

13 - 19 December 2020



All Saints
ON THE SQUARE

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Welcome to All Saints Church. It is wonderful to see you here today.

VICAR'S VERBIAGE

Christmas is nearly here! It seems like it should be three months away, it feels like the year has lasted 18 months - strange year that it has been. For us it will be the first time our daughter, husband and the GRANDSON won't be with us. It is easy to struggle to "feel Christmas-y", to feel separation acutely.

While there are things we cannot change, we have so much to be grateful for this Christmas. And while our flagging energy is something to manage, perhaps doing things simply is part of the solution. It is ok to adapt to the challenges of this season - a few suggestions:

- **Worship** - there will be services to sing carols and listen to our story, the story of God become human.
- **Welcome** - be hospitable. Many will feel separation this Christmas so welcome someone into your 'stable'.
- **Wander** - away from commercialism and into the places that restore your soul. While town may get crazy, you don't need to!
- **Wonder** - read, think, rest, dream, as you create space from the busy and bruising activity that really is optional.

So listen to your body and heart - and attempt less to be true to the call of the season.

'Peace on earth' and 'goodwill to all'...

God bless you

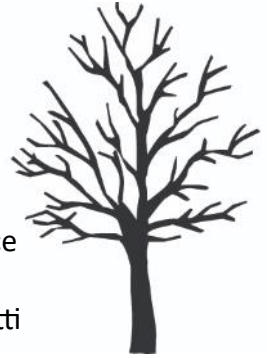
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THE GIVING TREE

We are joining with St Matthews in their Giving Tree. The Tree serves as a community collection point for donations of food and household essentials. Requested items include:

- Toilet paper
- Dishwashing detergent
- Soap powder/liquid
- Toothpaste
- Sugar
- City Council Rubbish bags
- Flour
- Cocoa
- Cake mix packets
- Icing sugar
- Rice
- Pasta
- Noodles
- Pasta bake sauce
- Baked beans
- Canned spaghetti
- Canned fish
- Canned or packet soup
- Breakfast cereals
- Canned or dried fruit
- Spreads (jam, marmite etc)
- Crackers
- Sweet biscuits
- Muesli bars



Please put any items in Rudolph's basket by the servery. These will then be given to the Food Bank for distribution to those in need. All items collected before 20 December will be shared between our Food Bank and the Tree.



ALL SAINTS FOODBANK



Thanks to everyone for your continuing support of our Foodbank which we are very grateful for! As Christmas fast approaches we are asking if you could consider donating some Christmas goodies for our families. It is a difficult time of year for our families and anything that can ease the financial burden would be greatly appreciated.

CAR FOR SALE

All Saints was blessed with the gifting of some of Shirley Carson's estate. As such we have her car that we are now selling. If you or someone you know would be interested in a 2006 Suzuki Swift that has done 203,000km, has a warrant and registration please see Andrew Carson in the office. All proceeds will go to All Saints.



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS READINGS & CAROLS



There will be a traditional service of Christmas Readings and Carols at **7.45pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit**. This is a parish wide event and we look forward to other congregations from the city joining us. It is a good service to invite friends and family along to. A Christmas supper will be served afterwards.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Come and celebrate Christmas with us at our family friendly Christmas Eve Service. Held here at All Saints at 3pm on Thursday 24 December. Come along at 2.45 and join with us for some afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Here are the services being held on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 3.00pm - All Saints - Family Christmas Eve Service
- 7.00pm - St Columba's - Christmas Eve Service
- 8.00pm - All Saints - Christmas Eve Service
- 11.30pm - St Matthews - Christmas Eve Service
- 11.30pm - St Peter's - "Midnight" Christmas Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8.00am - St Peters - Christmas Eucharist
- 9.00am - All Saints - Christmas Day Service
- 9.00am - St Matthews - Christmas Day Service
- 10.00am - St Peter's - Christmas Eucharist



We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

CHRISTMAS DAY BRUNCH

Will you be on your own this Christmas Day? Or maybe you would just like to be with some of the church family on this very special day. The Parish Christmas Brunch is for anyone who would like to come along. You may like to bring a plate. Come for as long as you like. It will be held from 11am - 2pm at Jenny and John Hornblow's place, 36 Langston Ave. Please RSVP to 358 7824.

SUNDAY SERVICES OVER SUMMER

During January there will be only one Sunday service held at 9.30am at All Saints Community Hall. We will return to our regular programming will resume later in January. More details to follow.

PRAYER RHYTHMS: @ ALLSAINTS

Come and join us for half and hour of prayer as we seek God and offer Him our petitions for our families, friends, church, city, nation and world. Choose a time from our regular schedule and join us this week:

- Monday** 8.30 - 9.00 am -@All Saints' on the Square
12 noon - 1pm Silent Contemplation @ St Peters
- Tuesday** 8.00 - 8.30 am @ All Saints' on the Square
3.30 - 4.00pm @ All Saints' on the Square
- Wednesday** 6.00 - 6.30pm @ All Saints on the Square
- Thursday** 8.00 - 8.30 am @ All Saints' on the Square
12.30 - 1.00 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



Everyone is welcome. Any queries please contact Andy Hickman on 021 987 737.
Prayer Rhythms will finish on 24 of December and will resume 1 February 2021.

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The All Saints office will be shut between 24 December 2020 and 5 January 2021. For the remainder of January it will be open for limited hours. The answerphone will be checked regularly.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

MESSY CHURCH

We have had our last Messy Church for 2020. Thank you for all who came along and made the Fridays such fun times! We wish you well this Advent Season and look forward to seeing you next year!



DISABILITY SERVICE

Is held the 2nd Sunday of each month at the All Saints Community Centre @ 2pm. The next service is on 13 December.

PARISH MEALS

As we are almost at the end of 2020 we have had our last Parish meal for this year. We will be hosting a Christmas Brunch (see overleaf). We wish you a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

MISSION PRAYER

The next Mission Prayer is Wednesday 9 December from 7.00 - 8.30pm at 34 Karina Terrace. All are welcome to come and share God's heart for the world.

ALL SAINTS OFFICE HOURS

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