



Worship Today...

Sentence – Theme Verse

You are the Holy One enthroned on the praises of your people. Our ancestors trusted in you and you delivered them; they put their trust in you and were not disappointed. *Psalm 22:3-5*

Collect – Theme Prayer

Living God, you called your people out of Egypt and gave them the covenant; prepare our hearts to hear your call, so that we may receive with joy the gospel of your Son and be your faithful people, now and for ever. Amen

Scripture Readings

9 December Advent 2

- Phil 1:3-11
(Pew Bible p953)
- Luke 3:1-6
(Pew Bible p834)

16 December Advent 3

- Phil 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18

8am - A Quiet Communion Service (BCP) Followed by Breakfast in the Tui Room

President: Jenny Wilkens. **Preacher:** Philip Robinson. **Assistants and Prayers:** Catherine Chandler and Lucille Ibbitt. **1st Reading:** Eleanor Horne. **Gospel:** Tim de Castro. **Sides people:** Peter Dobson and Tim de Castro.

9am – Medbury Leavers Service

At Medbury School. **Speaker:** Mark Chamberlain.

10am – Combined Sung Eucharist and Lifestreams Service with the Children’s Pageant in the Church followed by Morning Tea and the children’s Christmas Party in the Hall

President: Mark Chamberlain. **Organist:** Denis Guyan and Music with the Lifestreams Band. **Assistants:** Ruth Harwood, Isaac Heap, Selwyn and Penelope Paynter. **Prayer Ministry:** Lois Ball and Mary Mills. **Power Point:** Steven Marshall. **Welcomers:** Margaret Mahoney and Janet Hall. **Morning Tea:** Robyn Coleman and Gillian Perano. **Sidespeople:** Alistair Christie, Warwick Scadden and Keith Wardell.

12noon - Tongan Service

Officiating: Leni Havea.

5pm – Choral Night Prayer

Leader & Preacher: Philip Robinson.
Organist and Choir Director: Denis Guyan.
1st Reading: Wayne Hann. **2nd Reading: and Sides person:** Rosemary George.

7pm – Antioch Eucharist

Preacher: Mark Chamberlain. **President:** Mark Chamberlain. **Leader:** Phil Parkes
Band: Phil, Levi, Emma, Rena and Innes.
Hospo: Becca

Wednesday @ 8.45am – Short, Early Morning Eucharist

President: Jenny Wilkens. **Gospel:** Matthew 11: 28 –end.

Thursday @ 10am - Eucharist Followed by Morning Tea in the Hall

President and Preacher: Mark Chamberlain.
Assistant and Prayers: Margaret Brand.
Readings: Isa 41:13-20 – Eleanor Horne, Matt 11:11-15 – Marcia Cockburn.



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!



A note from the Vicar...

Christian World Service: Each year we support the CWS Christmas appeal and this year it is entitled 'Be the Lifeline.' CWS is a global coalition of churches that work to provide humanitarian assistance, advocacy and development in over 100 countries. Their vision is to see all people have sufficient food, water, dignity, justice and lives free of violence. I commend CWS to you and ask that we support it financially this Christmas using the envelopes provided. As we rejoice in the gift of God's Son whom we celebrate at Christmas, let's be mindful of giving gifts ourselves to those in need around the world.

Thanks to Children's Workers: On our Pageant Sunday it is very appropriate to thank the many people involved in Children's Ministry throughout the year. We will have the opportunity to acknowledge

their great work and to pray for them. The programmes that are offered include Playgroup, Mainly Music, Bible in Schools, Fridayzone, Kidzone and Messy Church. Each group has great leaders and helpers and together touch the lives of hundreds of children every year. We are blessed to have so many people willing to volunteer in the children's ministry area. And let's pray that the gospel seeds planted will grow and flourish!

Thank you! I would like to formally thank the firms that supported our House and Garden Tour this year by making donations to the raffle; Fendalton New World, Jenny Burt Florist, Fendalton Pharmacy, The Warehouse and McKenzie and Willis. We especially thank Richard Dowson of Harcourts for his generous donation.

Arohanui, Mark



Parish Calendar...

Monday 10 December

1pm Selwyn Centre - 'Seniors Health and Wellbeing Group.' in the Hall.

Tuesday 11 December

5-7pm In Betweens AAW drinks and nibbles. Husbands and partners welcome in the Hall. Entry is \$10 payable at the door.

Wednesday 12 December

1.30pm Seniors Bus Outing: 'Christmas Special' with Rev'd Philip Robinson and Erica Bennett.

Friday 14 December

3pm Final opportunity to bring in your Love in a Box shoe boxes to be taken to the City Mission. These are to be filled with children's toys. Spare shoe boxes have been placed at the back of the church.

Sunday 16 December

5pm Traditional Service of 9 Lessons & Carols with Schola Cantorum and St Barnabas choirs in the Church. Please bring a plate of Christmas mince pies to share.

Monday 17 December

10am St Ambrose annual Christmas Hamper appeal delivery date. We are asking for large sized frozen chickens, frozen vegetables, chocolates and other Christmas fare.

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 Retirement Village at 7pm and Holly Lea at 7.45pm - join us along the way! All welcome!

Parish News...

Thank you: "My sincere thanks to you all for such a lovely warm St Barnabas welcome last weekend. It is so special to meet old friends and I look forward to making new friends too. Thank you so much for the laden box of goodies for the pantry at Mary's and the poinsettia - we shall enjoy sharing them." Jenny Wilkens

AAW -Daytime Group: Our special thanks to Faye Norman for hosting our Christmas afternoon tea this last Wednesday. Jean Smith, one of our members now in Kauri Lodge, sends her warmest wishes to her AAW friends.

Music Balkanica Choir heralds 'Glad Tidings of Christmas': From Bethlehem via the Balkans. To be held on Saturday 15 December at 6pm in St Barnabas Church, Fendalton. Entry by donation/koha.

Christian Broadcasting Assn: "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 need your help to make it happen! Phone 0900 80 222 to make a gift of \$20 from your phone account."

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.

Christmas Home Communion (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.



Beyond the Parish...

Deck the Halls: A celebration of the festive season will showcase one of the finest violinists in the country, Fiona Pears, and the acclaimed Cathedral Choristers. Sat. 15 December, 7pm, Cathedral.

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 Magic of Christmas" Join the Christchurch City Chorus 11th time national Sweet Adelines Champions in their celebration of the magical joy, laughter and timeless traditions of Christmas. 15 December 2018 2pm matinee and 7pm evening show. Tickets \$25 Adults - \$20 Seniors - \$10 School Children. Harmony Church Auditorium, 220 Antigua Street, Christchurch Central Tickets from www.ccchorus.co.nz ☎ Jeannette McGrath jpmcgrath@xtra.co.nz phone 021 976572

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. Please pray for our situation here and the displaced families from Ambae, over 2,000 in Maewo, over 7,000 in Santo and over 2,000 scattered all over the islands in Vanuatu with immediate family members. I have over 40 families, a total of 110 staying with me at the bishop's residence. 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 phone 04 473 5172.

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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 fillers 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 Sunday 16th December 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.

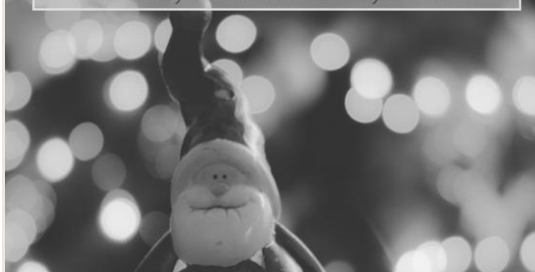
Joy to the World

- **Prayerful Thanks** to all who have been part of the ministries to children and families at Playgroup, Mainly Music, Fridayzone, Kidzone, Bible in Schools at Fendalton and Isleworth Schools, and Messy Church.
- **Kidzone Pageant today**, including graduation of year 6 students and party morning tea in the hall for all children.
- **Love in a Box** outreach with City Mission due back today.
- **Christingle** making 10am Monday 24 December in the hall. All ages welcome.
- **Christingle Service** 'Joy to the World' 4pm Monday 24 December



SBYG End of Year BBQ

Friday 14th December
6:30-8:30pm
\$2 each
Wear any Christmas clothes you have



Youth News

Friday Night Youth Group: We have reached the end of the year for SBYG – time to celebrate with a BBQ. Both Jnr and Snr youth coming together for kai and chats, 6:30-8:30 this Friday. \$2 each – cheap as! You're welcome even if it's your first time at youth.

For more details contact Phil 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, Holy Communion and a message on Christ as our JOY!

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 Palestine: For Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Growing herbs has been a lifeline to Palestinians living in Aqaba village. Thanks to the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, they have been able to build eight tunnel houses. Every 40 days they harvest a crop that they will dry and blend to make herbal tea bags. The tea bags are packaged for sale, but their machine is too old. They need a new one. The village is surrounded by arable land, but most of it is occupied by the military. Better teabag production will improve family incomes and security. Be the lifeline to communities standing for peace.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

For those whose lives are disrupted by conflict, For those whose lives are overwhelmed by despair, For those whose daily lives are crushed by busyness, We light the candle of peace.

(Light the candle)

You, Lord Jesus, give us the peace we all long for. May this light signal a breakthrough, a brighter future, a new order and a better way. We watch as the Advent candle of Peace gleams within the wreath. Let us watch and wait together for peace. Like Mary and Joseph we yearn for peace. 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. As we draw closer to Advent, let us be aware of the needs around us. Contact the parish Pastoral Care Coordinator Watiri Maina.

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

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

- Robyn
- Alison

We express our sympathy...

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



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!



Spring Gardening

Don Mackenzie invites helpers to come to 131 Fendalton Rd to do some gardening this Tuesday at 10am. This is at our clergy house and is in need of some Spring garden maintenance.



Barney's Blog

Thank you to all who kindly bought raffle tickets at the House and Garden Tour. Congratulations to our winners: Margaret, Steve, Rachel, Pat, Nikki and Cheryl.