

Pauatahanui Anglicans

2018 ADVENT MESSENGER

What do you want for Christmas this year?

I wonder how many times we are asked this question or hear it asked – what do you want? What would you like? I wonder if our answer would be in line with what we actually need? If we stop and think about what we need – we find everything in the Christian story of what happens in Bethlehem.

This Christmas I invite you to join us at one of our many Christmas services, to discover the wonderful gift of joy, hope, peace and love gifted to us from God in his son Jesus Christ. As we celebrate this Christmas let us be reminded of what we actually need in all our human frailty. The image of Santa bowing before Jesus is a powerful one symbolizing commercialism bowing to grace, a response to a gift freely given. The bible tells us “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth”.

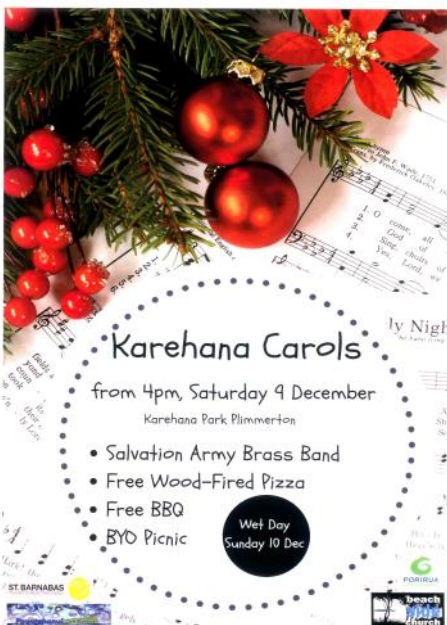
May the lines from the Christmas carol be ever true for you this year:

**“How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in”**

Vicar Pete



OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday, 16 December

9.30am Ray Cooper & A Christmas Puppet Show
Interactive All In Service @ St Andrew's

Sunday, 23 December

9.30am Communion, Carols & Baptism @ St Andrew's
11.00am Communion, Carols & Baptism @ St Alban's
7.00pm St Andrew's, Plimmerton

Christmas Eve, 24 December

4.00pm Christingle Children's Service
@ St Andrew's, Plimmerton
8.00pm Community Carols & Communion Service
@ St Alban's, Pauatahanui
11.00pm Carols by Candlelight Service
@ St Andrew's, Plimmerton

Christmas Day, 25 December

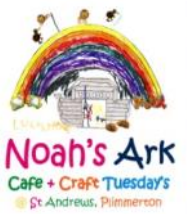
9.30am Family Service @ St Andrew's, Plimmerton

Sunday, 30 December

9.30am Combined Local Churches Service
@ St Andrew's, Plimmerton

Noah's Ark

Come along and join us on Tuesday mornings for some family fun! We meet during term time from 9.15-11.15am. On the 11th Dec we will be making salt dough tree ornaments; 18th Dec we are having our Christmas Party, please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. New families are always welcome!



Some photos of the 2018 events, join our Parish family and do life with us! Family, youth, whole parish, diocese events - there's always something happening here!

Jesus was God's gift to the world, not just for Christmas, but for every single day--your whole life through--and even beyond for all eternity.



REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

ST ANDREW'S, PLIMMERTON

Service with Children's Program @ 9.30am
Worship, Reflection & Prayer @ 7.00pm
Thursday @ 10am Communion Service

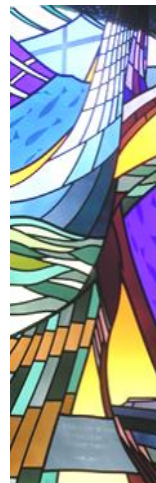
ST ALBAN'S, PAUATAHANUI

Community Service @ 11.00am

Vicar: Rev Pete Watson

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The Messenger is only twice a year with dates for Easter and Christmas services. We would love you join us in celebrating the resurrection and birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have a weekly email sent each Thursday which shares current parish news and events coming up - to sign up please email: pauanglican@xtra.co.nz with the subject line 'subscribe'.

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