

**Welcome to St Peter's Cathedral**  
**SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2017**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**WEEKLY PEW SHEET**

8am	<b>Eucharist</b>	President Preacher	The Dean Peter Rickman The Dean Peter Rickman
9.45am	<b>Choral Eucharist</b>	President Preacher	The Dean Peter Rickman The Dean Peter Rickman
6pm	<b>9 Lessons &amp; Carols</b>		The Dean Peter Rickman The Dean Peter Rickman

**A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

Dear Friends in Christ. E te whānau a te Karaiti. Kia Ora Koutou. Advent greetings to you all!

This week we are thinking about messengers. Messengers are historically ones who are sent to deliver messages from those in authority to others who need to hear that message. I recall my days in the banking industry in London and the extensive use of bank messengers: men and women in purple suits delivering urgent messages all around the City during the days prior to the advent of email, remember those? Messengers come in many forms but they all carry with them that same sense of urgency. Their journey and that which they carry for delivery suggest to their recipients that they need to listen and take notice: you need to hear this!

Today, as we continue our journey through the season of Advent, we encounter one of the greatest of all God's messengers. We meet with that "wild" man; John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus, calling the world to repentance for the kingdom of God is at hand. John is known as the voice of one crying out in the wilderness with his message "prepare the way for the Lord!" John, foreseen by the prophets, spoken of by Isaiah and noted for fulfilling the role of Elijah, is also given an incredible accolade by Jesus in Matthew 11.11: "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist."

John's role was to be a herald, God's mouthpiece calling a nation to examine itself and to prepare the way of the Lord! He called them to a river, to repentance, to baptism and yet recognised that he was a mere stagehand in the drama (The Message) that was about to unfold with the advent of the Messiah.

John's influence cannot be underestimated. He was much more than a religious nutter out in the countryside. People were flocking to him, the king's authority was being challenged by him, John was making disciples and making powerful enemies by his preaching. John earned that accolade; "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist!"

Learn from John the Baptist! Listen to John the Baptist! We all need to discover the John the Baptist within ourselves, to share his spirit, his passion, energy and zeal. Like him we have a Gospel to proclaim for it won't proclaim itself. The Good News needs to be proclaimed by each and every one of us, we all need to prepare the way of the Lord!

May God bless us in our vocation as Christians to prepare the way of the Lord, with hearts, hands and voices. Arohanui,  
**Dean Peter**

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**Tearfund 'Renew Hope' Christmas Appeal**  
**Self Help Groups - India and Ethiopia**

These groups transform people with renewed hope as they help and support each other to work their way out of poverty. By meeting regularly and combining savings they're able to grow their money and take small loans to pay for urgent needs, start businesses, and pay for their children's education. For every \$1 invested in Self Help Groups in Ethiopia there's an estimated \$50 return!

**To donate to this Christmas appeal, please collect an appeal envelope from the back of the Cathedral and place in the collection or hand in to the Cathedral office.**



## WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

We warmly welcome all regular worshippers along with all visitors and newcomers to our services today. We welcome the opportunity to get to know you and to introduce you to the many aspects of our cathedral parish life together here at St Peter's.

Please do make yourself known to a member of the clergy or welcome team. Please join us for morning tea after the service in the cathedral centre adjacent to the cathedral. Free copies of the St Peter's Cathedral booklet are available for you, which provides information about our various ministries and activities.

At St. Peter's, we particularly welcome all children and young people with their families. During term time two groups operate on a Sunday morning aiming to meet the spiritual needs of children and young people in a fun, informal and engaging way: Young Church and Pathways.

The Young Church group provides exciting and fun-filled age-appropriate activities for 5-11 years olds and meets in the Cathedral Centre shortly after the start of the service. Please follow the directions of the Young Church leaders and the Dean. This group meets in school term time only.

The Pathways is for maturing young people and meets in the Cathedral Centre Boardroom. This group aims to meet our young people where they are, to explore life and faith with them in a safe, friendly and secure place where all views and opinions are listened to and valued. This group meets in school term time only.

Young people are also welcome to make full use of the activity table before and after the Young Church session which is located near the font at the rear of the church. Activity bags for pre-schoolers are also available and will be handed out by members of the welcome team as you arrive. The activity table is available throughout the service during the school holidays for children but, as it is unsupervised, parents and care givers are expected to remain with their children whilst they are there.

As we strive to offer the best provision that our resources will stretch to, at the Cathedral, for all children and young people, we also of course have a duty of care towards the worshipping community as a whole. Therefore we ask that parents and care givers carefully supervise their children during the service at all times, especially during the quieter sections of the liturgy, and are mindful of the needs of others.

**We aim to be a child-centred and child-friendly cathedral church family. We welcome children's contribution and presence with us as full members of the church. We celebrate the presence and contribution of people of all ages and constantly strive to be a community where everyone feels welcome, valued and able to worship.**

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion. All are welcome to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution of Holy Communion, prayer ministry is offered in the St Anne's Chapel. Here your prayer requests will be ministered to by trained Cathedral volunteers confidentially and respectfully.

# Cathedral Church of St Peter

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH YOUR ESCAPE ROUTES AND THE LOCATION OF THE ASSEMBLY AREA

### EARTHQUAKE

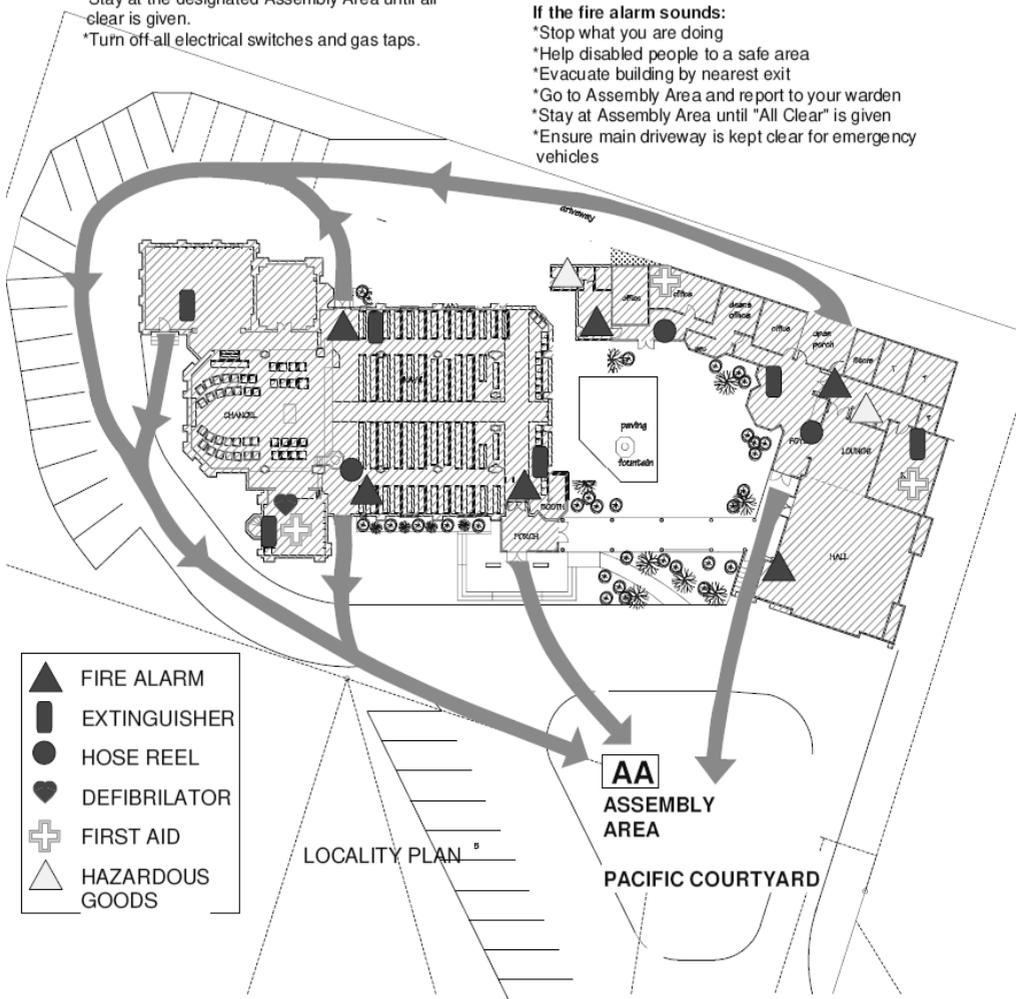
- \*Move away from windows and glass doors
- \*Drop, cover and hold.
- \*If unable to drop, stay seated and brace yourself to the pew in front.
- \*DO NOT try to exit during earthquake.
- \*Stay inside the building until directed to evacuate after the shaking has stopped.
- \*Evacuate through exits if clear from debris.
- \*If close to personal belongings such as keys, phone medication etc take them with you
- \*Stay at the designated Assembly Area until all clear is given.
- \*Turn off all electrical switches and gas taps.

### FIRE

- If you discover a fire:
- \*Operate nearest fire alarm
  - \*Dial 111
  - Clearly state premises - St Peter Cathedral 51 Victoria St Hamilton
  - \*Evacuate building by nearest exit
  - \*Go to Assembly Area and report to your warden
  - \*Stay at Assembly Area until "All Clear" is given
  - \*\*Extinguish a fire ONLY if it blocks the exit to safety or if it is safe to do so

### If the fire alarm sounds:

- \*Stop what you are doing
- \*Help disabled people to a safe area
- \*Evacuate building by nearest exit
- \*Go to Assembly Area and report to your warden
- \*Stay at Assembly Area until "All Clear" is given
- \*Ensure main driveway is kept clear for emergency vehicles



## OPENING HYMN

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;  
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the works of darkness  
O ye children of the day!"

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven;

4 So when next He comes in glory,  
Wrapping all the world in fear,  
May He with His mercy shield us,  
And with words of love draw near.

*Edward Caswall*

## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

### INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.

*Isaiah 61.1-2*

### INTROIT SUNG BY THE CHOIR - Nova, nova - Jakobs

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AT 9.45AM

*Dean*

We have this Advent Wreath to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. As we prepare to light the third candle let us say together:

**Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

*Cameron & Maire say*

We light the third candle to remind us of John the Baptist, who told us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. He said, "I am a voice that cries in the wilderness; Make a straight way for the Lord."

*Kay says*

"A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light." (*John 1:6-8*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Dean*

Let us say together:

**Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

**Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*(please sit for the readings)*

## THE READINGS

### **A reading from the book of Isaiah (61: 1-4, 8-11)**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.  
*(NRSV)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

*(please stand for the Psalm)*

## PSALM 126



- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes ' of this ' people:  
it ' seemed • to us ' like a ' dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was ' filled with ' laughter:  
and our tongues ' uttered ' shouts of ' joy .
- 3 Then they said a'mong the ' nations:  
"The Lord has ' done great ' things for ' them."
- 4 Great things indeed the Lord has ' done for ' us:  
and ' therefore ' we are ' glad.
- 5 Restore again our ' fortunes • O ' Lord:  
as when streams re'fresh the ' southern ' dry-lands.
- 6 Those who ' sow in ' tears:  
shall ' reap with ' shouts of ' joy.
- 7† Those who go out weeping with ' seed for ' sowing:  
shall come back in gladness ' bringing • their ' sheaves ' with them.

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:  
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;  
as it was in the be'ginning • is ' now:  
and shall be for ' ever.' A'men

### **A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (3: 8-15a)**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Thy kingdom come, O God!  
your rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with your iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.

2 Where is your reign of peace  
and purity, and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?

3 When comes the promised time  
the end of strife and war;  
when lust, oppression, crime  
and greed shall be no more?

4 O Lord our God, arise  
and come in your great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for your sight.

5 As rebels scorn your name,  
and wolves devour your fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.

6 On nations near and far  
thick darkness gathers yet:  
arise, O morning star,  
arise, and never set!

*Lewis Hensley*

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **alleluia!** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring good news to the poor. **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1: 6-8, 19-28)

### **Praise and Glory to God.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to Christ, The Word**

**THE SERMON** The Dean Peter Rickman

*After the sermon, we hold a minute of silence for personal reflection*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1 Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive;  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt;  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ANTHEM** The record of John - Gibbons

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is the world's Light, he and no other;  
born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high.

2 Christ is the world's Peace, he and no other;  
no man can serve him and despise his brother  
who else unites us, one in God the Father?  
Glory to God on high.

3 Christ is the world's Life, he and no other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our Brother -  
he who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high.

4 Give God the glory, God and no other;  
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;  
give God the glory, God in man my brother:  
Glory to God on high.

*Fred Pratt Green*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Thank you for joining us for worship.*

*May God bless your journey from this place.*

*After the service St Anne's Chapel is available for quiet prayer for those who wish it.*

*Please join us today for a morning tea in the Cathedral Centre.*

### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We strive to be a friendly and welcoming community  
and we encourage everyone to get to know each other after the service.

## WEEKLY NOTICES

### **Cathedral Office Team Update**

We are very happy to announce the appointment of **Ben Jones** as Cathedral Administration Assistant. Ben has been getting to know the Cathedral community this year through his role as Cathedral Youth Worker and we are very pleased to have Ben joining our Cathedral office team as well. Welcome Ben!

**Hannah Kapoor**

Kia ora everyone! Firstly let me say that it has been a great time and blessing over the past nine months joining the community here at St. Peter's Cathedral. I have felt so welcomed by you all and it's been a blast getting involved with the Pathways group and Young church. 2018 sees me take a bit more responsibility here at the Cathedral with some more hours to help grow our Young Church in terms of discipleship and also in terms of coming alongside Hannah in an office assistant role. Needless to say I'm excited to be around the place a lot more and hopefully I can this serve community in the ways that God has called me too.

**Ben Jones**

### **CATHEDRAL SHOP**

#### **BOOK OF THE WEEK**

#### **'Kiwi Christmas'**

Written by Joy Cowley

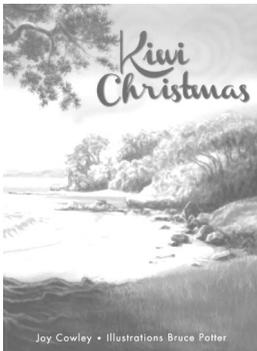
Illustrated by Bruce Potter

This beautifully Illustrated and written book tells the nativity story from a different, modern New Zealand perspective.

**Available now at the Cathedral bookshop for \$25.50**

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**NATIVITY SCENES NOW IN STOCK!**



## **ARCHDEACON REG AND A BABY BORN TWICE**

A remarkable story featured recently in *The Washington Post*.

It told of a baby in Texas who had been born twice.

A woman named Margaret Boemer was having difficulty with her pregnancy. Months earlier, Boemer had suffered a miscarriage. When she conceived again, she and her husband discovered it was with twins. But they lost one of the babies about six weeks into the pregnancy.

Soon, doctors gave Boemer more grim news.

The child she was carrying had *sacroccocygeal teratoma*, a rare tumour that appeared at the base of baby's tailbone. It is estimated these types of tumours occur in about one of 40,000 pregnancies.

Performing open fetal surgery—removing the baby before term in order to operate on the fetus—was risky, doctors said.

At 23 weeks, the tumour had grown so large that doctors sent Boemer back to Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where the baby was removed from the womb.

After removing about 90 percent of the tumour, surgeons placed the baby back into the womb. Closing the uterus proved tricky.

But later, the baby was born again. This time naturally. And she lived.

“You can say she's seen the world twice,” a doctor said.

Jesus told us long ago that we all needed to be born a second time (John 3). For centuries, the mainstream churches have regarded these words as applying to the fact that our “second birth” occurs when we are born into God's family at baptism.

The Church is continuing the tradition established by the first Christians, who heeded the words of Christ: “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God” (Luke 18:16).

St Cyril of Jerusalem, writing in the Fourth Century, said: “Baptism is a garment of light and a holy seal that can never be dissolved.”

Martin Luther, the religious reformer, had occasional times of doubt.

But Luther would tell himself: “You are born again.” Luther would then make the sign of the cross on his chest and remind himself: “I have been baptised. I am forgiven.”

Sadly, some extremist Protestant groups restrict the use of the term “born again”, solely for people who have what they call a “conversion experience.” Such people are often extremely conservative in religion and in politics.

**Reg Nicholson**

## **MINISTRY AT ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL**

### **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO ANY OF THE MANY VARIED MINISTRIES THAT THE CATHEDRAL PROVIDES?**

To lead worship? To lead the prayers of intercession? To read scriptures at services of Holy Communion? To assist with the chalice? To join the altar serving team? To assist in outreach work? To help with Young Church, Youth Club? To work with young people? To welcome people into the Cathedral? To visit the sick? To preach, proclaim, preside? To ministry and ordination? To help the homeless? To feed the poor? To pastoral care and the visiting ministry? To help with Young Church or Youth Club? To pray with people in St Anne's chapel during communion?

If you would like a conversation about any of these (and other) areas of ministry and service then please do call Dean Peter, 07 8394683 or 021 197 7788, who would be pleased to hear from you and to explore further where God might be leading you. All of what we do and offer as a Cathedral is open to the participation of everyone following the appropriate discernment.

How we can help?

### **COMMUNITY-MINISTRY PROGRAMME**

If you should encounter anyone requiring assistance whilst in the Cathedral precincts please refer that request to the Dean or to a member of clergy or to a warden. We have a well-developed programme in place whereby we can offer a range of services from hot showers, hot meals, foodbank support, emergency food parcels, clothing, nappies for babies and children, milk powder and assistance with budgeting and WINZ. In line with the other social service agencies of the city, under no circumstances is money to be handed out to any person. If you would like more information concerning our community ministry programme then please to speak to the Dean. Thank you.

How can I help?

### **MEN'S GROUP HOMELESS-SHELTER MEAL ROSTER**

Serving a hot meal once a week at the Hamilton Christian Night Shelter - help on the meal roster. Also, collecting cutlery, bedding, men's clothing, shoes, for distribution to the homeless and the shelter.

### **HAMILTON WOMEN'S REFUGE**

Collecting clothing, bath towels, bedding, toys, indeed anything to assist with the rehousing of families.

### **HAMILTON'S COMBINED CHRISTIAN FOODBANK**

Add some groceries to your own shopping to share with others in need and suffering from food shortages across this city. We collect for the Foodbank every Sunday.

### **PASTORAL CARE AT ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral, under the direction of the Dean, Peter Rickman, leads a team of trained clergy and lay people to assist in the ministry of caring for those in any kind of need. The team is available for hospital and home visits, counselling support, house blessings and at times simply to be a listening ear or a shoulder to lean on. Our pastoral-care ministry is open to you and your loved ones, it is free of charge, and all are welcome to have access to it. It operates with the highest standards of care and confidentiality. Please speak to Dean Peter via contact details on the back page of this pew sheet.

**TONIGHT!!!**

  
*Peter's Cathedral*

*Festival of  
Nine Lessons  
and Carols*

**Sunday 17th December  
6pm**

Service followed by mulled wine &  
Christmas mince pies in the courtyard

**ALL WELCOME!**



**RESIDENTIAL CARE  
& SOCIAL CLUB  
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

*CAROLS LED BY THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS*

**WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 2PM**



*THE SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA  
IN THE CATHEDRAL CENTRE*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

*PLEASE RSVP FOR CATERING PURPOSES TO  
THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE 839 4683*



**Please note:** The last **Social Club** of the year originally scheduled for the 21st December has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 20th December**.  
Please do join us for afternoon tea following the 2pm carol service.  
**ALL WELCOME!**

**3rd Sunday of Advent****8:00**

Liturgist	Chris Chundau
Sides People	Ross McRobie
Welcomers	Joy McRobie
First Reading	Isa 61: 1-4, 8-11
First Reader	Rosemary Allbrook
Scond Reading	1 Thess 5: 16-24
Second Reader	Lindsay Wilson
Gospel Reading	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
	9:45
Liturgist	Robin Old
Server	Bryan Bevege
Crucifer	Hannah Shearer
Acolytes	Sebastian Khatoev Isabella Khatoev
Sides People	David Bailey & John Mitchell
Welcomers	Heather Bailey & Joan Nicholson
First Reading	Isa 61: 1-4, 8-11
First Reader	Sam Edwards
Scond Reading	1 Thess 5: 16-24
Second Reader	Antoinette Ankersmit
Gospel Reading	John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Intercessor	Paula Spiers
Chalice	Robin Old, Glenda Smith, Evelyn Masoka, Richard & Diane Swarbrick
Young Church	Anne Green
Pathways	Ben Jones
Morning Tea	Frany & Sam Edwards
Flower Guild	Heather Bailey, Marlene Crookes, Marilyn Yoeman, Bobby Jarvis

**4th Sunday of Advent****9:00**

Liturgist	Anne McAloon
Server	Daryl Smart
Crucifer	
Acolytes	
Sides People	Walter & Marlene Crookes
Welcomers	Jill Tasker & Paula Spiers
First Reading	2 Sam 7: 1-11, 16
First Reader	Evelyn Masoka
Scond Reading	Rom 16: 25-27
Second Reader	Jenevere Foreman
Gospel Reading	Luke 1: 26-38
Intercessor	Daryl Smart
Chalice	Anne McAloon, Joy McRobie, Warren & Min Turnwald, David Wilson
Young Church	School Holidays
Pathways	School Holidays
Morning Tea	Cherie Brownlee-Clark & Coryn Knapper
Flower Guild	All

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### January Office Hours

The Office will be closing Christmas eve and will re-open on Monday 15th January. Emergency contacts are printed on the back page of this pew sheet.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

**Hannah Kapoor**

### DIARY DATES

14th-19th Dec, Thurs-Tues	Trees at the Meteor light show @ the Cathedral
17th Dec, Sun	Parish bring & share lunch - Dean Peter's farewell and Volunteers 'Thank you!' Christmas party
17th Dec, Sun	9 Lessons & Carols, 6pm
20th Dec, Wed	Residential Care and Social Club service, 2pm Followed by afternoon tea
24th Dec, Sun	Said Eucharist, 9am Christingle Service, 4pm Carols with Cathedral Singers, 9pm Choral Eucharist, 11pm
25th Dec, Mon	Christmas Day Said Eucharist, 8am Christmas Day Choral Eucharist, 9.45am
2nd-7th Jan 2018, Tues-Sun	Cathedral Summer Camp @ Waihi Beach

**THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED**

<p><b>For those in need:</b>  <i>These people are prayed for in a moment of silence during the intercessions, and by the prayer ministry team during communion.</i></p>	<p>George &amp; Joyce Bennett (in Canada); Keith Palmer; Jocelyn Marshall; Audrey Moltzen; Jennifer Merrifield; Doreen Lambert (USA); Jocelyn Fish; Catherine Andrew; Pat Woods; Brother Damian SSF; Vinna Sapa; Alan Peart; Chris Walsham; Beryl Whitlock; Alice Knight; Beverly McIntosh.</p>
<p><b>For our prayers</b></p>	<p><b>For all refugees and asylum seekers. Victims of war, violence and persecution.</b></p>
<p><b>Rest in Peace</b></p>	<p>Mike Schumacher.</p>
<p><b>In Memoriam</b></p>	<p>Ena Stevens 17; William Roy 19; Peter Wilding 19; Charmain Mouton 20; Thelma O'Brien 20; George Priscott 21; Gwen Garrick 21; Carol Pomeroy 21; Christopher Hyde 21; Jacqui Shepherd 22; Wendy Know-Gore 22; Marjorie Addis 23; Andy Shearer 23.</p>
<p><b>Soldiers' Chapel of St George</b></p>	<p>7th Nov 1917, G B Taylor, dow Ypres, Belgium.</p>
<p><b>Birthdays</b></p>	<p>Antoinette Ankersmit 17; Kiri Johnson 18; Nigel Kapoor 18; Lindsay Overington-Knight 18; Anne Cleaver-Holm 19; Emma Rushbrooke 21; Ellen Barnard 22; Chris Neilson 22; Jennie Lightfoot 23; Michele Ellery 23; Susan Shearer 23.</p>
<p><b>Anniversaries</b></p>	<p>Amy &amp; Craig Hacker-Cary 17.</p>



**Happy Christmas Youth Club!**

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