

ALL SAINTS' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SERVICES THIS WEEK

ALL SAINTS

Sunday 8:00am*Receive the King*

Nigel Dixon

Isaiah 9: 6 - 7

Luke 1: 26 - 38

Sunday 10:00 am*Receive the King*

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Sunday 5:00 pmContemplative Carols
Service**Thursday 10 am**Eucharist & Prayer Book
Service

Julia Bud

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Sunday 9.30 am

Informal Service

PARISH DATES

13 Dec - Christmas in the
City from 4 - 9pm24 Dec - 3pm - Family
Christmas Eve Service24 Dec - 9pm - Christmas
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It is wonderful to see you here today. Please feel free to stay after the service for a cuppa or just a chat.

VICAR'S VERBIAGE

And so we begin our journey to Christmas Day. Our remembrance of God with us, the God/Word who became human, the closing of the gulf between heaven and earth. This time of year we are retelling ourselves the wondrous story that is foundational to our faith. This is not just a nice story, a wistful whimsical vague hoping kind of story. It gasps with unimagined wonder, is grim and gritty with harsh reality, it is gripping with the implications of history unique and unprecedented.

The entry of God into human life and experience is central to our faith. God is not distant. God is not unmoved. God is not keeping score. God looks like Jesus.

So settle into the season as this narrative unfolds. Resist the reduction of the Christmas season to busy-ness, buying and boxing day sales. Let your heart be gripped again with our gracious God and the world overturning gospel that saves us.

We do want to take up a Christmas offering this year at our Christmas eve/day services. The money will go to the City Mission, particularly towards the new initiative of appointing a City Missioner in the new year. *Cont. overleaf*

We are nearly able to do this! So let's be generous and participate in ways that makes Christmas about worship, generosity and heart resetting. Over January we will again be together for a service at 9.30am. We will be exploring John 1 with liturgy to help our souls recalibrate. A BBQ will be on each week as well - so invite your friends and family. May God bless you as you hear afresh the gospel over Christmas and Advent.
Nigel



OTHER SERVICES COMING UP....

Sunday 8 December 5pm – A contemplative Advent service that provides an oasis at a busy time of year.

Sunday 22 December – Christmas Readings and Carols, once again in the **Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Broadway Ave at 7.45 pm. PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE AND TIME.** We are including members of other churches and congregations in our enlarged choir so that this is more a city-wide celebration. The service will be followed by a Christmas supper. This is a wonderful service for neighbours, family or friends who may not usually come to church.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY



City Mission, partnering with All Saints, Square Edge and PNCC, present Christmas In The City with food trucks, stalls, nativity experience and entertainment. As the family of All Saints we can help out with anything from set up to pack down. We are wanting to create a family friendly space that celebrates Christmas well as our church community shows its love of our city. Please contact Janet Kelly at janet@allsaintsnz.com or fill out the form in the foyer if you are able to help.

ADOPT A CAMELLIA

As part of our Christmas in the City celebration we are looking to decorate the trees down the driveway. This means you can adopt a camellia and take responsibility for decorating it either individually or as a group. Get in quick as trees are limited. They will need to be decorated by the Thursday 12 December. We want these to look aesthetically pleasing. The Christmas in the City Creative Team reserve the right to modify as required. Prizes for the best dressed tree will be awarded. Judging will take place during Christmas in the City and prizes awarded on the day.

CAN YOU HELP - CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

We have a couple of things coming up for Christmas in the City that we would love you to be a part of:

David Unwin is going to be photographing people after the services on Sundays. The pictures will be collaged and used for a Christmas in the City art installation. If you could please make yourselves available for portraits that would be awesome!



A peace garden will be created at the end of the atrium for the event for people to use as a prayer and reflective space. In order to do so we would really appreciate some peace lilies. Other indoor potted plants would also be greatly appreciated. Please label them and drop them in to church on Thursday 12 December before 12noon.

We are also rather low in helpers for this awesome event. Are you keen to help? We need helpers for set up (Thursday 12 December in the evening and Friday 13 December 9am onwards), helpers during the event (Friday 13 December 4pm to 9pm) these people will be walking around keeping an eye on things and being helpful to people who need it. We also would love people to help us pack up. Many hands make light work. C'mon people lets make this an event to remember!



ALL SAINTS FOOD BANK



The All Saints Food Bank would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you who donate to the Food Bank. It is very much appreciated! Due to your generosity we are able to help many families in need from week to week as well as the occasional care packages for one-off needs.

A THANK YOU FROM GLORY GANG YOUTH

We would like to extend a huge thank you for all of the support that we have received from the whole of the All Saints Parish this year! We look forward to seeing the fruits of your generosity in 2020. We love the fact that we are part of a multi-generational wider family and revel in the love and prayer that we receive from many of you on a regular basis. We wish you all the best for the Christmas period and look forward to spending time with you next year!

ALL SAINTS GIVING

All Saints Bank Account details are:


FOR ALL SAINTS CHURCH - **020630 0010393 00**

Giving Envelopes and AP forms are always available from the office.



MONTHLY HAPPENINGS AT ALL SAINTS



 Will be taking a break over the summer period. We wish you all the best for the festive season and look forward to seeing you in 2020.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has finished for 2019! A big shout out to all who came along joining in the fun and making it a great year! A really big thank you to all of our awesome volunteers who gave up their time to serve our incredible messy church community alongside the Messy Church team. We look forward to seeing you in 2020!



MISSION PRAYER

Is taking a break over the Christmas and summer period. It will resume next year on Wednesday 12 February from 7.00 - 8.30pm at 79 Havelock Avenue, Palmerston North.

PARISH MEAL

We have had our last Parish Meal for the year. Thank you to all who came along during the year and enjoyed sharing in family meals together. We will start back up again in February next year. Look forward to seeing you there next year.

NOTICES

If you would like a notice in our newsletter please email odette@allsaintsnz.com by Wednesday 9am. Please note editing is sometimes necessary due to space restrictions.

PRAYER RHYTHMS: @ ALLSAINTS

Monday	8.30 - 9.00 am All Saints' on the Square 12 noon - 1pm Silent Contemplation @ All Saints' on the Square
Tuesday	8.00 - 8.30 am All Saints' on the Square
Wednesday	12noon - 12.30pm @ All Saints' on the Square 5.30pm - 6.00pm @ All Saints' on the Square
Thursday	8.00 - 8.30 am All Saints' on the Square 1.00 - 1.30 pm All Saints' on the Square 6.30 pm stop what you are doing and pray
Friday	8.30 - 9.00 am All Saints' on the Square



Come and join us for half hour of prayer as we seek God and offer Him our petitions for our families, friends, church, city, nation and world.



ALL SAINTS OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 8.30 - 3pm

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