

# St John the Baptist Anglican Church

## Newsletter December 2017

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### A note from Stan...

I have two nieces who own a restaurant in Karangahape Rd. Two Fridays ago I called in and had the Happy Hour special – polenta chips with mayonnaise, and spaghetti and meatballs. Delicious! The girls have a t-shirt with a logo that is not connected directly to their business, but to their credo – their belief system, operating principle, their stance in the world. It is unconditional; free of ifs, buts, maybes and howevers, and all who work in this restaurant are expected to observe this diligently. The t-shirt is black and has two words in stark white letters... BE KIND.

As the Church prepares to celebrate the birth of Christ, and as we once again unfold that beautiful story, we look to find how the wonder of the nativity can be made relevant to a largely secular society. How can the message of Christ manifest itself now, today? This question has obviously come up before. This morning on Radio New Zealand (RNZ) a church has designed an Advent calendar where its members can record random acts of kindness over the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 25 December.

And it occurred me... why not? Let's once again use the Summary of the Law to express our purpose... "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." – BE KIND to others. Take the time at all levels and wherever the opportunity to BE KIND!

Let's be kind to our neighbours, our families, our workmates, bosses, vicars, and have a wonderful, wonderful Christmas! I look forward to sharing the celebrations with you in our Church over the festive season.

Kindly,

**Stan Pilbrow**



### CHRISTMAS AND JANUARY DATES



10 <sup>th</sup> December:	8am Eucharist 9.30am Children's Christmas Show and Eucharist
17 <sup>th</sup> December	8am Eucharist 9.30am Combined Song and Prayer Service with Yewon Korean and St Thomas Syriac churches.
24 <sup>th</sup> December	8am and 9.30am Eucharist services as usual 11pm Evening Service. Carols and Eucharist
25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Christmas Day service
31 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am first of the single Eucharist services that will run through January 2018.

Please also note the following prayer times:  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon Midday Prayer.

Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Evening Prayer at 2pm.

Looking ahead please note Ash Wednesday 2018 is 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## In and around St John

**Sunday Services:** 8am, 9.30am, Eucharist.

5pm (study/discussion group). All welcome, come as and when able.

**Fourth-Sunday School:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 9.30am

**Evening Women's Fellowship:** 7.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

**Men's Supper & Bible Group:** 7.30-9pm twice a month on a Wednesday. Check the weekly service sheet for each venue.

**Next Garage Sale:** April 2018

## Hall Users

**Rowe Dance** - ballet classes for 3-8 year olds on Monday 2.45-4.30pm, Wednesday 3.45-5.30pm and Thursday 3.30-4.30pm in term time.

**Rowe Dance** - dancing for adults, Friday 10-11am.

**Rowe Dance** - Personal tuition by arrangement.

**Joy Russ Dance** - Monday 8.30-9.30pm.

**Positive Balance Yoga** - Mon, Tues 6-8.30pm, Thurs 5.45-8.15pm in term time.

**Weight Watchers** - meet in St Jude's Room weekly, Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm.

**Jumping Beans** - Wednesday 9am-1pm in term time.

**Scottish Country Dance** - Wednesday 7.30pm - 10pm throughout the year.

**Northcote Steps** - meet in the St Jude's Room, Friday 7-10pm throughout the year.

**Soccer for Tots** - Sat 9am - 1pm during term time

**Northern Performing Arts** - Saturday 4-8pm.

**English Folk Dance** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 7-10pm

**Early English Dance** - 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30 - 10pm

**AlAnon family support group** - 3-5pm first Sun of each month.

**The Korean Yaewon Church:** Sunday 10am-5pm (hall), 1.40pm-3pm (St Jude's Room).

**Plus occasional use by...**

Northcote Residents Association

Northcote/Birkenhead Boat Owners Association

St Thomas, Syrian Church.

## Readings for the month

### December 3 Advent 1

Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

### December 10 Advent 2

Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Epistle: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

### December 17 Advent 3

Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### December 24 Advent 4 (am)

Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Epistle: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

### December 24 Advent 4 (pm)

Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Epistle: Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

### December 25 Christmas Day

Reading: Isaiah 61: 10-62

Epistle: Hebrews 1: 1-4

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

### December 31 Christmas 1

Reading: Isaiah 61: 10-62

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

### January 7 Epiphany 1

Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5

Epistle: Acts 19: 1-7

Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11

### PASTORAL CARE REPORT

Some people were aware that early in November I had a personal bereavement. My thanks to everyone who gave support and expressed condolences, especially Women's Fellowship before the short service of Holy Communion which I celebrated prior to the AGM on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

On a happier note Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> was the occasion of an afternoon tea party at the home of Jean Holm in honour of her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Family, friends, and other parishioners attended.

For Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November I served as Locum Priest while Stan and some parishioners attended the All Saints, Birkenhead, Patronal Festival. A celebration of a different kind was held at Northcote on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> as we observed the Queen and Prince Philip's 70<sup>th</sup> (Platinum) Wedding Anniversary. After each service a cake was cut. At 8am, May and Don Joseph did the honours (photograph 1) then at 9.30am it was the turn of Ann and Hugh Jonkers. They were assisted by Matron of Honour and Best Man, Gwen and Bryan Gould (photograph 2) who prepared the pieces to serve for morning tea.

The Stoop's water has to be refreshed frequently indicating it is being well used. I have not heard any adverse comments and a number of folk have expressed thanks for its provision. I would recommend to Vestry that it continue to be in the foyer.

Revision of the Parish Roll is almost complete. The up to date version will be in place before the 2018 AGM.

Requested visits are made as soon as possible but I still have a long list of people who would like me to call at their home. Please be assured I will do my best to visit before Christmas bringing a suitable greeting. If you would like Communion for Christmas please let me know. Phone 441-4325

The Wednesday Prayer Time continues, currently the Midday Office. It will be into the holiday time when it rotates to Evening Prayer at 2pm which will continue throughout that period.

Finally, please remember that everyone is welcome to attend the Morning Worship Service on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. It celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of women's Ordination in New Zealand, my 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate, and provides a time to remember loved ones no longer with us, especially those who died this year. At its conclusion morning tea will be served.

### Vivienne Hill (The Reverend)



### 5PM DISCUSSION GROUP

The 5pm Discussion Group has dealt with an assortment of thought-provoking themes this year. Thanks to all who attended and contributed. No meetings scheduled for December. God Bless. Peter

### HALL CLEANING ROSTER

We need another person to help on the Hall Cleaning Roster, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday one week per month. This is not a big job, we only have to empty rubbish bins and check supplies of toilet rolls and paper towels in the hall toilet block, and generally check that the hall is clean and tidy. If you could help, would you please contact Dick Offwood or Maureen Webley or Mike Wilkin. Phone numbers are on the roster on the notice board in the Foyer. Thank you.

### MINI BIOGRAPHIES

Starting with our first newsletter in 2018, I'd like to invite YOU to write a short biography about yourself! You could give an overview of your life (family background, where you grew up, where you've lived, your career, interests and hobbies, your family, church life, etc.) or just focus on one element, if you prefer. Perhaps aim for around 500 words. We'll feature a different person each month. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about our fellow parishioners. I understand a similar thing was done at our parish in the early 90s and made for a fascinating read.

Would you like to give it a go? If so, please send your bio or any questions through to Natalie – [sjbanglican@gmail.com](mailto:sjbanglican@gmail.com).

I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



### UPCOMING RSCM AUCKLAND EVENT

The RSCM Auckland Annual Dinner will be held:

- On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November,
- In St Andrew's Church Hall, 100 St Andrew's Road, Epsom.
- Beginning 6.30pm.

The cost of this catered meal will be \$38 per head, BYO.

Please advise of your attendance by 18th November to Neil Shroff, [nesushroff@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nesushroff@xtra.co.nz). We hope to see you all there.

*Your newsletter is prepared by Natalie. You can contact Natalie by emailing her at [sjbanglican@gmail.com](mailto:sjbanglican@gmail.com). The newsletter is published on the first Sunday of the month and the deadline for submissions is the previous Tuesday.*

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Louise Collenette 441 3055

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#### Hall Hire

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#### Recorder

Wendy McPherson 473 3448

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#### Men's Supper and Bible reading group

Peter White 419 4380

#### Catering Committee

Barbara McIlroy 418 4117

#### Office Admin, Newsletter and Website

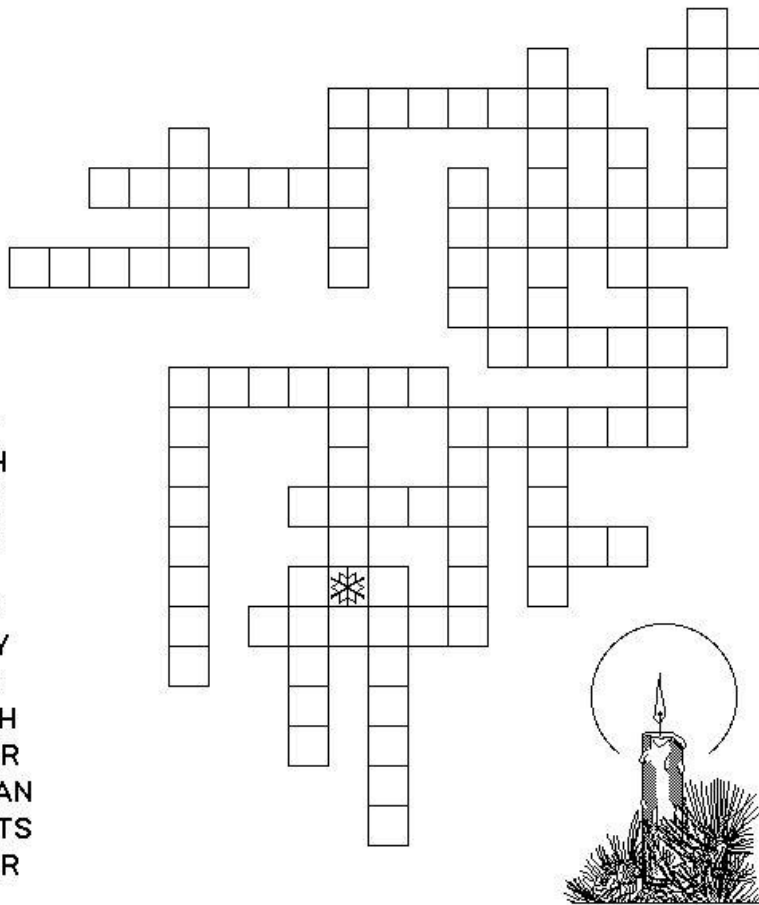
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# Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.  
Each word is only used once.

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TOY  
GIFT  
BELL  
TREE  
STAR  
SANTA  
COMET  
CUPID  
VIXEN  
CANDY  
FROSTY  
WREATH  
DASHER  
DONNER  
SLEIGH  
DANCER  
CHIMNEY  
BLITZEN  
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Thanks to John Michael Sullivan (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2005

AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT  
UP IN A STABLE HOME

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## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD (LOVE)

