

***The Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt
29 December 2024 to 19 January 2025***

***NAUMAI, HAERE MAI! MALO E LELEI! TALOFA! 欢迎 (HUĀN YÍNG!)
Welcome all who are with us in person or online***

29 December 2024 | 1st Sunday of Christmas

Sentence: “Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.” Colossians 3: 14-15

Collect: Jesus, your ways are not our ways.
You are the Jewish boy,
you are the questioning child the parents lost.
Make us willing to listen
and humble in what we believe is right.
Hear this prayer for your love’s sake.
Amen.

Today’s Readings Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 41-52

5 January 2025 | The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sentence: “They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him.” Matthew 2: 11

Collect: Jesus, light of the world,
let your bright star stand over the place
where the poor have to live;
lead our sages to wisdom
and our rulers to reverence.
Hear this prayer for your love’s sake.
Amen.

Today’s Readings Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

12 January 2025 | Baptism of the Lord; 1st Sunday of Epiphany

Sentence: “The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’” Luke 3: 22

Collect: Almighty God,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism
with the Holy Spirit,
and revealed him as your own beloved Son;
grant that we who are baptised into his name
may give our lives to your service,
and be found worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today’s Readings Acts 8: 14-17
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

19 January 2025 | 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Sentence: “Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.”
John 2: 11

Collect: We pray you, Jesus, take the old water,
our busy, conscientious lives,
and turn them into gospel wine,
that everyone may see your life
and thirst;
Hear this prayer for your name’s sake.
Amen.

Today’s Readings 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
John 2: 1-11

**Welcome to all who are worshipping
with us!**

**We are so pleased you are joining one
of the services today.**

The Common Cup is offered to all at our
communion services.
You may decline a sip if you do not want
drink from this cup.

**Please note, NO dipping of wafers or
bread.**



**Offering at the Anglican Parish of
Lower Hutt**

Our offerings process

We are using a cashless process and
encouraging parishioners to give via
electronic banking.

For those new to the parish or can only
donate with cash, please find the wooden
offering box located at the back of All
Saints' / St James' Church.

**When the donations are taken, the
presiding priest will acknowledge ALL
offerings, cash or electronic.**

02-0528-0045901-00, St James' Church
Reference: [surname], [giving number],
[type of payment: offering]

Prayer resources:

Visit

[https://anglicanmovement.nz/prayer-
resources](https://anglicanmovement.nz/prayer-resources)



Rest and worship

I make it a practice to reduce our worship
services over January and simplify them
because of rest and sabbath. Without
noticing, many of you will always have a
job to do on a Sunday at church. That's
not necessarily a bad thing – as it means
you are connected and active in your
community of faith.

In reducing services I recognise that
those who go to the 10am service in
particular are the most affected. I hope
that you can see the gift this offers those
in our community who help facilitate our
worship throughout the year to be given
a break. And that it gives you an
opportunity to worship at 8am instead or
join in at All Saints Belmont at 9am. You
could even visit neighbouring churches
or skip it altogether as see what people
do on a Sunday morning when they aren't
at church.

Normal services resume from Sunday
26th January with a blessing of the
backpacks (or work bags) in all three
congregations. Feel free to bring yours.
And we will be advertising our Lenten
studies, February Sunday social events
and be ready to journey into a new year
together.

May God bless you this Summer.

Rev. Annette Cater

Services between 29 December 2024 to 19 January 2025

8am	Eucharist, St James' Church
9am	Morning Worship, All Saints Church (5 and 19 January) Family Eucharist, All Saints Church (29 Dec and 12 January)

Upcoming activities/ events

- 16-20 Jan** **New Wine Festival**
New Wine Festival is a 5-day all-age celebration; people from across Aotearoa gather together in the presence of God and engage in worship, teaching and ministry within age specific programmes.
Visit <https://newwine.org.nz/festival/> for details.
- 26 January** **Blessing of the backpacks**
All Services The presider of the 8am, 9am and 10am Services will bless the backpacks of our school children and (adult) workers.

If you'd like to have your backpack blessed, please come to the service with your backpack.
- 11 March** **Lenten 4 Week Retreat in Daily Life**
to 6 April This is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life, focusing particularly on prayer with Scripture. You make the retreat at home, with a commitment to pray for **20-30 minutes each day**.

The structure of the retreat will include:
• **11 March, 2-4pm** – an **opening session** at All Saints' Church
• **weekly one-on-one meetings**
• **6 April, 2-3:30pm** – a **closing session**

Please contact **Rev Kathy Orr-Nimmo** if you plan to come, as she needs to know numbers to plan for the one-on-one meetings.
Mobile: 022 252 9929 or email: orrnimmo@hotmail.com

Note: Between 14-23 January, Kathy will be away and will be offline. Avoid contacting her then.
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