

# Kāpiti Anglicans

## 13 DECEMBER 2020

The theme for today's worship is Joy, with the lighting of the rose candle. Threaded through the old testament and epistle readings today is the verb "Rejoice" and we get a glimpse of John the Baptist through the eyes of the fourth gospel writer John, who we don't usually hear from until Christmas. John's expectation of the coming messiah highlights another theme for today; anticipation. We are just ten days out from Christmas and the anticipation levels are growing in my household. I still have children young enough not to have lost the excitement of the anticipation Christmas and all it will bring. How can we reclaim our hopeful anticipation of what the coming of Jesus will mean for us and for the world in this increasingly secular and commercialised age? It is not easy. We have to tap into some of John's humility- "I am not the messiah, I know there is one greater than me and he is coming". Try as we might, we cannot save ourselves and we cannot save our world. We need the answer that God has provided in his Son who offers himself afresh to us this Christmas. Can we stoop to the crib and receive him at his coming, or will our pride get in the way? Joy comes with surrender to the one who loves us more than life itself- how will we respond to his invitation today?

Julie

### Advent

by Sr. Christine Schenk, CSJ

I wait  
with quickened hope  
for crooked paths  
to straighten,

with tough-soul'd  
anguish,  
while blinded  
keepers of the keys  
shut out  
God's own.

(If such a thing  
were possible.)

I wait,  
and will not be  
dismayed.

For tiny shoot  
of Jesse tree  
took root in me  
to love  
transform,  
give sight  
set free.

Source: National Catholic Reporter, December 12, 2003.

*A special welcome to all who  
are visiting with us today.*

*We are family, we are disciples, we care for the last, the lost and the least.*

<b>Readings</b>	<b>13 December</b>	<b>20 Decembr</b>
<b>First Testament</b>	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
<b>Epistle</b>	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Romans 16:25-27
<b>Gospel</b>	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Luke 1:26-38

## **Sentence and Collect for the Day**

**Sentence:** “The Lord has anointed me to bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” (Isaiah 61:1-2)

**Collect:** 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 into His glorious kingdom. **Amen**

## **Lectionary Readings for Sunday 13 December 2020**

### **Third Sunday of Advent—Violet**

**Psalms/Luke 1:47-55** The Song of Mary, following the Angel Gabriel’s visit to her, in which she gives thanks to the Lord for the great blessing bestowed upon her.

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11** Isaiah prophesies to Israel, exiled in captivity in Babylon, the coming of a messianic servant – one who will heal, comfort, liberate and provide for the oppressed. Through Him the Lord will grant an everlasting covenant to the faithful, offering righteousness to all nations.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** The first Epistle to the new Church at Thessalonica, the earliest of Paul’s Epistles surviving in Scripture, was written from Corinth in AD 51. He closes by encouraging them to rejoice in the Lord, living in the Spirit to pursue good and shun evil deeds. He prays for God to sanctify them, keeping them pure and blameless till Jesus returns.

**John 1:6-8, 19-28** John the Gospel-writer describes the mission of John the Baptist, sent by God to ‘make straight the way of the Lord’. He called upon sinners to repent, baptizing them in water, and testified that one greater than he would follow to baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

*Chris Durrant*

**Parish Daily Prayer Services** are offered both morning and evening. You can join this prayer group by using the Zoom links below:

- **Morning Prayer:** 8am Mon to Fri

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/703543297?pwd=VIVVeEUvWHA0Qzc2KzJFaDhTYnZsdz09>

- or use meeting ID is 703 543 297. Password: 6NpsHP

**Evening Prayer** <https://movementonline.org.nz/evening-prayer>

Monday—Saturday at 9pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 211-936-7784 Password: *prayers*

# Notices

## New Wine 2021

New Wine 2021—21-25 January at Kapiti College. A great opportunity to meet people from other parishes, listen and worship together.

<https://newwine.org.nz/summer-festivals-2/kapiti/>

## Christian World Service Appeal

Kapiti Anglicans will have a special **Christmas appeal** collection **today—13 December**

CWS believe the provision and enjoyment of the basic necessities for living a decent, just and humane life is God's will for all humankind. All human beings have the right to a standard of living that ensures justice, human dignity and environmental integrity.

## Thank You From Paraparaumu School

On behalf of Paraparaumu school and our vulnerable families, **Thank you!** We are very grateful to everyone who donated groceries and gifts to make up the Christmas hampers. Your contribution is a real blessing. Rev. Fee.



## Cursillistas Mini-Ultreya

2pm—5pm St Paul's Church

This afternoon. **Please bring a plate**

## Big hearts-Connected World

The climate crisis and Coronavirus pandemic are unravelling decades of work to lift our global brothers and sisters out of poverty. Our politicians have promised to lift our game in terms of helping our Pacific neighbours respond to these global crises and more, but so far, they haven't delivered. This advent our movement is joining forces with major aid agencies to support the Big Hearts campaign, calling on the government to implement a Collective Resilience Plan that will better enable our global brothers and sisters to thrive in the face of adversity. It's not too late to add your voice to this campaign by writing your support request on a heart in the foyer.

## Rosters—February/March

Thank you to all who are able to help in some way on the Parish roster to support the running of Parish services. We will soon need to compile a roster for February and March.

Please advise by Friday 18 December any dates you can not do.

Also we welcome any new one's to join the roster, on data, sound, readings, sides person, prayers or morning tea. Training will be provided. Just have a chat with Lynda.



Wellington Rd,  
Paekakariki

## Kāpiti Anglicans

### Morning Eucharist in the Park & BYO Picnic Lunch:

**10am 27 December**

**Directions:** - Head north along Wellington Road, past Paekakariki Holiday Camp. At the crossroad junction, after the holiday park, turn right into the carpark and areas 6 and 7 are just there, ahead of you.



### For Your Diary

December 13	Cursillo Advent Service 2pm, St Paul's Church
13	Community Christmas Carol Service 5pm St Peter's Church
20	Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm St Paul's Church
23	Office closed—Reopen 24 January
27	Combined Morning Eucharist at QEII Park, 10am
January 21	New Wine Festival, Kapiti College, Raumati Beach

**PARISH PRAYER CHAIN:** Contact **Marion Henderson** via email on:  
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