, J Sim

6 Jan : J & J Gridley, R&G Escott

13 Jan : M Henderson, D Birse, M Parr

20 Jan : Ferguson family, Abraham family, D & J Hughes



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
Bill Darnell 1/1-21/1



Parish Office and Ezee Meals



Office re-opens Tuesday 23 January 9:30am—12:30pm

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I never knew you. These are harsh words and yet contained in them is the heart of the Christian Gospel. Here we find the reason for the angels song to the shepherds. Here is the purpose of a humble birth and the wise men. It is this that caused the King of Glory to become a tiny speck in a virgins womb and from there become as vulnerable, as a new born baby. He did it all so that we might know Him as Saviour, Lord, King, Friend. His purpose was not simply that we learn how to do life, or even know how to die. He didn't come just to make the world a better place or to take us off to a nebulous heaven in the hereafter. He didn't come to set up a religion, create a franchise of millions of Church buildings, or birth ten thousand denominations.

The baby cried in the manger so that orphans, all of us, could know the warmth, protection, and relationship of being adopted into His family. For this human beings, (you and I) were made and without this knowledge and experience of God we merely survive but never really live. We were created to know God and this will be the essence of forever. The veil of mortality is thrown aside as heaven finally comes to a renewed earth and God is fully one with His people.

Knowing Jesus, It is what caused Him to make the longest journey in the history of the universe.

Light looked down and saw darkness:

"I will go there", said Light.

Peace looked down and saw war:

"I will go there", said Peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred:

"I will go there", said Love.

So Jesus, the Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love,

Came down and crept in beside us.

As we reflect on the meaning of Christmas Let us continue to grow in our awareness of The love that bought Him to this earth and may we grow in our love for Him throughout the coming year.

Terry



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

10am Family Communion
St Christopher's Church, Tawa

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Readings

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Sentence of the Day

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. *Luke 1:32-33*

Collect of the Day

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Sentence of the day and the Collect of the day for the Sundays 31 December to 21 January will be included in the data show on the Screen.

2017-2018 Diary Dates

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.

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 Wed 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.
- For Andy and family as they prepare to move to Palmerston North in January.
- Strength and healing for all those struggling with ill health, and recovering from surgery especially remembering Judith Ryan and Ash Vernon.
- Refugees everywhere, may they build new lives somewhere safe.
- For safety on our roads, mountains, beaches and waters.
- For families everywhere, that this festive time will be a time of healing and sharing and coming together.
- Rest and relaxation
- For those who must work over the festive season—the emergency services, hospital staff etc; may they find time to celebrate and be with family.

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This Week and Beyond

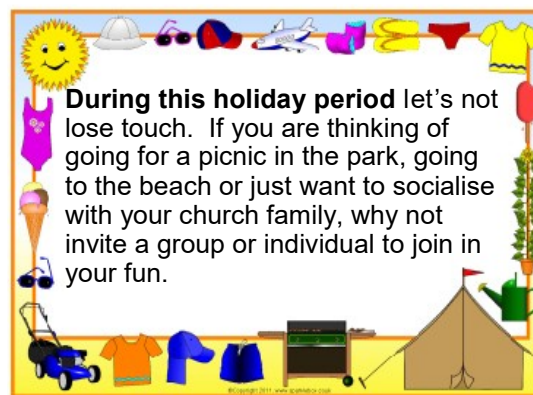


26 Dec: Boxing Day Parish & Community Pot Luck lunch

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".



During this holiday period let's not lose touch. If you are thinking of going for a picnic in the park, going to the beach or just want to socialise with your church family, why not invite a group or individual to join in your fun.

Installation of our new Vicar Rev Digby Wilkinson

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

tearfund

This year's Christmas Appeal is "Renew Hope" For details please go to their website www.tearfund.org.nz



Thank you to all those who generously donated to this year's Christmas Food parcels. 25 parcels were distributed.

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Clergy during Christmas-New Year. Both Andy and Terry are taking some well-earned leave. Priest on duty will be Lyall Perris. For **urgent** calls only call 0211729492.

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.

From Rev Terry, Rev Andy and Fiona (Office Manager).

A great big heartfelt thank you to everyone who helps make this parish great: those who assist with the services, singers, musicians, cleaning, lawns, gardens, life group leaders, Pop In helpers, Children's church and youth group leaders, pastoral visitors, office volunteers, property maintenance, bakers, meal makers and everyone else.



New Wine Festival 2018 18—22 Jan at Kapiti College

Registration forms available in both churches or online

www.newwine.org.nz

Please contact Hayley Balmer if you wish to join the "Tawa Village" camp site.