

**Update for Sunday 16 December 2018
until 20 January 2019**

8:30am-St Peter's Church—Traditional Communion Service
10am-St Christopher's Church—Family Communion Service

Sentence and Collect of the Day will be on the screen at St Peter's

Celebrating Christmas

Christmas Eve

6pm Christingle Service, St Christopher's Church
11pm Carols and Communion, St Christopher's Church

Christmas Day

9:30am Family Communion, St Christopher's Church

Boxing Day

12noon—Boxing Day Lunch, Emmaus Centre. A time to share food and fellowship.

January Services

Sunday 30 December:

8:30am Service at St Peter's and 10am Service at St Christopher's.

Sunday 6 January:

No 8:30am Service at St Peter's. A combined service will be at 10am St Christopher's followed by picnic/shared lunch.

Sunday 13 January:

8:30am Service at St Peter's and 10am Service at St Christopher's.

Sunday 20 January:

No 8:30am Service at St Peter's.
A combined Service at 10am St Christopher's.

Sunday 27 January:

8:30am service at St Peter's and 10 am Service at St Christopher's.

Notices

Christmas food parcels. 25 Parcels of varying sizes were distributed last week. A great big thank you to all who contributed to this food drive.

New Wine Summer Festival 17—21 January 2019 at Kapiti College. Check out their website for details. <http://newwine.org.nz/summer-festivals>

As one year ends, another begins, but does anything change? What makes one day different from another? Is the 1st January going to be substantially different from the 31st of December? Maybe yes, and perhaps no. What is certain, however, is the date changes nothing. There is a chorus from the 1970s that I learned in Youth for Christ too long ago; a song that has haunted me all my Christian years. The chorus line goes, "This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it". It's a verse from one of my favourite psalms, Psalm 118:24. For reasons I still don't understand why those particular words have fixed themselves in my mind. They are so ingrained that if I'm testing out a pen, or doodling for no specific reason; those are the words I write, and they came to me again while thinking what to write this morning. Dates don't change a life, events do. Events happen in moments of time, and how we view those events changes the way we experience them. It's the same with God. God isn't out there waiting for us to turn up on a specific date or time, God is here, now. God is with us at the turn of each minute, hour, day, week, year, millennium. So, if this is the moment that the Lord has made, what might the moment be like, if we choose to rejoice in it. How might the days colour change, how will the events of the day seem different if we step aside from hopes and expectations and see that God is present despite the outcomes? Read Psalm 118 and enjoy each day of this Christmas and new year season.

Grace and Peace. Digby Wilkinson



Church Office: closed until 9:30am 22 Jan 2019. There will be a minister on duty so for urgent matters, please phone and leave a message.

Financial giving to Tawa Anglican Church

A collection plate/bag is passed during most services please feel free to use.

Or

Internet Banking: Bank account:02-0552-0067748-00

(Annual receipts are issued in April—for regular giving please use your Giving number as a reference—these are issued by the office.)

EFTPOS facilities are available on Sundays at St Christopher's Church after the service, or at the office during opening hours.

Parish Office: 1 Lyndhurst Rd, Tawa, phone:2328448 email: admin@tac.org.nz

Open: Tuesday—Friday 9:30am—12:30pm, Please leave message or email after hours.