



NEWS SHEET 3rd December 2023

A warm welcome to St Timothy's and St James' Churches

Making lifelong disciples of Jesus

SENTENCE & PRAYER

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2:3a

Praise and honour to you living God; your coming will be like a thief in the night, like lightning flashing across the sky.
Grant that we may be ready, and our hearts answer. Come Lord Jesus. Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.

Prayer Times

St James' Thursdays at 9am

St Timothy's

1st & 3rd Saturday

of each month

4.30pm

Sundays at 9.45am

All Welcome

NOTICES

Day of Generosity

So far \$16,450 has been donated from the Days of Generosity.

Thank you.

It is not too late to give more. Every little bit helps. Donations have been so encouraging that on Tuesday 28th November Vestry felt confident enough to accept the quote for four heat pumps for St Tim's.

Noela Rendle - Treasurer



This month our focus is on Christmas Yummies and/or unwrapped gifts for children.



The deadline for Christmas goodies is Sun 10th Dec Please give if you are able.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Theme: Sleepers Awake
Sun 9.30am Book of Common Prayer at St James' David Huddle
Isaiah 2:1-5 (p1063) Mark 13: 1-7, 32-36 (p1580)

Theme: 1st Sunday of Advent - Hope
Sun 10.15am Family Communion Service at St Tim's Victoria Askin
Isaiah 2:1-5 (p1063) Luke 1:5-25 (p1590)

Sun 5.00pm Evening Service at St Timothy's
Starts with a meal - Kids programme

Wed 11.00am Holy Communion Service at St Tim's Chris Ponniah

Pop in for a cuppa at 10.30am before the service.

NEXT FORTNIGHT AT A GLANCE

December

Wed 6th - Cuppa, Chat & Communion | St Tim's | 10.30am

- Knitting Group | 1.00 - 2.30pm | St James' Hall

Thurs 7th - Study & Prayer | St James' | 9am

- Gold Card Club | 10am | St Tim's

- Te Reo Course | 6-7pm | St Tim's | Final Night

Sat 9th - Christmas Play Rehearsal | St Tim's | 9.30am Sun10th - **2nd Sunday of Advent**

- 8.45am | Holy Communion Service | St James'

- 10.15am | Family Service at St Tim's | Christmas Play

Followed by JOY FACTORY | 11.30am

- Sundays @ 5 | St Tim's | Christmas Dinner

Mon 11th - Tea and Tots | St Tim's | 10am | Christmas Party

Wed 13th - Cuppa, Chat & Communion | St Tim's | 10.15am | Xmas Party

Thurs 14th - Study & Prayer | St James' | 9am

- Gold Card Club | 10am | St Tim's

Sat 16th - Worship & Prayer | 4.30 - 5.30pm | St Tim's Sun 17th - **3rd Sunday of Advent**

- 8.45am | Seven Lessons and Carols with Communion

St James'

- Family Communion Service | 10.15am | St Tim's

Children's Christmas play, St Tim's,
Sun 10th December, 10.15 Service

Parents please note:
Rehearsal 3rd December.
Full dress rehearsal on
Saturday 9th December at 9.30am

FROM VICTORIA'S DESK

Hope



The dictionary definition for 'hope' is to have an expectation for something to happen — usually something good. Hope is both a noun and a verb, which means it's linguistically possible to be hoping for hope! We use this word a lot in our everyday conversations. Perhaps we're



optimistic/hopeful that our situation will change for the better. Maybe we have expectations/hopes related to another person – to see a loved one or for our children to thrive.

Over 2000 years ago, Israel was waiting for their Messiah. It's realistic to think that some who were waiting probably had more hope than others. Some may have felt hopeless in the face of the Roman oppressors who controlled their land and their destiny at that time. There would have been some who had that deep seated type of hope that meant that they still trusted in God to come and rescue them. They had hope that the Messiah would set them free from the tyranny of the Romans. Little did they know that Jesus was going to come and do much more than they hoped for.

Into this climate of fear and hopelessness, the first signs of hope came to people who were visited by angels. After 400 years of silence, God first spoke to Zechariah that even though he and his wife Elizabeth were old and barren, they would finally have a baby. We can only imagine what this would have felt like for this couple, who had hoped to have a family but had been unable to until God stepped in to include them in his plan of redemption and restoration.

Perhaps you're feeling more hopeless than hopeful at the moment. You might like to take a moment to think about where your hope comes from. As we reflect on the Christmas story, in the midst of the busyness of the silly season, we're reminded that in Jesus we can know the Hope

of the World and that hope isn't an abstract concept, but a person, a friend, a comforter, a saviour who never leaves us or forsakes us.

May you be blessed with the Hope as we journey through this Advent season to Christmas!

Rev'd Victoria



NOTICES

Book Sale of Bible Commentaries

Angela Brighton will be hosting a book sale this Sunday after the 10.15am service to raise funds for Anglican Missions fundraising for the Al Ahli Arab Anglican Hospital based in Gaza. So bring along some gold coins if you think you may be interested.



Craft Fair & Market

St Christopher's Church is holding a Craft Fair & Market on Saturday 16th December. 9.30am-2.00pm.

Gold coin entry, Under 12's free. Perfect opportunity for gift shopping. Handcrafted items and recycled craft supplies available.

Enquiries or to book a stall call Anne on 020 4118 4414.

Memorial Wall - St James'

If you have recently booked a place on the memorial wall and would like to help out, one month a year, to keep the ground around the memorial wall clean and tidy, please contact Dorothy. Ph: 359 6577

We have two months vacant at present so we need two families willing to take on the task. All that is required is to check the wall twice during your month to dispose of any dead flowers and remove rubbish or leaves from around the two walls.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS ADVENT SEASON



Celebrate Christmas with us

at St Timothy's, 46 Kendal Ave, Burnside and St James', 750 Harewood Rd, Harewood

Sunday 10th December

8.45am at St James' Communion Service

10.15am at St Tim's Children's Christmas Play

11.30am at St Tim's Joy Factory Community Event

Sunday 17th December

8.45am at St James' Seven Lessons and Carols

10.15am at St Tim's Family Communion Service

Sunday 24th December

8.45am at St James' Communion Service

10.15am at St Tim's Family Service

5.00pm at St Tim's Family Fun on Christmas Eve

Monday 25th December

8.45am at St James' Christmas Day Communion Service

9.30am at St Tim's Family Christmas Service

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE APPEAL

Share Food and Create Hope



In Sri Lanka, Somawathie grows food on her tiny farm – a few trees, mung beans, peanuts, eggplant and more.

Hungry wild elephants often come looking for food. Unless she can scare them away, they eat her crops.

Our partner MONLAR is helping small farmers like Somawathie. When she and her late husband could not afford to buy seeds and fertiliser, MONLAR taught them how to grow food at little cost. But now climate change is biting, and the elephants are coming more often, she is worried about the future. Small scale farmers and elephants need hope.

If you would like to donate to the CWS Christmas Appeal 2023 you can do this via:

- Your offertory envelope. Please clearly mark that it is for the CWS Christmas Appeal
- Directly through internet banking:
 - Name of Account: Christian World Service
 ANZ Account number: 06 0817 0318646 00
 - Refence: Christmas Appeal
 - Code: Your Name
 Please email your postal details to cws@cws.org.nz
 if you would like a tax receipt.



Share food this Christmas



WORSHIP & VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Worship	3rd December		Next Week: 10th December		
Roster	9.30am	10.15am	8.45am	10.15am	
Theme	Sleepers Awake!	Advent 1 - Hope	Advent 2: Peace		
Leader	P Sundstrum	J Ponniah	M Morris	V Askin	
Preacher	D Huddle	V Askin	C Ponniah	C Robb	
Celebrant	C Ponniah	V Askin	C Ponniah		
Chalices	C Lee	Child	D Huddle	Children's	
Intercessors	P Sundstrum	D Mudu	M Morris	Play followed by	
1 Reader	S Steele	W Clarke	C Scobie	Joy Factory	
2 Reader	A Jackson	D Clarke	B Gormly	Joy Pactory	

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10th Dec	ST JAMES'
Sidesperson	S Steele
Cleaning	C Scobie
Hall Cleaning	J Moaho
Hospitality	N/A
Memorial Wall	Philip Walker

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10th Dec	ST TIMOTHY'S
Ushers	D Mudu/W Ui
Welcomers	L Hardwick/J Stringfellow
PA System	K Wakeham
Data Projector	J Glue
Sanctuary	N/A
Flowers	J McTeigue
Cleaning	G & A Brunt
Vacuum	J Moaho
Hospitality	N/A
Lawn Mowing	R Cheruvu

October Offertory Budget YTD \$150,417 | Offertory Actual YTD \$153,405

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