

The Messenger

Pukekohe Anglican Parish

St Andrew's ~ Pukekohe | St Paul's ~ Buckland

December 2019



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

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WELCOME TO ADVENT

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

Well November has flown by and we are now entering our season of Advent and preparation for Christmas. There is no Messenger publication in January. During December and January the church calendar covers the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

A little about these seasons edited from "Seasons of the Spirit".

"Advent opens with Isaiah's visions of peace and harmony, and a reversal of power. I think this is a vision that we still long for today. We change the colours within our church, the altar frontals and the stoles we wear. The calming blue and purple of the season prompt us to slow down, pause, and get ready for Emmanuel, God with us. As we wait and get ready, we sing with Mary a song of joy and justice. We light an additional candle on our advent wreath and sing of peace, hope, love and joy

Finally, Christmas comes and the colours change to white/gold. These colours of the Christmas season warm our hearts and we join creation in a hymn of praise and all the old Christmas carols blended with some newer ones. The Season of Christmas concludes with the magi entering the story and beckoning us to embrace the hope in the gift of a child.

Epiphany carries the sense of renewal, appearing every year as the calendar year turns, but it also brings a sense of coming home, of returning to basics as we move ever onward on our spiritual journeys. In this Season, after the Epiphany, we still look to the heavens for guidance, following Christ who is our Morning Star.

*We begin this season with the knowledge that we are **loved**, fully and completely by God. We hope*



*this knowledge helps us recognize we are **called, follow** and are **blessed** to do the work of God. That work is to both **shine** God's radiance into the world but also to **grow** in our personal and communal expressions of faith because the Season of Lent soon draws near. We close with the reminder that we are **sent** by God. In this and so many ways, our lives are not our own. In life and in death, we belong to God – a stark and yet vital truth as we move into death and life at Calvary and beyond.”*

So let us join in preparation for receiving the Christ Child afresh into our hearts and into our lives.

Amidst our preparation for Christmas there are a number of events on the parish calendar and we are hoping you will be able to join us. You will find these listed later in the Messenger.

I cannot let it pass without expressing our sincere sympathy to Lois Allen and her family at the passing of her husband John. John was a regular contributor to the Messenger and we valued his contribution to the parish and the community. He has certainly left his mark on the parish and in the memories of many people. In the words of a child: “He taught us so much and was so much fun.” I just hope they retain all he taught them.

For Lois and many others the celebration of Christmas may bring some sadness as many memories of past times are recalled. It is important that we remember our loved ones in these special events in our year and to allow ourselves to acknowledge our pain and true feelings.

Christmas is the celebration of Christ coming into our world and into our lives and I pray that at Christmas and in the New Year this will bring you some comfort – love, peace, hope and joy.

Christmas blessing and all the best for 2020.

If you are travelling, please take care.

Jan and Bob



REST HOMES AND HOSPITALS

Christmas Carols and Communion Services



Christmas Carols and Eucharist Services in local Rest Homes and Hospitals

- Dec 3 10.30am Palms Rest Home
- Dec 5 10.30am Franklin Village
- Dec 10 10.30am Palms Hospital
- Dec 11 10.30am Lakeside Rest Home
- Dec 24 from 10.30am Possum Bourne

We will also be visiting Pukekohe Hospital ~ date and time to be advised.

This will be circulated by email notification and in the weekly newsletter or on the parish website.



DECEMBER BIBLE READINGS



Date	1 December
First	Isaiah 2: 1-5
Gospel	Matthew 24: 36-44
Theme	Choose to Wait Advent 1
Date	8 December
First	Isaiah 11: 1-10
Gospel	Matthew 3: 1-12
Theme	Choose a Better Way Advent 2
Date	15 December
First	Isaiah 35: 1-10
Gospel	Luke 1: 47-55
Theme	Choose to Be Courageous Advent 3
Date	22 December
First	Isaiah 7: 10-16
Gospel	Matthew 1: 18-25
Theme	Choose to Trust Advent 4
Date	29 December
First	Psalm 148
Gospel	Matthew 2: 13-23
Theme	Choose Praise Christmas 1



As the Advent Carol goes

*“Advent has come, Christmas is near,
light up a candle and bring it here.
Advent has come, Christmas is near,
light up a candle and bring it here.*

*Stars are shining silver bright,
soon it will be Christmas night.
Then we will each a present bring,
showing our love for the new infant king.*

*Jesus Christ will soon be born,
Mary will swaddle him in his shawl.
Then we will each a present bring,
showing our love for the new infant King.”*

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**The Parish office will be closed
from Tuesday 24 December
until Tuesday 7 January 2020.**

**I will be available and working through
so please do not hesitate to contact me
on either Ph. 238-7723 or 0274-521366.**

Jan

Group	Final sessions 2019	Recommences 2020
OP SHOP	14 December	8 January
OASIS PLAY GROUP	9 & 13 December	10 February
SELWYN	17 & 19 December	14 January
SPACE	12 December	4 February



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DIARY



Nov 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Community Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm
Dec Sun 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advent Sunday and St Andrew's Day Shared picnic on the lawn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 & 9.30 am
Tues 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasons companions meeting End of year lunch for PCA staff, volunteers and Trust Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 noon 1pm
Sun 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Sunday of Advent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am & 9.30am Buck 9.30am
Mon 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Op Shop volunteers meeting Op Shop Lunch Sunday school, Space and Oasis Christmas BBQ with Santa Visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 noon 1pm 5.30pm
Sun 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Sunday of Advent Parish Christmas pageant Handel's Christmas Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am 9.30am 5pm
Tues 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eucharist Services Senior Parishioners, Volunteers and Selwyn Lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11.30am 12.30pm
Wed 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vestry meeting Vestry & Ministry Team Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.30pm 6.45 for 7pm
Sun 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Sunday of Advent NO Buckland service Nine lessons and Carols Community Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am & 9.30am Eucharist 7pm
Tues 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Eve family Christmas story Buckland Christmas Eve Service Midnight Carols and Eucharist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm 7pm 11pm
Wed 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Eucharist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am & 9.30am
Sun 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Eucharist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am & 9.30am

**January Services will follow the usual pattern with
8am and 9.30am services**



Handel Quire present
Christmas Concert

Selection of Christmas music from
Renaissance to the present day, including
"O Magnum Mysterium" and "Christmas Bells"
by award-winning NZ composer Chris Artley.

Sat 7 Dec, 8pm
St Luke's Church
Remuera

Sun 15 Dec, 5pm
St Andrew's Church
Pukekohe

**Pay for your tickets at the Parish office
by Friday 13 December
at discounted Price
\$25.00 Adults**

**Tickets will be available at the door
Price \$35.00 Adults**



Celebrating our Patron Saint on Sunday 1 December

Parish Christmas Pageant Service

Sunday 15 December
9.30am



If you or your child would like a speaking part in the pageant,
please let me know by Sunday 8 December.



DON'T FORGET

Family Service
24 December at 5pm

We share the story of Jesus birth, sing Christmas songs, set up a Nativity scene, make a Christmas item and home to bed for our little ones to wait for our very special day and celebrations.



**COMBINED CATHOLIC ANGLICAN
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE**



**SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER
7PM
ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**



FOOD PARCELS

As we are heading into the Christmas season, I look at the shelves in the food store and they are quite empty. We have had a very high number of requests for food parcels this year.

As you are doing your preparation for Christmas if you are able to add a little something to the list to help a family in need this would be very much appreciated.

While treats are nice the families still require the basic necessities.

Tins of Soup, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Fruit, Tomatoes, Sweet Corn or Fish, Drinking Chocolate or Milo, Tea or Coffee, Dried Milk, Weetbix, Cornflakes, Porridge, Rice, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Marmite, Peanut Butter, Jam, Toilet rolls, Soap, Dish Wash and Laundry Powder

Thank you for the generous support we have received throughout the year.

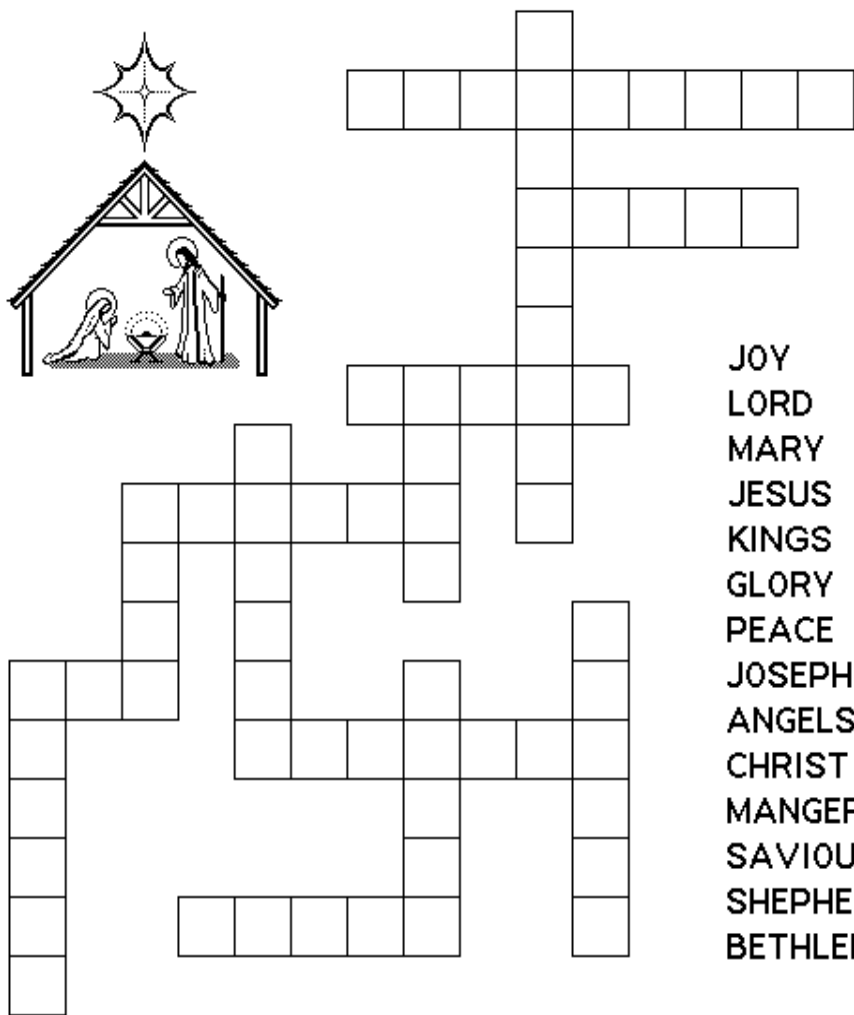


WORD SEARCH

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.

Each word is only used once.



JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM

SUSTAINABILITY

A group of parishioners who have worked with John Allen in a variety of ways are committed to ensuring that his work in our parish and community continues.



We are very keen to move ahead and some work has already begun on this. The water tank stand has been repaired and the trough is going to be filled with soil and planted.

Many thanks to Pauline and Renton Brown for the work they have completed in clearing the garden and planting some vegetables ready for use in summer.

We would appreciate some volunteers so we can develop a roster of people who could go down once a week and water the garden and also pull out the weeds as they appear. In February we will advertise for some people to actually join our garden group. We would appreciate any offers we can get now to help us through Christmas time to the end of January.

Planning is in progress for the development of the back area of the garden to enhance productivity. It is also our plan to continue “The Grow Your Own Food” and potentially other related courses if we can secure the services of an appropriate person to assist with this. We will update you on further developments.

At the moment we would like to hear from anyone who is willing to:

- Take on the role of sustainability champion for our parish.
- Assist with the ongoing development of our communal garden.

We invite expressions of interest in becoming a member of our parish sustainability team.

Please speak to Jan if you would like to be involved in this project or would like more information.



Papa-tū-ā-nuku – he taonga, he tapu
A Climate Justice Initiative of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland





FROM THE VESTRY

We have been successful in receiving a grant for a feasibility study for the restoring of St Andrew's Church.

Some investigation has already been under taken. The tree in the front of the church has been removed which was damaging the foundations. We know that the foundations and the western end of the building have also been damaged and hence the foundations are in need of attention. The brick structure of the building is also not up to the required standard for the earthquake requirements and the plaster work again needs resealing in places. There is quite a long period of time that we have to do this restoration but it is important that we get onto it.

The feasibility study will identify what needs to be done and make recommendations on how best to tackle the problem. There will be some estimates on possible costs. Once this information is received we will need to then proceed with making decisions on courses of action and getting some more accurate costings. We will need to apply for further grants and also try to secure support from the wider community.

PARISH AGM

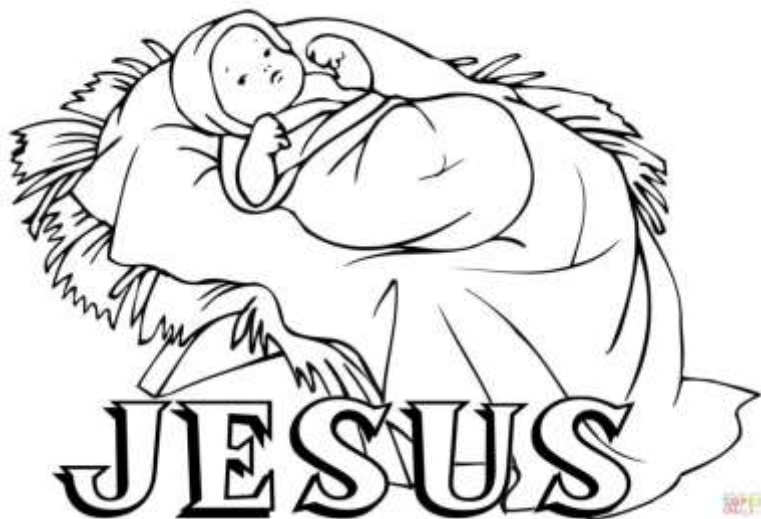
Sunday 17 March 2020

To receive reports including financial reports
To elect our vestry and with the sudden passing of John Allen we need to appoint a person to join Vicky Mee in representing the parish at Synod.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

- Volunteers to help with the watering and weeding of the veggie garden over summer.
- A person willing to be our Sustainability Champion.

COLOURING PAGE



Health and Safety Policy

A copy of the Parish Health and Safety Policy along with the processes required for the implementation of the policy is currently available on the shelf at the back of the church, published on our website or available from the parish office.

An evacuation plan is in each area for the church and complex.

Reid Anderson Hall : Assembly area is the car park adjoining the hall unless the location of the emergency situation is on the south wall preventing evacuation on that side of the building. In this case the assembly area is on the road frontage in front of the church.

Nora Brown Hall : Assembly area is on the road frontage in front of the church or on the vicarage lawn depending on the location of the emergency situation.

Other rooms in the complex Assembly area move to the vicarage lawn.

St Andrew's Church : Assembly area is on the road frontage at the front of the church.

St Paul's Church : Assembly area is on the road frontage at the front of the church.

First aid kits and accident reporting sheets are located :

1. Reid Anderson - In the cupboard over the small hand basin, by the back door in the kitchen.
2. Nora Brown - on the shelf above the microwave. Record sheets are next to the microwave.
3. Parish office - 2nd to top shelf on left side in the back room. The office is locked when unattended.

Forms are to be completed as soon as the accident has been dealt with.

Treatment including resources that are used are to be recorded on the sheet.



PASTORAL CARE

Community Programmes

at Pukekohe Anglican Church



for you and baby

A group for first-time mums
and their babies

The Selwyn
Foundation 

For the older members
of the community living alone
Tues & Thurs
from 9.30am



An after-school group held
at 4pm on Thursday's
for children who have
experienced a significant loss
or grief in their lives.
Adult programme 7pm



Music & Coffee group
A natural progression from
Space for
pre-school children
Mon & Fri
9.15am



Sunday School	9.30am	(Children aged 3 years up)
Seasons	4 pm	Thursday afternoons during term time
Oasis Music/ Coffee Group	9.30am	Monday & Friday during term time All preschoolers and caregivers welcome
Selwyn Group	9.15am	Tuesday & Thursday
Op Shop	9am~12 noon	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

PARISH DIRECTORY

Vicar: The Rev'd Jan Wallace 238-7723 Home
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Email. jan.wallace@xtra.co.nz

Vestry

Wardens Pauline Brown 021-1823703 Glenis Kerr 238-5136

Synod Reps Vicky Mee

Vestry members Alistair Parke (Secretary), Jocelyn Brodie, Renton Brown,
Richard Gibbons, Philip Meyer, Neville Phillips, Philip Watson
Karen Stevens (Treasurer)

Buckland Rep. Jim Moore, Vicky Mee

Parish Ministry Team

Vestry Wardens 9.30 am Service Glenis Kerr

Family Gael Crimmins **Communications** Cecily Daroux

Community Vicky Mee **Sustainability**

Mission

Education, Worship, Pastoral Care Jan Wallace

8am Service Alistair and Judith Parke

Administration

Treasurer Karen Stevens

Central Vestry Trust Board Treasurer Ros Phillips

Parish Recorder Keith Gardner (Parish Envelope Scheme)

Parish Office Noeline Craighead

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Op Shop 9am ~ 12 noon | Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Regular Worship Times

St Andrew's

8am & 9.30am Holy Communion

1st Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion (Nora Brown Hall)

1st Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

St Paul's Buckland | 2nd & 4th Sundays 11.15am Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

What's
Happening



VOLUNTEERS are required to help
in the **Op Shop**.
Please contact Jan Wallace



Franklin Community Choir presents
Franz Schubert – Messe en Sol Majeur
CPE Bach Magnificat



2pm Saturday 30 November at St Andrew's Church
Tickets available from Music Mania, at the door or ph. 232-5977
Adults \$25 | Students \$15 ~ Afternoon tea included



St Andrew's Day
Sunday 1 December
Celebrating our Patron Saint

Christmas Ham orders

Order forms need to be handed to the office
before 5 December

Order forms are available in the Church foyer
Your ham(s) will be delivered on
Thursday 12 December



The **Handel Consort & Quire** presents
a **Christmas Concert**
on **15 December** at **5pm** at St Andrew's Church



December dates :

Op Shop Volunteer's Lunch ~ Monday 9
Seniors Pastoral Care Lunch ~ Tuesday 17