



Worship Today...

Sentence – Theme Verse

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40:3

Collect – Theme Prayer

Praise and honour to you living God for John the Baptist, and for all those voices crying in the wilderness who prepare your way. May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey. Amen

Scripture Readings

16 December Advent 3

- Phil 4:4-7
(Pew Bible p955)
- Luke 3:7-18
(Pew Bible p834)

23 December Advent 4

- Hebrews 10: 5-10
- Luke 1:39-45



Kia ora, Malo e lelei and welcome to our worship services today! We trust you feel at home among us. Please stay for refreshments after all our morning services and ask a Welcomer for more information about life at St Barnabas!

8am - Communion Service (NZPB)

Followed by Breakfast in the Tui Room

Presider: Philip Robinson. **Preacher:** Mark Chamberlain. **Assistant, Readers and Prayers:** Marjorie Smart and Corinne Haines. **Sides people:** Michael Kerr and Mary Lovell.

9.30am - Eucharist with Hymns Followed by Morning Tea in the Tui Room

Presider: Jenny Wilkens. **Preacher:** Mark Chamberlain. **Organist:** Denis Guyan. **Assistants:** Marion Cook, Wayne Hann, Wendy Kington, Heuchan Parr. **Prayer Ministry:** Peter Chapman and Carol Kingsland. **Intercessions:** Paul Straubel. **1st Reading:** Michelle McMaster. **Gospel:** Isaac Heap. **Power Point:** Frank Stewart. **Welcomers:** Brian and May Carrell. **Sidespeople:** Ruzz Barr, Earl Bennett and Don Mackenzie.

10am – 'Lifestreams' Service Followed by Morning Tea

Leader: Phil Parkes. **Presider and Preacher:** Mark Chamberlain. **Assistants:** Gavin Kingsley, Watiri Maina. **Prayer Ministry:** Helen Wakefield and TBA. **Readers:** Marcus Read and TBA. **Intercessions:** Watiri Maina. **Welcomers:** Andrea and Dave Ramsell. **Hospitality:** Phil Parkes and team. **Children:** In church. **The Revs:** Phil Parkes.

12noon – Tongan Language Service

Presider: Leni Havea.

5pm – Traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols in the Church

We tell the story of Christmas with the combined St Barnabas and Schola Cantorum choirs followed by light refreshments. **Please bring a plate of Christmas mince pies to share.** See the special Service book.

Clergy: Mark Chamberlain, Jenny Wilkens and Philip Robinson. **Organist:** Denis Guyan. **Sidespeople:** David and Hilary Stock.

7pm Antioch

Preacher: Matt Chamberlain. **Leader:** Phil Parkes. **Band:** Lucy, Keenan, Phil and Levi **Hospo:** Elliot and Ryan

8.45am - Wednesday Morning Eucharist

Presider: Mark Chamberlain.
Gospel: Luke 1: 5-25.

Thursday @ 10am – Eucharist with Hymn (BCP) Followed by Morning Tea

Presider & Preacher: Jenny Wilkens.
Assistant Prayers and Gospel: Catherine Chandler. **1st Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14 – Margaret Brand. **Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38.



A note from the Vicar...

Vestry and Staff Christmas Party: On Tuesday we had our annual Vestry and Staff Christmas Party. It was a real joy to be able to celebrate an eventful and successful year together. We have a very committed and experienced staff who work tirelessly serving God and his church. Thanks also to Corinne and Carey Haines for hosting us.

Diocesan Appointments: During the week a number of key appointments were announced. Bishop elect Peter Carrell is beginning to form an excellent team and this is a promising sign of his episcopate. Rev Stephanie Robson has accepted the full time role of Ministry Educator and Kofe Havea has been appointed to a 0.5 position as curate at St Peter's, Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst. And finally Anglican Care has announced that Roger Sutton, previously head of CERA, has been appointed to the

new role of Anglican Missioner to work alongside City Missioner Matthew Mark. Roger Sutton is also a member of CPT.

Thanks: During the last few weeks I have attended a number of 'thank you' morning teas and other kinds of functions. Christmas is such a great time to express our gratitude to the many people who serve our parish in so many ways. So I would like to take a moment to thank the thankers! Thank you for expressing appreciation to your teams and for supporting and encouraging them during the year. As Joseph of Cyprus earned the nick-name 'Barnabas' meaning 'son of encouragement' – so our parish has a reputation for encouragement. So thank you to our team leaders and all those who take responsibility for ministry – thank you for being so encouraging!

Arohanui, Mark



Parish Calendar...

Monday 17 December

- 10am St Ambrose annual Christmas Hamper appeal final delivery date. Frozen chickens, frozen vegetables, chocolates and other Christmas fare.
- 1pm Selwyn Centre - the last for 2018.

Tuesday 18 December

- 6pm Christmas Carol Singing at local Rest Homes. Please meet us in the car park at 6pm. We will arrive at St Winifred's at 6.10pm, Fendalton Ret. Village at 7pm and Holly Lea at 7.45pm - join us along the way! All welcome!

Sunday 23 December

N.B. No evening services today

Christmas Eve Services

- 4pm Christingle Service for children – enact the Christmas story; children, come dressed as shepherds, angels or wise men! Christingle = 'Christ Light.'
- 11.15pm Traditional Midnight Service with candle-lights and choir in the church – begins with carol singing. Formal service begins at 11.30pm.
- 11pm Antioch Midnight Service in the Hall – contemporary with band, beginning with supper. Service begins at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Worship

- 8am, 9am and 10.15am in Church
Communion services with carols
- 10am Lifestreams in the hall – Family Christmas Communion with carols, contemporary songs and children's talk. Bring your Christmas presents!

Wednesday 26 Dec. & 2 Jan. 2019

N.B. No 8.45am Services

Parish News...

'Christmas Joy with Ali Harper': Fill your hearts with Christmas joy and love this time of the year with Ali and special guests Jennie Bailey and The Voices Co. Youth Ensemble with Julian Hay. Sunday 16 December 3pm and 7pm at The Piano Centre for Music and the Arts, 156 Armagh St. Ali has again offered tickets @ \$25 pp and donating \$7 a ticket to our parish. Contact Patsy Wardell 0274 438 465

Christmas Home Communions (Week of 17 Dec): Anyone who is unable to attend Christmas services but who would like to receive communion at this special time of year please ☎ the Parish Office on 351 7064 and Peter will arrange this.

AGM Reports: All ministry leaders are asked to write their reports for AGM booklet by Friday January 25, 2019 please. If possible please submit by email to Marion - office@stbarnabas.org.nz. These reports are of great encouragement to all members of the parish.

Restart Dates for 2019: Selwyn Centre Monday 14 Jan
St B's Play Group Wednesday 13 February
English Class Thursday 7 February
Youth Group Friday 1 February
Fridayzone Friday 8 February
Mainly Music Friday 8 February
Antioch Sunday 10 February
Kidzone Sunday 10 February
Please contact the Parish Office for details of the start dates of other groups

St Thomas' Chattels:

Good homes are being found for a number of the precious items from the interior of St Thomas. The kneelers, hymn boards and the Jones lectern have been donated to the St Margaret's College chapel. It's wonderful that these items will continue to be loved and used in worship.



Beyond the Parish...

Handel's Messiah: 2pm Sunday 16 December at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral 373 Manchester St. With the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Choir & Orchestra. Programme Donation \$20 & \$15.

Jesus Christ Superstar: Now playing at the Court Theatre until January 19; -courttheatre.org.nz.

The Annual Christchurch City Mission Christmas Carol Service: Wednesday 19th December; 7:00 pm at the Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street

Request from Bishop of Vanuatu: Following ongoing volcanic activity and falling ash from the volcano on the Vanuatu island of Ambae, the government has ordered a complete evacuation and the permanent closure of all institutions. This has made over 9,000 people homeless and also the loss of a Melanesian Brothers' Household and the Church flagship school St Patrick's. If you can help go to angmissions.org.nz/appeals/emergency-appeal---vanuatu-volcano. Many thanks with love and prayers +**James Tama** **Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia**. Any queries please contact the Anglican Missions Office, either by email info@angmissions.org.nz or ☎ 04 473 5172.

Reaching out Through Christian Radio: We have an incredible opportunity to share the gospel with those who've never understood it. This Christmas 2018, we'll be reaching over 250,000 listeners on their favourite radio stations. We do need your help to take full advantage of this tremendous opportunity. Providentially, the air-time is free, but we have large production costs to cover. Phone (09) 525 2730 or go to <http://cba.org.nz/give> or ☎ 0900 80 222 to make a gift of \$20 from your phone account."

Study Theology in 2019!: Theology House in Partnership with St John's College offer a Diploma of Christian Studies in 2019. All details at www.theologyhouse.ac.nz or ☎ Claire on (03) 341 3399.

Staff Directory...

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How to get involved...

Bible Study Groups: There are a growing number of mid-week Bible Study groups in the parish meeting at different times and places. If you're interested in joining one of these groups please talk to one of the Clergy.

Parish Prayer Meeting: This group meets fortnightly for prayer. Come when you can to pray for ourselves, parish & community. Contact Virginia Simmons on 027 255 1887.

Stillpoint: A quiet, reflective time using creative ways to engage with God. It meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Church. Contact Diane Brooker-Newton on 352 5448 for more information.

Choirs: If you are interested in singing and would like to join either the Sunday morning or Parish Choir please ☎ Denis Guyan 343 4074 or the Parish Office 3517064. The Sunday 9.30am morning Choir practise is Sat 10am & 8.30am Sun. The Parish Choir meet on Thur. 7.30pm for practise in the Makora Room and 4pm on Sunday before the 5pm service.

Lifestreams Band: If you sing or play an instrument and would like to join the Lifestreams Band please see Emma Parkes or phone her on 021 082 52276.

Rosters: If you would like to join a welcoming or hospitality team please see one of the parish staff – greeting or pouring tea is a great way to get to know others.

Mission Focus

You are invited to get involved in the annual Christmas Hamper appeal. This is about donating food items to St Ambrose in the eastern suburbs. These items go to those who might not otherwise manage to put on a Christmas dinner for their families. We are asking for large sized frozen chickens, frozen vegetables, chocolates and other Christmas fare that might allow a family to join in the celebration of our Lord's birth.

Please drop off your contributions to the parish office by Monday 17 December 10am and please keep this outreach appeal in your prayers.



Parish Mission Statement...

- Foster inspirational worship and prayer
- Enable people to grow in faith and service
- Encourage children and young people to follow Jesus Christ
- Develop as a compassionate, spiritual centre in our community
- Seek new ways of carrying forward Christ's mission nearby and far away

If you have any ideas, energy or passion to contribute to our mission, speak with the Vicar or another member of staff and let's make some happen.

Joy to the World

- Thank you for the **Love in a Box** outreach with City Mission. Please pray for those who will receive the 25 boxes sent, for the Joy of Christ to fill their hearts.
- **Christingle Making 10am Monday 24 Dec. - Hall. Christingle Service Christmas Eve 4pm.** All ages welcome to come dressed as angels, shepherds and wise men. Christingles and 'Joy to the World' bracelets will be given out.
- **'Joy to the World' Summer Photo Invitation:** Take photos of moments when Joy was part of your summer holiday and include your **'Joy to the World' bracelet**. Send photos to office@stbarnabas.org.nz before 3 Feb Lifestreams Summer Celebration Service 10am.



Youth News

Friday Night Youth Group: Youth group has finished up for the year...but take a look at our new logo! Those of you with a keen eye will recognise this particular image of Jesus from the church

Youth group starts up on Friday 1 Feb 2019. Contact Phil for more details on 022 032 3663 or phil@stbarnabas.org.nz.

The Revs: Sunday mornings during our 'Lifestreams' service all youth in years 7-10 are welcome to come hang out in the youth room for some kai and a Bible study.

Young Adults...

Antioch: We're doing things in an unconventional order this year! Come join us for worship, prayer, fellowship and a message from Matt Chamberlain on Christ as our PEACE!

Make sure you've got our Christmas Eve midnight service in your calendars too – 11pm on the 24th.

Small Groups: We have two young adult small groups meeting Monday and Tuesday for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study. If you would like to know more please contact our Young Adults guy Phil – phil@stbarnabas.org.nz.





Christian World Service 2018 Christmas Appeal 'Be the LifeLine'

Partner Story from South Sudan: For Zero Hunger

Until last year, Joyce ran a tiny stall at a local market. She would buy a bucket each of sorghum and peanuts to sell one cup at a time. Once she sold one bucket, she would buy another. The small profit she made for a day's labour kept her three children healthy. Her husband and father were killed in 2015 when their homes were attacked, part of South Sudan's bitter war. For her, Maridi Service Agency has been a lifeline. She attended a small business course last year and received money to invest. Her business has grown and she has food stored to use later when prices are higher. It is enough to pay school fees, medical expenses and live comfortably. **Be the Lifeline to families in need of food.**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

For those who have no joy in their hearts,
For those whose lives are full of difficulty,
For those who are anxious and have no peace, We light the candle of joy.

(Light the candle)

**You, Lord Jesus, are our joy - bring joy to the world.
May this light signal a breakthrough, a brighter future,
a new order and a better way. Amen**

Pastoral Care Update...

Our Pastoral Care Team is happy to call in on anyone you might know of who is in need of companionship and/or prayer. In this time of Advent, let us be aware of the needs around us. Contact the parish Pastoral Care Coordinator Watiri Maina.

- Louise Hewson
- Jenny Robinson
- Lorraine & Owen Jones
- Robyn
- Alison

We express our sympathy...

- Please pray for the friends and family of Maurice Mahoney, Mary Taylor and Helen Wright whose funerals were held at St Barnabas recently.



Please pray for God's healing for the following...

- Fay Isitt
- Lynda Domigan
- Beryl Newman
- Rachel Cook

Spring Gardening

Thanks to Don, Reg and Steven who helped with spring weeding and gardening at our clergy house at 131 Fendalton Rd. However there is much more to do and if you're available, please contact Don Mackenzie.



Outreach – Prayer, Care & Support...

English Language Class: This is for immigrants or refugees wanting to learn the English language. Phone Olive on 021 067 6587.

Selwyn Centre: The Selwyn Centre for seniors is a great place to be for gentle exercises, fun, fellowship & afternoon tea. 1.15pm in the Hall on Mondays. Contact Ruth Harwood on 354 1428.

Parish Prayer Group: A parish prayer group meets at the home of Virginia Simmons. If you would like to attend please phone Virginia on 027 255 1887.

Frozen Meals: Nutritious frozen meals are available for families or individuals who are in need. Please let the office know if you know of anyone who might value a meal.

Text Prayer Ministry: For emergency prayer for yourself or others text Angela Brown on 027 335 0105.

Home Communion: Please tell Marion if you know of anyone who you think would like to receive Home Communion.

Home Visit: One of our clergy or lay team will visit on request.



Children and Families at St B's

St Barnabas Playgroup: Creative play for pre-schoolers on Wednesdays, term time, from 9.15am – 11.30am in the hall. Contact Helen Wakefield 021 307 878.

Mainly Music: Music and movement for pre-schoolers and their caregivers, Fridays, term time, 10am – 11am followed by morning tea in the hall. Contact Pip Chamberlain 021 085 77640.

Fridayzone: After-school club for Primary School children and their families, with meal. Fridays, term time, 3pm – 5.30pm in the hall. Contact Angela Brown 027 335 0105

Kidzone: Creative Sunday School for children 4 – 11yrs Sundays 10am, term time, in the hall and Dorothy Cooper Room, Admin. Block. Contact Christine Fokkens on 351 7283.

Messy Church: Seven times a year we run a fun filled, creative, informal community church we call Messy Church! There's singing, craft, activities, puppets and a meal for all the family. Many community families are making this their church. All welcome!



Barney's Blog

Thank you to all who have offered hospitality in the Parish this year. Corinne and her team for Parish events, Pam and Margaret for Dinners for Eight, May for the Fellowship Lunches, Shirley-Anne for the Funeral team, plus all the other helpers.