

Monthly Newsletters

If you are able, please do take a copy of this newsletter to someone who may not be in church today. This newsletter is also available on the parish web site. Items for the **February news letter** should be sent to roz@mmsi.org.nz) by **9am Monday 30 January**.

Icon Group

For information about the group's meeting dates during December and January contact **Marion Fairbrass** (374 5592 mjfairbrass@xtra.co.nz) or **Judy Moore** (374 9386 judy.moore@hotmail.co.nz).

Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Guide

The seasonal guide booklet offers interpretive commentary on the season, its liturgies and symbols, as well as suggestions for entering into the prayer of the season. This resource is available in the foyer on Sundays, and can be found online at http://www.stlukesinthecity.org.nz/worship/11adv_xmas_epi_guide.pdf
Do you know someone who might appreciate a copy?

The Year of Mark

On Advent Sunday the church universal began the second year of the three year lectionary cycle, the 'Year of Mark'. January is a good time to read the whole of Mark's gospel in a single sitting. A scholarly yet accessible commentary on Mark worth reading is **A Costly Freedom: A Theological Reading of Mark's Gospel**, by Brendan Byrne. Available from Ecclesia Books: 366 3098

Christian Prophets for Our Time

Commencing March 5 and for the 6 following **Mondays, 7.30 – 9.30pm, Honey Café**, New Brighton Mall (meals available from 6.00pm). For more that 2,000 years the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth have inspired his followers to great acts of courage. In more recent years followers of Jesus have carried out acts of courage which have led to hardship, imprisonment and assassination. These studies will explore how particular Christians, including Hildegard of Bingen, Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, Te Whiti, Martin Luther King Jr, and John Wyclif have sought to follow the way of Jesus in their times. **The Reverend Jim Stuart** holds a doctorate in Systematic Theology and Social Ethics and has taught courses in philosophy, religious studies, theology, and ethics. Enrol at the WEA Tel: 03-366-0285 or email: cwea@xtra.co.nz



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Welcome!

We are glad to have you join us in the sacred liturgy. With generations of Christ's followers we are all welcomed around the banquet table of the Word made flesh – regardless of gender, race, colour, sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

Liturgy

The Eucharistic rite celebrated here is from the *New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*, and can be found in the coloured seasonal liturgy booklet. Details of hymns, readings and prayers are printed on the separate sheet. If you need help finding your way around the liturgy, just ask.

Font

We enter the church, Christ's body, via the font - through the waters of baptism. The font is at the entrance, so that we may 'touch water' whenever we enter here, recalling us to our baptismal promises.

Word

We first gather at the Lectern, the Table of the Word. We listen to the remarkable and surprising story of God's involvement with God's people, in Sacred Scriptures, preaching, and in our prayerful response.

Sacrament

Then we gather around the Table of the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Hearing the great story of God's involvement with us, in reaching out our hands to receive bread and wine, we celebrate the gift of the flesh-taking God who welcomes all at the workbench of the new creation.

Midweek Liturgies

Mondays & Tuesdays 6pm, Wednesdays 10am, Thursdays 9.30am.
Celebrated in the **Chapel** at the **Knox Centre**, 28 Bealey Avenue.

Pastoral Care

For pastoral matters contact the pastoral group: Margaret Allan (325 2577), Francie Conolly (325 2832), Jenny Drury (366 3098), Carole Graham (03 312 1553 or 021 163 5638), Angie McCormick (352 8681), David Moore (374 9386 or 027 249 5157).

Keeping in Touch

The new 'normal' for us presents some additional challenges in terms of remaining in touch about what's going on. Do you have an email address? Do we have it? Do we have your *current* email address? If you would like to be on our parish e-list, or if you have changed your address, send a note to david@stlukesinthecity.org.nz. Information updates are also posted on the parish web site, and on the parish voicemail (366 2253).

CALENDAR

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| Sundays | 9.30am | Eucharist | Mary Potter Comm Centre |
| | 11.15am | Eucharist | Bishopspark Lounge |
| Weekdays | 7am | Morning Prayer | St Luke's Church Grounds |
| Monday | 6pm | Eucharist | Chapel, Knox Centre |
| Tuesday | 6pm | Eucharist | Chapel, Knox Centre |
| Wednesday | 10am | Anointing & Eucharist | Chapel, Knox Centre |
| Thursday | 9.30am | Eucharist | Chapel, Knox Centre |
| Saturday | 2.30pm | Icon Group | Knox Centre |

NB: Weekday Morning Prayer resumes Monday 9 January
NO Midweek Eucharist on Monday 1 January

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| Saturday 7 | 6pm | Service of Light | Knox Centre |
| Wednesday 11 | 6.30pm | Buildings Task Group | 52A Ely St |
| Saturday 14 | 6pm | Service of Light | Knox Centre |
| Monday 16 | 7pm | Vestry | Knox Centre |
| Saturday 21 | 9.30am | Working Bee | St Luke's land |
| | 6pm | Service of Light | Knox Centre |
| Tuesday 24 | 6.45pm | St Luke's Comm Trust | 3/164 Kilmore St |
| Thursday 26 | 10.30am | Pastoral Team | Knox Centre |
| Saturday 28 | 6pm | Service of Light | Knox Centre |

Lections

- (1) **Naming & Circumcision** Hb: Num 6:22-27, Gk: Gal 4:4-7, Gos: Lk 2:15-21
(8) **Epiphany** : Hb: Isa 60:1-6, Gk: Eph 3:1-12, Gos: Mt 2:1-12
(15) **Baptism** : Hb: Gen 1:1-5, Gk: Acts 19:1-7, Gos: Mk 1:4-11
(22) **Epiphany 3** : Hb: Jon 3:1-5,10, Gk: 1 Cor 7:29-31, Gos: Mk 1:14-20
(29) **Candlemas** : Hb: Mal 3:1-5, Gk: Heb 2:14-18, Gos: Lk 2:22-40

Anniversaries

1 Dorothy Taylor; 2 Lawrie Knight, Clara Aileen Ford; 5 Iris Alice Smith; 6 Doris May Chapman, John Fredrick Talbot; 8 Philip Nelson Wright, Herman Osbert Muschamp; 12 Alice Maud Keen; 13 Dorothy Alberta Charles; 14 Albertine Henriette Riedle; 15 Minnie Frances Marshall; 16 Lionel G. Pratlley, Robin Ross Dunkley; 18 Richard John Hall; 20 Ena Williams; 21 Robert John (Peter) Witty, Priest, William Alexander Day; 22 Emilie Annetter Desaunais, George Bowyer Saville; 24 Timothy John Greening, Sister Evelyn, C.S.N, Evelyn Florence Frew, David Henry Loader; 25 Philip Sydney Walker, John Scobie Cameron, Mary Elizabeth Thompson; 26 Hugh John Dyke Acland; 28 Byron Johnson Miller

NOTICES

Crib

After Advent's weeks of expectation the Christmas journey begins in pilgrimage, following the star, to the Crib, set in our midst. The Crib is an invitation to look and see, to see beneath the surface, to penetrate through the veil of the superficial and the trivial, to have the eyes of our hearts opened to the mystery of the Divine Presence in the midst of human flesh, to apprehend the mystery of Incarnation. Be still. Gaze deeply. Give thanks!

Epiphany Gold

On Epiphany **Sunday, 8 January**, we offer at the Crib our gold, in the tangible shape of gold coins, as well as the incense of our prayer and the myrrh of our love. All gold offered will be given to the **Christian World Service Christmas appeal**.

Vestry

Vestry next meets **7pm Monday 16 January**, following the **Eucharist at 6pm** – to which all are welcome, and invited.

Christian World Service

CWS is the New Zealand church's aid and development agency. CWS conduct only one collection campaign each year, among all member churches. We offer our CWS envelopes at the Table this Christmas. Please mark envelopes with "St Luke's".

The Service of Light

One of the oldest forms of Christian liturgical prayer, with roots in Synagogue worship, is 'The Service of Light'. Continues during Christmas-Epiphany, on Saturday evenings, this simple, gentle and beautiful liturgy will be celebrated in the Knox Centre Chapel. **6pm Saturdays** – resuming 7 January. (See the *seasonal booklet*)

Sundays

We celebrate our Sunday Eucharist at **9.30am** at the **Mary Potter Community Centre**, 442 Durham Street North. The Centre and its car park are accessible via Caledonian Road also. There is also plenty of street parking in both Caledonian Road and Durham Street.

Farewell to Deacon Jolyon

In February Jolyon will be increasing his hours as Chaplain at College House, as well as continuing in his role as Diocesan Justice Enabler. Thus, his year's placement at St Luke's will conclude when we thank and farewell him on **Sunday 19 February**.

Taking Further Steps in Faith

Would you like to renew or deepen your faith? Are you considering baptism or confirmation? 'CAT' is a 6-session study group which may be offered during Lent. All are welcome. If you would like to discuss this please speak with David

Theology & Religious Studies at Otago

Otago University offers many opportunities to study theology and religious studies both on-campus and through its distance education programme. For more information: www.otago.ac.nz/theology

Newsletter

If you can take a copy of this newsletter for someone not here today that would be marvellous. If you know of someone who may be interested in the life of the parish, please do pass a copy on.

Next Roster

The Lent-Easter roster will cover the period from late February through until the end of May. **Please advise the roster-makers**, Jenny Drury and Linda Owen, of your availability and intentions for that period. If you are not already involved and would like to be, please speak with David regarding liturgical duties, and Jenny for all others. All are welcome to participate.

Vigil of Prayer

7am Morning Prayer will resume Monday 9 January, at the church land each weekday. Weather permitting; we locate ourselves on the verandah of the Spirituality & Healing Centre. All are welcome.

2012 Building Hopes

Thanks to all who participated in the December Open Forum at which was discussed the parish's hopes and plans for a temporary church building on St Luke's land. A separate newsletter about the building plans is available. Vestry has established a **Buildings Task Group**, which next meets **6.30pm Wednesday 11 January**, at **52A Ely Street**. All are welcome to participate in these meetings. If you would like to receive a copy of the documents to be tabled at the meeting please contact Fr David.