

DURING THE WEEK

Monday 29th November

6.00 am Sweaty Betty's Circuit Training



Tuesday 30th November

9.30 am Tuesday Walking Group meet at church

Wednesday 1st December

9.30 am Steady As You Go in the fellowship room

3.15 pm Children's After School Programme

5.00 pm Youth Group



Thursday 2nd December

10.00 am Fit Kidz for preschoolers and caregivers

Friday 3rd December

6.00 am Sweaty Betty's Circuit Training

10.30 am Prayer Meeting in Parish Visitor's office

Sunday 5th December

9.30 am Worship Service
Advent 2



PARISH STATISTICS:

Thanks to all for your generous financial giving to the Church.

Offerings for last week: \$1,889.00

Attendance last Sunday: 58

After school Programme: 11

Fit Kidz: 5

Youth Group: 8

Bible reading for next week: Luke 3:1-6, Philippians 1: 3-11



ST DAVID'S CHURCH
in ALLENTON
"Called, Equipped and Sent"
28th November 2021

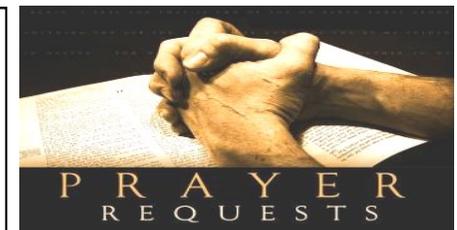


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

If you are new or visiting at St David's, you are most welcome. Please sign our Visitors Book and ask for an Information Leaflet from our church door duty person.



If you would like to receive prayer following the service, please come to the right side of the church at the back, and someone from our prayer team will join you.



Prayer Requests

- ◆ Give thanks to God for the annual meeting held last week.
- ◆ Pray for the brothers and sisters who are unwell.
- ◆ Pray for peace in the world.
- ◆ Pray for the government that they may lead New Zealand with wisdom and love and care.
- ◆ Pray for mission partners in Malawi and South Sudan.
- ◆ Pray for understanding and respect for each other among people who have different views of issues of Covid 19 and vaccines.
- ◆ Pray for our Christian witness during the Christmas season.

Bible Readings for Today:

Matthew 6: 25-33 & 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Theme:

“Worry kills joy”

Pastoral: The minister is available for pastoral care needs. Please call and talk to Henry. If you know anyone who is in hospital, please let Henry know. If you know of any of our members who might need home communion, please let Henry or Nikki know and we will arrange to take communion to them.

Parish News: Copies are available today for the parish visitors to collect from cubby holes.

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If you would like to give electronically, our account number is:

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ASSISTING IN CHURCH TODAY

Music: Music team

Vestry: Jim Young

Door Host: Pam Love

Usher: John Pringle

Sound: Malcolm Tarbotton

DPU: Peter Yates

Food bank: With foodbanks struggling to meet the demands this Christmas season let us as a church dedicate food gifts each Sunday leading up to Christmas. Remember also the supermarket foodbanks.

Children's Play: The children's Christmas play will be performed on Sunday 12 December during the service. This is being presented by the children from the After School programme. All children welcome.

Community Christmas Caroling: You will notice when you receive your newsletter that there are some Christmas Caroling events in the worship schedule page.

As a church we are permitted by the management of both Tuarangi and Rosebank to sing carols on Tuesday 7 December. We will sing at Tuarangi at 1:30pm and follow on to Rosebank from there at around 2:15pm.

The rules are that singers MUST be fully vaccinated and masks MUST be worn, though we are permitted to remove them to sing.

The following day, Wednesday 8 December St David's is scheduled to lead worship at Terrace View. I have yet to ascertain if they will allow us to sing carols there as a group. Radius Millstream would dearly love us to sing carols at our worship service there on Tuesday 21 December.

For all venues I have made a conservative estimate of up to 10 singers.

Frank Tasker

Advent

Advent is a season of waiting and as we know, waiting can be challenging sometimes. Waiting time can also be an opportunity to count God's blessings. Even when you feel like you are walking in the darkest night, you could use that time to count your blessings. Think about Abraham in Genesis 15: 1-6 where God promises him that he will be the father of nations. It was at night when God was saying this, pointing Abraham to the stars saying that his offspring will as numerous as the stars in the sky. I am reminded of the fact that night time can be a time of counting blessings and God's goodness which are innumerable. Just as it is impossible to count the stars in the sky, so it is to count the blessings God bestows. If you have any worries this Advent, take some time to go outside at night and stargaze. We can all imagine the hope Abraham felt as God pointed his attention to the heavens and promised him a long line of descendants. Imagine moving from a state of barrenness to a state of fulfilment. What blessing has God shown you this past year? What blessing is God preparing you for this Advent? Wait upon the Lord and your strength will be renewed.

Henry