

8 am - Holy Communion  
9.30 am - Holy Communion

**Readings:**

Malachi 3.1-4  
Psalm 84  
Hebrews 2.14-18  
Luke 2.22-40

**Collect:**

Creating God,  
you separated light from dark  
and saw that it was good:  
may we so follow Christ, the world's true light,  
that we forever banish the works of darkness;  
this we pray in his name. Amen.

**Next Week's Readings**

Isaiah 40: 21-31  
Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23  
Mark 1: 29-39

**Prayer Focus - Please Pray....**

- \* We give thanks for our Mission Table; to those who organise it and those who supply the goods.
- \* We pray for George Goodwin and his family.
- \* For those known to us who are sick or having an operation.
- \* For those beginning flatting for the year.
- \* For the proposed Christian pre-school.
- \* For Bishop Victoria.
- \* For the City Mission and Aranui Parish who are the recipients of our food basket.
- \* For the generous support of all towards our Restoration Fund.

**Mission News**

The funds raised from the Mission Table next Sunday, 4 February, at the Methodist Church, will be to support two students at St Andrew's High

28 January 2018

*Candlemas*

*From Our Vicar, Nick*



Rosemary and I had a wonderful 5 days of summer holiday at Spencer Park. We had a new tent, advertised as the "the marriage saver" which is supposedly really easy to put up! Once you get the tent up and hopefully your marriage is still intact, one of the challenges of camping is lighting. We had a little lamp which we could charge off the car. and a head torch between us. The head torch is great for reading.

Even at Spencer Park, (which let's be honest isn't that far from Civilisation) keeping a light burning can be hard work. As in camping so in life. Keeping the light of Christ burning brightly in our lives is why we come to church. We can't do it on our own, we need the support and encouragement of other Christians. Praying, studying the Bible, saying grace at meal times, going to church, these are not add-ons to an otherwise busy life, these are what gives our life meaning and purpose.

At Candlemas today we are given a candle to remind us that Christ is the world's true light and we are the bearers of that light.

....Nick

**Contact Us....**

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Tuesday 30th January until the repairs to the Parish Hall are completed. *All welcome. ....Margaret Duffy ph. 342.7098.*

### **New Parishioners**

If you are new to our parish would you please fill out a Parishioners' form. These are cream and copies are on the table by the door. It will enable us to put your name on the parish roll and to supply you with a name tag.

### **Card Making Group 2018 dates**

The above group will meet from 10 am - 4 pm in the Bowden Hall on the following dates.....  
3, 10, 24 March, 28 April, 26 May, 16 June, 14 July, 18, 25 August, 15 Sept, 27 October, 3, 10 November.  
Please bring finger food for lunch, tea and coffee will be supplied. Only \$5 per day. ...*Irene Coman ph. 348.7554.*

### **Gateway Dates for 2018**

ISSUE	ARTICLES DUE	FOLDING DATE	IN CHURCH ON
MARCH Easter	7 March	16 March	18 March
MAY	16 May	25 May	27 May
AUGUST	25 July	3 Aug	5 Aug
OCTOBER	3 October	12 October	14 October
DEC Christmas	28 November	7 December	9 December

Please mark these dates in your diary, especially **the due by date**. Email your articles to: [seokjen@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:seokjen@yahoo.com.sg). *Thank you ....Pamela*

### **Delivery of a package to Blenheim**

A parishioner would be very grateful to have a package of a doll's cot delivered to Blenheim if anyone is going that way. It measures 580 x 320, 440 high.  
*Please ph Arthur Woods, 348.1461, if you can help.*

### **Confirmation Classes**

Please speak to the Vicar if you are interested in attending the confirmation classes to be held shortly on a Sunday, after church, at the vicarage.  
*Dates and details soon.*

### **Restoration Fundraising**

They are entitled "Hope" Through Lent with Romans - prepared by Kelvin Wright and Peter Carrell.

**Thank you letters** have been received from St. Ambrose Anglican Church and Philip Haussmann, Operation Christmas Child (Shoe Boxes)  
**St. Ambrose** value our support of their food bank and their Christmas Hamper projects. They support around 90 adults and 100 children each month with emergency food parcels. They wish you could experience the delight and appreciation of the recipients when they receive these goods.  
**Shoe Boxes** - Thanks have arrived for the fantastic effort you put into providing full shoe boxes for Christmas. 7,600 boxes were collected throughout New Zealand so a lot of children were blessed.

### **Theology House Courses**

A brief description of courses on offer for 2018 are:  
1. MMC 505 Listening and Conversation In Pastoral Ministry  
2. BST 510 Bible Story - Old Testament.  
3. MMF 501 Being Disciples in Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia - the Church in Three Tikanga.  
Visit <http://www.theologyhouse.ac.nz/anglican-studies-at-theology-house/> for more information.

## **This Week's Diary**

### **Monday 29 January**

Sharing & Caring - 10 am, 111a Yaldhurst Rd.  
Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

### **Tuesday 30 January**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.  
Create With Fibre - 1.30 pm - Bowden Hall.

### **Wednesday 31 January**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, Bowden Hall.  
Holy Communion - 10 am. - Bowden Hall.  
Daytime Fellowship AAW - Bowden Hall - 10 am.  
Worship Committee Meeting - 7.00 pm, Vicarage.

### **Thursday 1 February**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
Walking Group - 9.30 am - Ray Blank Park.  
Choir - 7.30 pm, Bowden Hall.

### **Friday 2 February**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
Middlenark Service - 11.15 am