



The Anglican Parish of
Burnside-Harewood



Advent

The Season of Hope and Expectation

NEWS SHEET

24th & 25th December 2023

A warm welcome to St Timothy's and St James' Churches
Making lifelong disciples of Jesus

24th December

SENTENCE & PRAYER

25th December

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.

Matthew 1:23

Living God, you called your people out of Egypt and gave them the covenant; prepare our hearts to hear your call, so that we may receive with joy the gospel of your Son and be your faithful people, now and for ever.
Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10–11

Son of God,
light that shines in the dark,
child of joy and peace,
help us to come to you
and be born anew
this holy night.
Hear this prayer
for your love's sake.
Amen.

SERVICES



Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

8.45am Holy Communion Service at St James'

Romans 16: 25-27 (p1768) Luke 1: 26-38 (p1591)

Chris Ponniah

10.15am Family Service at St Timothy's

Romans 16: 25-27 (p1768) Luke 1: 26-38 (p1591)

Chris Ponniah

5.00pm Family Fun on Christmas Eve

Bouncy Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Craft and Carols

Victoria Askin

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

8.45am Holy Communion Service at St James'

Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p1073) Luke 2: 1-14 (p1593)

Chris Ponniah

9.30am Family Service at St Timothy's

Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p1073) Luke 2: 1-14 (p1593)

Joy Ponniah

CHRISTMAS EVE - FUN FOR EVERYONE

Family Fun on Christmas Eve
St Tim's at 5.00pm

Games,
Sausage Sizzle,
a Children's
Programme and
Christmas
Carols.

T'was the night before Christmas...

Merry Xmas

Everybody
Welcome

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear Parish Family

This is my last time as Vicar to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. Joy and I pray that God's gift of hope, peace, joy and love will fill you and your loved ones this Christmas. May you find time to reflect on your own faith and relationship with Christ who is the reason for the season.



Every Christmas I am filled with hope because the light of Christ still shines amidst the darkness of this world and the darkness has not overcome this light. No matter what may be happening in the world, Christmas reminds us that God himself comes to intervene in our history in order to definitively set things right.

Mary and Joseph had to trust God completely when they had to make the long trek to Bethlehem and again when they had to flee into Egypt. Like Mary and Joseph, we also need to learn to trust the Lord. He is still in control and promises to set things right at the appropriate time. May we be a people of faith and joy that rejoices in the light and hope that Christmas brings.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Chris



CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE APPEAL

Share Food with Love

In Tonga, Kapiolani is a fan weaver and passionate home gardener. Her home is surrounded by vegetables, banana and breadfruit trees, pele and flowers, flourishing with the compost she learned to make at a workshop run by our partner. She knows she will improve her family's livelihood by raising chickens in her new chicken house. With more training on climate change, she can help her community prepare for future disasters.

Our partner Tonga Community Development Trust has been working through its local groups to help Tongans recover after last year's eruption and tsunami. It is running psychosocial training so people can help those living with loss and trauma.



After natural disasters, families need practical support and love.

On Christmas Day we

Share Food with the World



In Poland, Irena, her two children and a friend share a meal, far from their home in Ukraine. They have found shelter, food and psychosocial support thanks to our partner, the Lutheran World Federation and local churches.

In Gaza, churches offer food and shelter to some of the many people made hungry and homeless. Our partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees plans to distribute emergency relief and rebuild its

Primary Health Clinics and Vocational Training Centres as soon it is safe. As a member of ACT Alliance – Action by Churches Together – we work together to provide practical help to people after disasters and in places of conflict.

On this Christmas Day we celebrate the love we find in Christ with the world.

If you would like to donate to the CWS Christmas Appeal 2023 you can do this via:

- The Envelope included in this news sheet. Please pop it in the offertory bag.
- Directly through internet banking:

- ◇ Name of Account: Christian World Service
ANZ Account number: 06 0817 0318646 00
- ◇ Refence: Christmas Appeal
- ◇ Code: Your Name

Please email your postal details to cws@cws.org.nz if you would like a tax receipt.



PRAYER

Loving God

We give thanks for what we have, for our families and for food, for God's great gift of love.

We pray for our world, for the people who are longing for bread and for peace, for those who cannot escape the violent sounds of war and who live in absolute fear for their lives. We remember the people of Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine and all who live with violence.

We pray for the people who can silence the weapons and stop the war. As people who share your world, we pray for peace.

Help us find the courage to face the hard stuff, to make the changes that we can make, to share what we can.

In your loving name we pray. Amen.



COMING UP IN THE NEW YEAR



Gold Card Club

Starts 11th Jan

BURNSIDE ELDER CARE
For Fun, Friendship & Food

Every Thursday, 10.00 - 12.30pm | **St Tim's Church**
For more information call Jill McTeigue 027 848 5769



Resumes 14th Jan

Sunday 5

Food, Friendship & Faith

Come for some food and stay for a chat



TIME FOR A CUPPA?

Resumes Wednesday 31st January
10.30 - 11am

St Timothy's Church Hall followed by a simple communion service

All Welcome



Tea and Tots

Resumes Monday 12th February
10am - **12noon at St Tim's**
Every 2nd & 4th Monday

Free Playgroup for Under 5's and their Caregivers



Kids4Christ

Resumes 4th Feb

Little Lights:
For Under Fours

Star Lights:
4+ Years Olds

Lighthouse Kids:
Primary Age Children

Illuminate
Years 6-8

These programmes run during our 10.15am Sunday Service at St Tim's.

Children learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Contact the parish office for details 358 8174

NEXUS Community

Next Potluck Dinner:
Sat 3rd February
6-8pm at St Tim's
All Welcome

Call Shawn for details
022 570 1400



FOR YOUR 2024 DIARIES

Farewell Gift for Chris and Joy

Anyone who wishes to contribute to a farewell gift for Chris and Joy is invited to either place their contribution in a clearly marked envelope in the offertory, OR direct credit it to our parish bank account ANZ 06 - 0831- 0031780-00, reference FAREWELL.

Please note that this is not considered a charitable donation for tax purposes. The final day for receiving these contributions is **Sunday 21st January**, so that we can present the gift to Chris and Joy at their farewell potluck lunch on 28th January.



WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT OUR NEXT VICAR?

ALL parishioners (that's you!) have the opportunity to tell the Wardens what a prospective Vicar should know about our parish, and to describe the attributes that are important when selecting a new Vicar.

This is called a Future Ministry Consultation and will be facilitated by our Archdeacon, Nick Mountfort.

When: Saturday 10th February, 9am-12.30pm

Where: St Tim's Church

Women's Retreat 2024

15 - 17 March, Te Waioira

Contact: phillipa.chirnside@gmail.com

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

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OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closing at 12.30pm on Thursday 21st December and will re-open on Monday 22nd January.

If you have any pastoral needs or need to talk to a minister please call Alison Jephson Ph: 027 514 1585

St Timothy's Buildings:

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St James' Buildings:

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