

Anglican Services

Sunday 17 December - Advent III :

St Peter's

8.00 am - Holy Communion

9.30 am - **Carol Service.** Afterwards a special morning tea on the lawn with Christmas cake, sherry and lemonade. *Please bring some Christmas cake or mince pies to share.*

7.00 pm - **Remembrance Service** - a quiet time amidst the bustle of the Christmas season to remember loved ones who have died.
Please bring a flower.

St Luke's

9.30 am - **Carol Service.** Afterwards a special morning tea on the lawn with Christmas cake, sherry and lemonade. *Please bring some Christmas cake or mince pies to share.*

5.00pm - Night Prayer

Sunday 24th December - Advent IV

St Peter's:

8 am - Holy Communion

9.30 am - Holy Communion

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve:

St Luke's

5.00pm - **Children's Service**

- Children may take part, costumes provided.

St Peter's

11.15 pm

- **Candle Lit Carol Singing & Holy Communion**

Christmas Day - 25 December:

St Peter's

8.00 am - Holy Communion & Carols

9.30 am - Holy Communion & Carols

St Luke's

9.30 am - Holy Communion, Carols.

Sunday 31 December St Peter's

8.00 am & 9.30 am - Holy Communion

January 2018

St Peter's

All St Peter's January services will be held in the Upper Riccarton Methodist Church (across the road - see address over)

All Sundays - 8.00 am and 9.30 am

- Holy Communion

All Wednesdays - 10 am - Holy Communion

St Luke's

There will be services at St Luke's on

7 and 21 January - 9.30 am - Holy Communion

Methodist Services

Sunday 17 December - Advent 3 - Joy:

9.00 am - St Stephens - Morning tea to follow

10.30 am - Upper Riccarton - Morning tea from 10am

Sunday 24 December - Advent 4 - Love:

9.00 am - St Stephens

- Christmas Readings and Carols

10.30 am - Upper Riccarton

- Christmas Readings and Carols

Sunday 24 December - Christmas Eve

9.00 pm - Upper Riccarton

All are invited to refreshments from 8.30pm.

Monday 25 December - Christmas Day

9.30 am - St Stephens

Sunday 31 December

10.00 am - Upper Riccarton

- Morning tea to follow.

January 2018

All January Services will take place at **10am at St Stephens**, with Morning tea to follow.

Message from Rev Dale ...

If we just listen to the commercials then Christmas is all about Santa Claus, the joy of receiving, spend money and getting into debt.

We in the Christian church have another Christmas story to tell:

- * a story of pausing from the mad rush to concentrate on the real good news;
- * a story of recognising how blessed we are and sharing that blessing with others;
- * a story of the joy of giving;
- * a story of a God who wants to have a relationship with us.

This is the good news we celebrate at Christmas. We would love you to celebrate it with us - come for the Carols - stay for the Good News!

Message from Rev Nick ...

I can't tell which is my favourite service at Advent - Christmas.

I love seeing the wee baby at the kids' Christmas Service, I enjoy the haunting music of Advent, the supportive caring of the Remembrance Service, singing with candles at midnight, the Good News Club play and this year the Christmas plays and comedy.

I wonder what your favourite is?

Joy Cowley in her poem about a New Zealand Christmas puts it so well - we "ache with awe".

May you, like me, ache with awe at the love of a God who sends Jesus - born to us this Christmas.

*We wish you all a blessed Christmas
and a God-filled 2018.*