

## St Paul's Presbyterian Church

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

*'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'*

**10:00 am Service** led by Kerry Marshall

***Advent 4, Sunday 18th December, 2022***

It is delightful that you are here as we worship God together this morning. Please join in reading the ***words in bold italic type*** if you would like to.

Where you see a \* please stand if you are able.

*Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Anyoung haseyo, Malo elelei,*

*Ni hao, Ohayo gozaimasu, Fakaalofa atu!*

*Nau mai, haere mai, welcome!*



**Welcome and Notices:** Kerry Marshall

**\*Call to Worship:** Kerry Marshall

**\*Hymn:** **Te Harinui** (LWSB 45)

Not on a snowy night

By star or candlelight

Nor by an angel band

There came to our dear land

Te Harinui

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Te Harinui

Glad tidings of great joy

But on a summer day  
Within a quiet bay  
The Maori people heard  
The great and glorious word

The people gathered round  
Upon the grassy ground  
And heard the preacher say  
I bring to you this day

Now in this blessed land  
United heart and hand  
We praise the glorious birth  
And sing to all the earth

**Lighting the Advent candle** - the fourth candle symbolises PEACE:  
(Michael Hamilton)

**Prayer:** (Kerry Marshall)

**Reading:** **Isaiah 9: 2-7** (Anne Loan)

**\*Hymn:** **O Come O Come Emanuel** (*WOV 193*)

**Reading:** **Luke 1: 26-33** (Janice Tucker)

**\*Hymn:** **Once in Royal David's City** (*WOV 237*)

**Reading:** **Luke 1: 39-45** (Brenda Silson)

**\*Hymn:** **Angels from the Realms of Glory** (*WOV 235*)

**Reading:** **Luke 2: 1-7** (Helen McClymont)

**\*Hymn:** **Silent Night** (*WOV236*)

**Reading:** **Luke 2 8-20** (Richard Loan)

**\*Hymn:** **The First Nowell** (*WOV 221*)

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession followed by the Lord's Prayer:**  
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(Jill

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day 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.*

**Offering:**

Lord, we ask you to bless our gifts of time, money and talents brought to you in love at this time of Advent. **Amen**

**\*Hymn: Upside Down Christmas (LWSB 56)**

Carol our Christmas, an upside-down Christmas;  
The snow is not falling and trees are not bare.  
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ Child,  
Warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.

Sing of the gold and the green and the sparkle,  
Water and river and lure of the beach.  
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,  
Sing a nativity summer can reach!

Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides.  
Finding not angels but sheep to be shorn;  
Wise ones make journeys whatever the season.  
Searching for signs of the truth to be born.

Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,  
Made in the moment a woman gives birth;  
Hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,  
Everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

**Benediction:** (Kerry Marshall)

We go into the world to continue our journey towards Christmas. May the grace and reconciling love of God be with us wherever we go and be seen in all we do. Amen

**Doxology: Stand Together (LWSB 66)**

Stand together for what you believe  
Work for what must be done.  
Love each other in all that you do,  
Till all our people are one.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Amen.

*c Barry Fell*

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## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Helping Today

**Greeters:** Lynne & Murray Arnold

**Offering:** Sylvia Low

**Bible Readers:** Anne Loan, Janice Tucker, Brenda Silson, Helen McClymont, Richard Loan

**Musician:** Pam Clare

**Flowers:** Rae Wildbore, Brenda Silson & Rosemary Semple

**Grounds:** Bev & Mike Coghill

Next Sunday is Christmas Day, St Paul's will be meeting at **Trinity Methodist Church**. The **Christmas service** will start at **9.30am**.

We will also be meeting at **Trinity Methodist** for Sunday service on **1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023, starting at 10am**.

Therefore, no Sunday service at **St Paul's** until **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

### What's On This Week

**Sunday** Christmas Day service at Trinity Methodist 9.30am

**Prayer Focus:** Let us pray for: -

- \* Ministry among us: **Morning Tea team**
- \* Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Christian Lovelink**
- \* Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Catholic Parish of Napier**
- \* Parishes in our Presbytery: **St John's Hastings**

### Anne Silson's Remembrance Service

A heartfelt thanks to all the people who assisted with the catering for Anne's Remembrance service, either by baking or assisting in the kitchen. Anne was a vital part of the catering team and we always appreciated her contribution, whether by a wise word or with her delicious sandwiches. She will be sorely missed. Thank you all so much.  
Margaret Greig, Team Leader.

### What's on the noticeboard?

Poster outlining the various Christmas services at **Waiapu Cathedral of St John the Evangelist**, including the following: -

- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm Nine lessons and Carols
- Christmas Eve Midnight Mass starting at 11pm

## **Church Recycling**

As you all may or may not be aware that St Paul's is now part of the Eco Church N.Z. In the kitchen there are two recycling bins, one for recyclable hard plastics. The other one is for tins, cans, glass, and soft plastics. The office has a paper recycling bin/box. Please use any of the above, and they will be emptied frequently. We are also hoping to bring in Eco friendly cleaning products, and detergent. In the corridor, heading towards the toilets there is also another recycling facility, where you can put batteries, toothpaste tubes, coffee pods, cling film. Hope you all make use of these facilities. Thank you. Helen, Richard and Adair.

## **Napier Food Bank/Nourished for Nil**

“Nourished for Nil are running very low on toast spreads (except honey) and can always use paper or plastic bags, if you have any spare. Thank you, Jane”

## **Bible Readings for Monday 19th December – Saturday 24th December**

### **Monday, December 19, 2022:**

1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20

### **Tuesday, December 20, 2022:**

1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1

### **Wednesday, December 21, 2022:**

1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17

### **Thursday, December 22, 2022:**

Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20

### **Friday, December 23, 2022:**

Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14

### **Saturday, December 24 & 25, 2022:**

Nativity of the Lord - Proper I