

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
You are welcome to stay and share refreshments
with us!**



SIMPLE AS" – ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2016

Our Regional theme this Advent and Christmas season is "Simple As." A preaching team comprising Jacqui Paterson, David Leask, Mike Hansen and Wendy Harland have taken up the challenge of providing words of wisdom to titillate you with over the Advent period. Enjoy!

JACQUI'S INDUCTION AT WAIKATO DIOCESAN SCHOOL

TODAY, **Sunday, 11 December 2016**, at 7pm at the Waikato Diocesan School is Jacqui's Induction. We ask God's blessing on Jacqui, Craig and their family as she enters another stage of her ministry.

ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN – AN OPEN INVITATION

to our next monthly meeting – **Tuesday, 13 December 2016**, at 12 noon. There will be a shared Christmassy lunch, and please bring a \$5 gift for Secret Santa. Come along and enjoy what we have planned. Bring a friend – or three! Any enquiries, please contact Elaine James (Leader) 769 9904.

ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Our prayers go out to the Very Reverend Michael Bent, as he celebrates his 60th Anniversary of Ordination next Saturday. Michael has spent a very interesting life serving his Lord, and we wish him and Rosemary God's blessing for the future.

HOLY TRINITY CAROL SERVICE **Sunday, 18 December 2016 at 9.45am**

SING CHRISTMAS! 2016

19th December at 6 pm at Holy Trinity. Carols from around the world with the Taranaki sounds Good! Singers and Steel Band

PARISH VACANCIES

Church and Hall Cleaners - URGENT

Have you ever thought that you could do a little cleaning for the church? Now is your opportunity, as we are very short of cleaners. Those over eighty wish to retire! Let Jillian Suthon (758 0776) have your names for the roster.

Overall Fund Raising Convenor

We would also like someone to look after the overall fundraising for our church next year - not to do all the work, as some fundraising is already being taken care of by volunteers, but to oversee. There again, please speak to one of the Wardens, Don Young (757 8700 or Norma Benton (758 6783.)

You are invited to:

A Christmas Eve Interactive Adventure
Simple A-Z
St Chads Anglican Church
12 Omata Road West New Plymouth
Saturday 24 December any time between 2-4 pm

**A perfect all-age activity
to lead in to the excitement of Christmas day!**

Your task is to identify a X-mas word for every letter of the alphabet...including the most important X-mas letter of all!

If you find them all, you can enter a draw for a special prize!



Holy Trinity Anglican Church Fitzroy

Advent 3: Simple As

A Welcome

Grace and Peace to You from God.

God fill you with truth and joy

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We stand and sing:

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

**Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadow put to flight.**

**Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.**

**Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

We remain standing for ***The Lighting of the Advent Candles***

This third Sunday of Advent, we light a candle for joy and remember God is the light on our path.

Strengthen our hearts, for the coming of Jesus Christ is near.

God is a God of justice who brings food to the hungry and inclusion to the rejected. God lifts up the lowly and lowers the mighty.

Strengthen our hearts, for the coming of Jesus Christ is near.

We join our hearts with that of the desert gushing with life. We join our joy with that of Mary who sings with excitement for the child to come.

Strengthen our hearts, for the coming of Jesus Christ is near.

We are seated and pray...

Almighty God, To whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us, in silence, remember our need
for God's forgiveness:

Hear the teaching of Christ:

you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.
This is the first commandment.

And a second is this:

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Hear God's word to all who turn to Christ:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent,
turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The Sentence:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

NEXT WEEK: ADVENT FOUR

CAROL SERVICE

READINGS: ISAIAH 7: 10-16 PSALM 80: 1-7, 17-19 ROMANS 1: 1-7 MATTHEW 1: 18-25

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The Collect:

**Give us courage, O God our strength,
To see your Christ in all who suffer,
To be hands for the helpless,
Food for the hungry,
And rescue for the oppressed.
Hear this prayer for Your love’s sake
Amen**

The Proclamation

A reading from The Book of Isaiah chapter 35
beginning at verse 1 (-10)
...Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Book of James chapter 5
beginning at verse 7 (-10)
...Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

We stand and sing....

**He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
He died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.**

**He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
He died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.**

**He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
He died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.**

**He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
He died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.**

We stand for the Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter
11 beginning at verse 2 (-11)

**Praise and glory to God....
...This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word.**

We are seated

The Sermon: The Reverend Mike Hansen

We remain seated for the Prayers of the People

The Ministry of the Sacrament
We stand for The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.
By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.
Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ

We remain standing and sing our Offertory Hymn:

**On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
announces that the Lord is nigh,
awake and listen for he brings
glad tidings of the King of Kings**

**Let every heart be cleansed from sin,
make straight the way for God within
and so prepare to be the home
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward,
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and make the fallen sinner stand,
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth’s own true loveliness once more.**

**To you, O Christ, all praises be,
whose advent sets your people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit for evermore.**

Our offerings are presented.

Blessed are you, God of all creation...
... and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever.

We remain standing or are seated for
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God’s Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed...
...for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;..
...do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God,...
...We worship you, O God, in songs of
everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

We sing the Lords Prayer together
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**We who are many are one body, for we all share
the one bread.**

Draw near, and receive the precious body and blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he
died for us. let us feed on him in our hearts, by faith
with thanksgiving.
The Communion

We remain seated and sing:

**Where is the room,
where is the house of Christmas?
Where shall we welcome Jesus,
Where are the signs of home?
Where are the signs of home?**

**Let Christ have space,
Place at the heart of living,
Centre for birth’s new breathing,
Cradle for hope and peace,
Cradle for hope and peace.**

**Let there be room,
Room for the friend and stranger,
Room without hurt or anger,
Room for whoever come,
Room for whoever come.**

**Let love be here,
Love from the Christmas stable.
Love at our open table,
Love to be shared all year,
Love to be shared all year.**

Prayer after Communion
Almighty God, giver of all good things...
...of all faithful people.

**Therefore, ever living God,
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.
And now we offer ourselves,
all that we have and are,
to serve you faithfully in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Dismissal of the Community

We stand for The Blessing

We remain standing and sing:

**My Lord he is a comin’ soon,
prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Get everything ready for that day
prepare ye the way of the Lord**

**If you’re asleep it’s time to wake up
awake, O sleeper arise.
If you’re in the dark it’s time to be lit
awake O sleeper arise.**

**My Lord he is a comin’ soon,
prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Get every thing ready for that day
prepare ye the way of the Lord**

**Come Lord Jesus come into my heart
prepare ye the way of the King
He is coming he’s coming soon
prepare the way of the King.**

**My Lord he is a comin’ soon,
prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Get every thing ready for that day
prepare ye the way of the Lord,
prepare ye the way of the Lord.**