



# Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 8 December 2013



**Theme:** Prepare for the Coming King  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Jean Palmer  
**Readings:** Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3: 1-12

*Welcome to Holy Trinity Church this morning.*

*All are invited to join together in Communion using the shared cup, a dipped wafer or individual glasses of wine and grape juice. Prayer is available for you or loved ones after each service.*

## **Prayer for the day:**

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and

become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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**Office Hours**  
Monday and Thursday  
9.00am - 5.00pm



### **Children's Programme:**

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church. Children are welcome to attend one of the following during the 10.30 sermon time.

- Kids' Church under 5's in the crèche.
- Kids' Church primary school age in the church hall and younger youth (intermediate students to 15 years of age) youth room in the hall.

**Holy Trinity Directory** - The draft of the new directory is pinned to the noticeboard at the back of the church for checking. Please take the time to check your details and make any amendments necessary. David Cowdrey.

**Messy Church** - Today at 4.00pm we will present the Christmas story in a fun and friendly way. Come and bring a family or friend.

**Friday Fun** - Friday 13 December straight after school. (Note change of date). If you know of primary aged children who would like to come, please invite them. Invites at the back of the church. Thank you for being part of this developing ministry for unchurched children and their parents. Ingrid

**Christmas and giving** – This year our parish's Christmas Appeal is directed at TEAR Fund. From where I sit, they do a fabulous job working with those in need. They seem to do it with less gloss and less overheads than some groups. So our Christmas Day offering will go to them. Envelopes are available from the back of church. We are making other financial requests to: our budget deficit, goods/money for the Community Christmas Lunch, baking (perhaps a Christmas cake) to hand out after our Christmas services. And let's not forget the new building – the need for that is becoming more and more urgent. Whew! So many requests. We certainly don't expect anyone to give to everything. Please prayerfully decide where your Christmas giving will go this year. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9:7) In appreciation for our Lord's provision through what you are doing. - Susan.

**Help at Christmas** - Thank you to all those who have offered to help with our Christmas Dinner. At the back of the church is a list of things that we will need help with so please write your name after the item you are able to help with. We could not do this without such wonderful support from you all, so thank you once again. Kay.

**Wanted** - People who can teach children the following- painting, singing, embroidering, knitting, baking biscuits or muffins, growing plants, recorder playing, making a wooden box, working with clay, model making, writing songs/poems, paper doll making, making a teepee or anything else you have successfully taught children. Write your name on the paper at the back of the church. Thank you, Ingrid.

**Camp Quiz** - Anyone who hasn't had the answers to the quiz, give me a buzz and I'll send you the answer sheet. Susan

**Grapevine** - Inspire and encourage a family by giving them a family magazine called Grapevine for \$5 per month ( this gives 10 families the magazine 4 times a year). Contact Grapevine on 0800472738 for further details. Ingrid.

**Vicarage Fundraiser** - Waimea Parish is holding a High Tea on Sunday 15 December from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Margaret and Miles Jackson will play from 3.00pm - 4.00pm. Cost \$25 pp.

This will also include a walk through St Paul's Church which will be decorated and illuminated from Saturday 14 December until Thursday 18 December from 2.00pm onwards. Cost \$2 pp or \$5 per family.



**Sentence:**

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord — and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

**Prayers for the Week**

**The World:** We continue to pray for the Philippines after typhoon Haiyan that food, water, clothing, shelter and spiritual help may swiftly be brought to those who have lost everything; we pray for the refugees in Syria and those who have fled, for provision for them; for a peaceful and just solution to this war; we pray for those suffering persecution, for the 12 nuns abducted in Syria, for increased persecution of Christians in India and continued troubles in Nigeria, where over 70 Christians have been killed over the last month.

**Mission partners:** We pray for Jo Rogers in Tanzania; for wisdom, strength and joy as she continues her teaching role; for long-term and short-term English teachers to start in Tanzania in January 2014.

**Within the Diocese:** Today we remember Waimea Parish and Martin and Pippa Harrison; pray for Carols by glo lite in Snowdens bush 14 Dec; the vicarage replacement project, that God will send the right person to buy the surplus land near St Michaels but also give thanks to God for progress in parish fundraising; give thanks for Martin's continuing recovery from his accident.

**Local Churches:** Pray for the Richmond Church of Christ; praise for new people attending services and especially for those recently accepting Jesus; pray for unity as they grow as a church family; pray for the leaders and ministers Steve and Lynn Rollo as they move into a new season for Jesus

**Our parish:** Pray for a female youth leader to work with Micah and Antonio, that the teaching series on how to read the Bible will be successful and will impact the youth; continue to pray for the planning and provision for Christmas on the Hill and give thanks for all the offers of help; pray for the continuing outworking of the church's presence at the Santa Parade; for preparation for the Christmas services.

**Those in need within our own church family:** We continue to remember Margaret Silke and the families of Margaret and Maurice as they mourn the loss of Maurice; we also remember Caroline, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Alan, Dorothy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Bev, and Ellie and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

## **This Week...**

### **Monday**

**9 December**

7.30pm

Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

7.30pm

Weekly group (J. McNaughton)

### **Tuesday**

**10 December**

10.00am

Fortnightly group – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (J. Payne)

10.00am

Weekly group (M.Silke)

7.30pm

Fortnightly group

7.30pm

Prayers for our Church and the World in the office

### **Wednesday**

**11 December**

10.00am

Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)

10.00am

Holy Communion (1662)

### **Thursday**

**12 December**

12 noon

Weekly lunch time study group (W. Wilkinson/J. Lines)

7.30pm

Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm

Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### **Sunday:**

**15 December**

9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am

Holy Communion

### **St Albans' Appleby Services**

#### **Sunday**

**8 December**

10.30am Holy Communion

#### **Sunday**

**25 December**

10.00am Christmas Day Service

*For more information about services or groups contact the office Ph 544 8844.*

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is: 06 0705 0360452 00 ANZ Nelson

### **Roster for 15 December** *Thank you for serving us all!*

#### **Service Leader:**

**9.00am** J Burrough

**10.30am** A Sardella

#### **Sidespeople:**

**9.00am** J Lines

**10.30am** J Green

#### **Welcomer:**

**9.00am** B Page

**10.30am** J South

#### **Tea:**

A Burrough, A Green

#### **Chalice:**

**9.00am** N/A,

**10.30am** J&A Green, N Pritchard

#### **Flowers:**

A Burrough

**Brass:** E Erskine

**Transport for Noel Bythell:** R & K Peterson

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 35:1 – 10, Matthew 11:2 – 11

If you would like someone from Holy Trinity to contact you during the coming week, please fill out this slip and place in the offering bag.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_