

*Sunday 15th December, 2024.*



**St Paul's Presbyterian Church  
Napier.**

*We celebrate life in Christ*

**3rd Sunday of Advent Cafe Service 10am**

**GATHERING:**

We gather in the church at the front around tables to enjoy a cuppa and to mix and meet up. Enjoy the star biscuits made by Brenda and Lynne. Our gathering will then move into a more planned time of worship.

**Welcome and Notices:**

**Call to Worship:**

**We Sing: Under the Southern Cross**

**Conversations**

**HEARING:**

**Reflection:**

**Readings: Isaiah 9. Luke 1: 68-79**

**RESPONDING:**

**Candle Lighting**

**We Sing: On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing (Vs 1,2,4)**

**Star Prayers for Others:**

**SENDING:**

**We Sing: A Christmas Blessing**

*Service led by Mark Johnston & Carolyn Kelly. Music by Pam Clare*

## **Prayer Pointers this week**

1. We pray for ourselves: that we may be refreshed by the real presence of Christ coming in our midst this advent.
2. We pray for our country and its peoples, in the midst of this season of tinsel and consumer frenzy, that deeper yearnings we are seeking to fill or cover over, are not forgotten, sparking more important questions and search for transcendent meanings.
3. We pray for our companion city church, St John's Cathedral and its dean, Rev Di Woods.

## **ON THIS NIGHT!**

Christmas Eve 9pm with a cuppa and mince pies from 8.30pm. Here at St Paul's. Advertising is out in the city, and on Facebook. We could have a crowd so we are looking for volunteers to help on the night, to assist (a) Janice and her catering team (b) 3 ushers to guide the crowd. (c) a couple of bouncers to help with security!

## **Services for next few weeks**

- 22nd Dec 10am:** Carols and Readings
- 24th Dec 9pm:** On This Night with Gospel Choir and Carols
- Christmas Day** No Service. *You are welcome to join worship at the Cathedral or Trinity Methodist at 9.30am*
- 29th Dec 10am:** Worship here at St Paul's
- 5th Jan 10am:** Worship with Trinity Methodist, Clive Sq
- 12th Jan 10am:** Worship here at St Paul's

## **THIS WEEK'S NOTICES:**

|                         | <b><u>Serving Today</u></b> | <b><u>Serving 22nd Dec 2024</u></b> |
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| <b><u>Greeters:</u></b> | Kerry & Penny M             | Bruce & Janice Tucker               |
| <b><u>Offering</u></b>  | Janice Tucker               | Helen McClymont                     |
| <b><u>Bible</u></b>     | Richard Loan                | Rika Hentschel                      |
| <b><u>Music</u></b>     | Pam Clare                   | Dorothy Finlayson                   |
| <b><u>Flowers</u></b>   | Marian Eagle                | Marian & Pam                        |
| <b><u>Grounds</u></b>   | Paul Hentschel              | Mike & Bev Coghill                  |

### **Nourished for Nil:**

Appreciates your support. Any non-perishable food is gratefully accepted. In particular, we are always short of breakfast cereals, rice and any type of spread. *Richard Loan, for NFN.*

### **Eco Corner**

*Damian Carrington, Environment editor, The Guardian, 20 June 2024*

Most people in the world's biggest fossil fuel producing countries want their countries to transition quickly to clean energy to fight the climate crisis, according to the largest ever climate opinion poll conducted by the UN. Many of these states have profited heavily from fossil fuel exploitation, but the 77-nation poll shows their citizens are deeply concerned about the impacts of global heating on their lives. In China and India, the biggest coal producers, 80% and 76% respectively want a quick green transition.

Check out <https://pray-as-you-go.org> for a 15-minute guided prayer reflection on a Scripture of the day. Downloadable as an app for your phone.

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The people of Napier Family Centre and Swinburn House were delighted and humbled by the incredible generosity shown by the St Paul's congregation at the Gift Service last Sunday. A huge thanks goes to all those who gave and helped at our Gift Service this year.