Sunday November 28

Parish News



Sunday Services:

<u>Christ Church</u> **9am & 11am** Family Worship **3pm** Traditional Communion <u>Launch of St Luke's</u> **10am** Family Communion <u>St Peter's</u> **5pm** Family Service

Everyone is required to scan / sign in on your arrival.

Please wear a mask upon arrival, though you may remove this once seated or speaking to each other to enable people who would like to, to maintain distance.

Social distanced seats are marked. Please sit at these. If you feel comfortable, you may sit with someone from another bubble.

We will be singing (masks not required) but we will not be sharing the peace.

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Day of Giving

A big thank you for your support in our annual Day of Giving. To date over \$32,000 has been donated! This is above our budget of receiving \$25,000. Praise the Lord! Money received from the Day of Giving supports Ministries in the Parish and Mission work locally and internationally. Donations can be made electronically, given at the services, or brought into the office. For direct credits Bank Account Name: Whanganui Anglicans Bank No: 03-0791-0007881-00 Account Reference: Day of Giving.

Youth Group

Come join us for our small groups. Year's 7-9 - **Tuesdays** 5-7pm. Year's 10-13 - **Sundays** 7-8:30pm. Both groups will meet at Nathan & Katie's home (58 Alma Rd). We want to stay connected as much as possible and are happy to answer any questions. Thanks, Nathan (0211706206)

Bible Friends Christmas Play

Come to the Bible Friends Christmas Play

 a fun filled evening at Christ Church on Tuesday, 7th December at 7pm. Supper will follow in the Lower Lounge.
During the evening, an offering will be taken to help towards our expenses for the Christian Fellowship for the Disabled camp in March next year.
We will also be selling booklets (\$5 each) of the story of our play, as a fundraiser for the homeless in Whanganui.
For more information contact Louise Rostron on 021-106-3066.

There will be a space for those with vaccine passports and an extended space where we will livestream for those without passports.

Friday 3rd December

Christmas Messy Church Come join us for a Christmas journey with fun, crafts, drama and a meal. This event will require Vaccine Passports 4 - 6pm @ Christ Church



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Traffic Lights and Passports

In response to the global Covid pandemic, and in line with the Government's response and mandates, our Diocese have prescribed our procedures moving forward. These decisions value our most vulnerable people. To enable our vulnerable to maintain safety and to enable us to continue to gather in worship together, we are requiring **vaccine passports** for **all of our services** and for **many of our gatherings** between now and Christmas.

If you have been vaccinated and need help getting your passport, please do let us know as we would love to help you.

What traffic light level our DHB is in, will impact how many are able to attend our services and gatherings. We will keep you regularly updated. If you do not have our Parish App, now would be a good time to download it. We will also be sending updates via email.

Livestream - we have the capacity to livestream our 11am service between now and Christmas. You can access this on our Website or on the Parish App. We will also livestream our Christmas Eve midnight service.

Our Parish Christmas Day morning service will be live-streamed with no actual gatherings anywhere. You can join us in your pyjamas with your stockings!

If you are unable to attend services, due to being unvaccinated, we would love to hear from you, so we can ensure you are able to join in worship at this time.

Many blessings in this changing season. Let us hold onto the hope we have in Jesus and his unending faithfulness.

Parish Advent Calendar

Our Advent Calendar is here! In the midst of the busy season, we seek to slow down to engage with one another and celebrate Jesus' coming. **Do see the Calendar to which events require vaccine passports** (to help ensure safety for our vulnerable people) and which need booking for spaces.

CEP NZ Christmas Stall

Christian Education Publications NZ (CEP NZ) are having our Christmas Stalls at Christ Church on **Sunday 28th November**, & **Sunday the 5th & 12th December.** We will be there for all three church services, and Eftpos will be available.

Story Club

Our last Story Club for the year will meet on **Wednesday 1 December (a) 2pm** in the Upper lounge. We will celebrate with a Christmas Afternoon Tea. All welcome. Contact Sara 348 9956.

Friendship Lunches

Friendship Lunches at St Luke's and Christ Church will not resume until we return to Level 1.

Prayer Chain

Would you like us to pray for you? Call Sue Tarry: 027 667 5707 or Rosemary Anderson: 06-342 1722

Contact Details

Co-Vicars: Revs Billy & Caleb Rowe 243 Wicksteed Street Tues-Fri 10am-2pm 06 345 7723 PO Box 4050 office@whanganuianglicans.org.nz

Pastoral Team

If you need someone to chat to, a meal cooked, some prayer or any other support please be in touch with Louise Rostron (06-344 5955) who oversees the pastoral team or see other contacts below: Bruce Crichton (8.30 ChCh) 022 1526460 Bennie Muller (10am ChCh) 347 8332 Sue Lacy (St Chad's) 345 2211 Lesley Willemsen (St Oswald's) 345 5035 Joy McGregor (St John's) 342 7763 Lee Tucker-Ramage (All Saints & St Mary's) 343 1303 Ana Fletcher (St Peter's) 021 0362743 Chris Kirby (St Luke's) 022 3680221