

# Kāpiti Anglicans

## 29 NOVEMBER 2020

Welcome to you all as we gather for our Combined congregations worship service on this first Sunday in Advent.

Advent is the first season in the Church's Calendar and consists of the four weeks leading up until Christmas. It is a time for preparing ourselves for the coming of the Son of God. Over the next four Sundays we will hear readings that reflect, promise, repentance, hope, joy and anticipation. These are all characteristic themes for this season and help to focus our hearts and minds on the love of God for a fallen world and his plan to redeem us through his Son. In many ways it is a season of transformation; to appreciate anew each year that God became one with us so that we may become one with him, is an invitation to live more fully in that relationship with God that Jesus coming has made possible. We are reminded again that not only has he come, and is coming, but he will come again, and we are invited not only to look expectantly to that day, but to live and work as if it will be today.

At each church is an Advent Wreath- a visual way to move through the four Sundays of the season. The wreath's circle has no beginning or ending, symbolizing God's love which never ends. The Evergreen symbolizes God's everlasting love and the holly reminds us of the crown of thorns with the drops of blood (Pohutukawa is a fair substitute). The colour of the candles reflects the blue/purple colour of this season with purple symbolizes penitence and the colour of royalty, and blue standing for hope and anticipation. A rose candle is often lit on the third Sunday to symbolize joy and the Virgin Mary. An additional candle is lit each week as we prepare ourselves to welcome the Christ child with joy at Christmas. It is my hope and prayer that in the midst of a busy world each one of us would make space to savour this Advent journey, allowing the Holy Spirit to remind us of the depths of God's love and prepare us once again to receive the Son at his coming, and welcome him home.



Julie

### **AGM Meeting Today**

Parish **AGM** part 1 Reports and Budget,

11am at St Paul's following the 9.30am combined congregations worship.

***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>29 November</b>	<b>6 December</b>
<b>First Testament</b>	Isaiah 64:1-9	Isaiah 40:1-11
<b>Epistle</b>	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	2 Peter 3:8-15a
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 13:24-37	Mark 1:1-8

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

**Sentence:** "Restore us again, Lord God of hosts; show us the light of your face, and we shall be saved." (Ps 80:7)

**Collect:** God of hope, when Christ your Son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready; through the same Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## **Lectionary Readings for Sunday 29 November 2020**

### **First Sunday of Advent—Violet**

**Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19** A plea to the Lord of Hosts to restore Israel, to let His face shine upon them that they might be saved.

**Isaiah 64:1-9** Isaiah recalls the mighty works the Lord God has performed, and bewails Israel's many sins which have alienated humankind from Him. He beseeches God to come down again in all His might and power, and to look with favour upon His people.

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9** Paul is writing to the Church at Corinth from Ephesus in 55AD. He begins by offering thanks to God for the spiritual gifts, which have enriched and strengthened the new Church; and he reminds us of God's continuing grace and support for the faithful, as we await the final coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mark 13:24-37** Jesus has warned the disciples that, in the bleak havoc and chaos on earth which will precede his full revelation, many false prophets and messiahs will spring up. He exhorts us to be constantly on our guard, alert and prepared at any moment for His return in glory.

*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

## Twilight Christmas Fair

**Friday 4th December 5-7pm**

There will be crafts preserves, sweets, cakes and biscuits, plants, Christmas gifts, a re-gifting table and Hot Food. As with the Food Fair earlier in the year we will put out an order form for pre-ordering meals for the freezer. Volunteers to help on the day, and to make items and dishes for the fair are most welcome. **Contact the office.**

Also needed Angels for the Christmas Twilight Fair display—Contact Barbara Bonifant

We need good quality items to the regifting table

Items and goods for sale can be delivered to the hall stage or office from this Tuesday.

## Cursillo

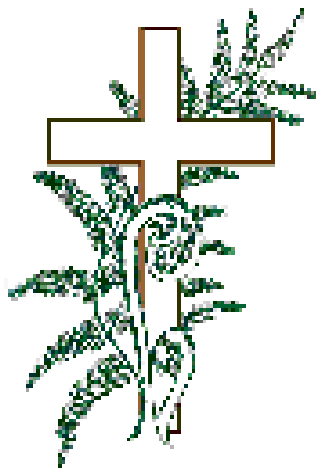
### Mini-Ultreya:

13 December: St Paul's: 2.00-5.00 p.m.

We have all missed the hugs & singing this year, so please make an effort to join together in joy to celebrate the advent of our Lord. There will be a Witness Talk, a Gospel Response and lots of carols. We also welcome all others who wish to join us to celebrate. There will be a cuppa and a bite beforehand to get us oiled ready to pray and sing!

De colores!

Christine (905 4261)



## Supporting Families In Our Community With Christmas Food

This year we have been asked to help supplement food parcels for families in need. Suggested food items are written on tags, attached to a Christmas tree wall decoration, hung at church.

- Please remove the tag with the items you would like to donate.
- Return the tag and the items you are donating by Sunday 6th December

## New Wine 2021

Get your early bird registration for 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/>

## Celtic-Advent Prayer.

Christmas is coming fast isn't it! Therefore, we will suspend the Celtic Series till early next year, beginning with a "Celtic-style Creation Celebration Liturgy" for the combined service at Queen Elizabeth Park on the Sunday after Christmas – December 27<sup>th</sup>. Celtic Series will begin again in the new year. Meanwhile we invite you to a short Advent Retreat from 1-3pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Paul's, so we can have space sharing our journeys to the crib and contemplating the immensity of the gift of love in the incarnation. Hope you can join us – let me know if you can come. Lynda

## **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. We will hear more about how we can help with this next week and we will be encouraging support of the Christian World Service advent appeal this year.

### **Advent Carol Service**

St Mark's 5 pm, 6th December.  
Bible readings, Advent hymns  
and anthems focussing on our  
preparation for Jesus' birth at  
Christmas, and his coming again.



### **For Your Diary**

December 4	Twilight Christmas Fair 5-7.30pm St Paul's Church
6	Advent Carol Service, 5 pm, St Mark's Church
6	Advent Retreat 1pm, St Paul's Church
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

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