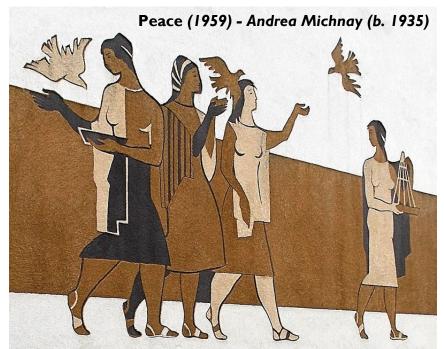


The Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter

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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

29 December 2024 - First Sunday of Christmas					
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8:00am	Said	President	Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell		
	Eucharist	Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins		
10:00am	Eucharist	President	Rev'd Robin Olds		
	with hymns	Preacher	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins		
5 January 2025 – The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ					
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Cathedral Centre Toilet: The toilet at the near end of the cathedral centre can be accessed during the service, while keeping the rest of the centre secure.

Service Sheets: Our service sheets can be accessed at stpeter.org.nz and viewed on your phone to save paper and costs. The "CathedralFree" Wi-Fi can be accessed without a password.

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Office hours: The Church office will be closed from 3pm Tuesday 24 December until Monday 6 January 2025.

We Remember with Love and Gratitude

Prayers for those in need:	Sheila, Sarah, John, Pauline, David, Margaret, Phillip, Jackson, Paul & Rizza, Helen, family of John - Michael, Dianna, Stuart, Megan, Richard, Annette; Dreenagh, Michelle, Chris, Zak & Cathy, Brynn.	
Birthdays:	David Wheeler 29, Alan Ridge 29, Richard Swarbrick 29, Brian Rastrick 29, Tureiti Moxon 30, Brian Quest 31, Jackson Liu I, Kolitha Jayatunge 3, Noah Hitchens 4.	
Anniversaries:	: Nikhil & Deepika Sagar 29, Conrad & Karin Pilditch 3.	
In Memoriam:	Robin Bisley 29, Rev'd Alan Parkin 29, Arthur Robinson 30, Janice Paterson 30, Shirley Irving 31, Maurice	

Johnson 2, Vera Thompson 3.

Views from the Pews - The Road Toll

At the time of writing the road toll is 272. By the time you read this, it will be higher.

The challenge for us during the holiday season is to think about our attitudes to road deaths compared with homicides. It would appear that homicides get more media exposure, whereas we persist in using the term 'road accident' even when describing multi-death crashes, even when common sense points to a serious breach of driving standards.

The news media are but mirrors to public attitudes, so why the apparent differences in treatment especially when death is the common result? We expect Governments to 'get tough on crime', but as a community we often talk about the road toll as if it was like the weather, something immutable and beyond our control.

As Christians, we talk and read a lot about life, death, human nature, and personal responsibility. We proclaim a Christ-ordained code of duty to others. That seems a useful prism through which to view the question of road deaths. For instance, do we talk enough about responsibility, about the need for change, about our duty to our neighbours? Or do we simply shift the road cones around, grizzle about the cost of engineering, and put off the difficult conversations?

And what does this say about us as a nation? Do we find excessive comfort in 'othering' people who kill with knives or baseball bats, ignoring bad behaviour on the road? We can all recount experiences of cars being used as intimidatory weapons, as extensions of our own egos.

It would be easy to wait for central or local government to do something, but the buck stops, and starts, with us. We are all road-users, we are all taxpayers and voters. There is surely nothing wrong with the Church advocating for change in our driving behaviour. Politicians pretend to be deaf but are in fact highly tuned to shifts in public attitudes. The Church could lead a discussion on something that is not party-political, but nevertheless goes to the heart of who we proclaim to be. We could start by asking why drivers have more rights than say children on foot, elders on mobility scooters, or cyclists. We are all responsible for change, both good and bad.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this weekly column in 2025. Responses to the above are most welcome.

Thanksgiving and Praise

A New Zealand Prayer Book, page 476

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The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn (please stand / e tū tātou)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns; let us our songs employ;

let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n, and heav'n and nature

while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, sing. repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love. and wonders of his love. and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Greeting (please remain standing / e tū tonu tātou)

Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table; welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world. Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world. Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Praise and glory to Christ, God's new beginning for humanity making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship.

Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel. Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.

Song of Praise – The Gloria (please stand / e tū tātou)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Forgiveness (please be seated or kneel / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou)

Liturgist

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be.

Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

The presiding priest says

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race.

Liturgist

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together.

Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

The 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.

The Readings

(please sit for the readings / e noho ki te whakarongo ki ngā pānuitanga)

A reading from the first book of Samuel (2:18-20, 26)

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

[Translation - New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 - said (please stand / e tū tātou)

I Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens:

O praise God in the heights above.

- 2 Praise the Lord all you angels:O praise God all you heavenly host.
- 3 Praise the Lord sun and moon: praise God all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise the Lord you highest heavens: and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: who commanded, and they were created.
- 6 The Lord fixed them in their places for ever: by a law which shall never be broken.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth: you sea-monsters and ocean depths,
- 8 fire and hail, snow and ice: stormy wind obeying God's word,
- 9 all mountains and hills: all fruit bearing trees and cedars,
- 10 wild beasts and cattle: reptiles and birds on the wing,

- II kings of the earth and all peoples: princes and all rulers of the world,
- 12 young men and maidens: old people and children together.
- 13 Let them praise your name O Lord: for your name alone is exalted, and your glory is above heaven and earth.
- 14 You have lifted up your people's head, with praise from all your servants: from the people close to your heart.O praise the Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now: and shall be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the letter to the Colossians (3:12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. [NRSVA]

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Gradual Hymn (please stand / e tū tātou)

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: come, greet the infant Lord, the babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come rich and poor, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary!

William C. Dix (1837-1898) alt.

The Gospel (we remain standing and turn to face the gospel | Ka tū tonu tātou ki te whakarongo ki te Rongopai)

The holy Gospel according to Luke (2: 41-52) **Praise and glory to God.**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and

friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. [NRSVA]

This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith (please stand / e tū tatou)

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

The Prayers of the People

(please be seated or kneel / e noho, e tūturi rānei tātou)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

The intercessor may use one of the following responses:

God of grace God of love Lord, in your mercy you hear our prayer. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

The intercessor may end with the following responses or a collect:

Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation, because you care for us and for our prayer.

May our love for you and our likeness to you be strengthened every time we pray. **Amen**.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace (please stand / e tū tatou)

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you. **Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.**

Liturgist: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, and have

and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

At his word they were created;
he commanded; it was done:
heav'n and earth and depths of ocean
in their threefold order one;
e all that grows beneath the shining
been, of the light of moon and sun,

evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Saviour of our race, and the babe, the world's

Redeemer.

first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be; honour, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

Aurelius C Prudentius (348-413 tr. | M Neale (1818-1866) alt.)

Preparation of the Gifts

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty. All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving (please stand, sit or kneel as you are most comfortable throughout the following prayer / mō tēnei inoi katoa, e noho, e tū, tūturi rānei i runga anō i tāu e pai nei)

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, ANZPB/HKMoA p. 485 to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light.

Your light shines on in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

For Christ is born in Bethlehem. God revealed in human form; the baby in a manger, the refugee on the Egypt road.

You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts we say/sing:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks.

He gave it to them and said:

Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer (You may wish to pray the Lord's Prayer in your own language.)

As Christ teaches us we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āianei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen. Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia; Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino: Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria, Āke ake ake. Āmine.

Breaking of the Bread

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross. Christ is the bread of life.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

Agnus Dei (sung by the choir)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

The Invitation

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

The minister says the following to each person.

The bread of life, broken for you. Te taro o te ora, i whatīa nei mōu.

The cup of blessing, poured out for you. Te kapu o te ora, i whakahekea nei mōu.

The communicant may respond each time: Amen / Āmine.

All are welcome to receive communion. If communion is not your tradition, we invite you to come forward for a blessing, simply put an arm across your chest and a blessing will be given.

Please come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive the bread and wine or a blessing. Please ask if you need a gluten free wafer.

In the Anglican tradition, we use the common cup, with wine of a high alcohol content, in a silver vessel, to minimise infection risks. If you do not wish to receive the wine, communion is fully valid in one kind, either bread or wine, or you may wish to simply lift the cup, to show reverence and receive spiritually.

Please note, the practice of intinction is not permitted.

If you would like to light a candle for someone you love, or to give thanks to God, please feel free to do so at the back of the cathedral.

Prayer After Communion

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

Blessing (please stand / e tū tātou)

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be upon you and remain with you, with those whom you love, and with those whom you struggle to love, this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation;
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of ev'ry nation,
the Lord of ev'ry nation.

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Then the fearful Herod cried, 'Pow'r is mine in Jewry!'
So the blameless children died the victims of his fury, the victims of his fury.

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Cradled in a stall was he, watched by cows and asses; but the very beasts could see that he the world surpasses, that he the world surpasses.

Now may Mary's Son, who came long ago to love us, lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us,

unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha he! Let the organ thunder, while the choir with peals of glee shall rend the air asunder, shall rend the air asunder.

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Tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) alt.

The Dismissal of the Community

Liturgist: Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

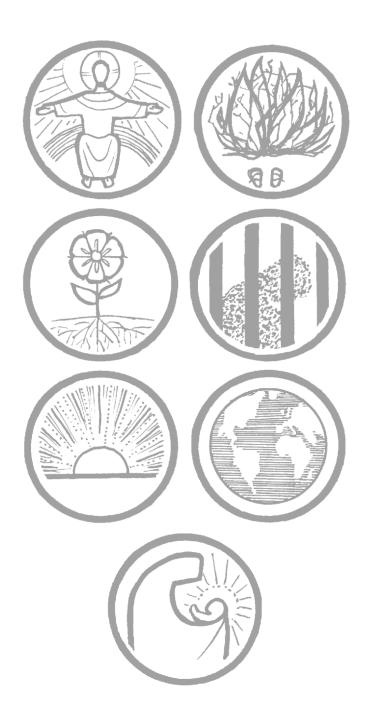
The 10 am service concludes with the organ voluntary, for which you are warmly invited to remain. If you wish to leave following the recession of clergy and choir, please do so quietly so that the voluntary may be fully appreciated.

Voluntary:

Please join us for refreshments

after both services, 8.00am and 10.00am.

	First Sunday of Christmas 29 December 2024	The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ 5 January 2025
Liturgist	Andrea Haines	Dean Julian Perkins
First	I Sam 2 : 18-20,26	Isa 60: I-6
Reading	Joy McRobie	Evan Harris
Second Reading	Col 3: 12-17	Eph 3: I-12
	Ross McRobie	Jenevere Foreman
Gospel	Luke 2: 41-52	Matt 2: I-I2
Intercessions	Andrea Haines	Dean Julian Perkins
Liturgist	Evelyn Masoka	Bryan Bevege
Crucifer		
Acolytes		
First	I Sam 2 : 18-20,26	Isa 60: I-6
Reading	Garry Moore	David Wilson
Second Reading	Col 3: 12-17	Eph 3: I-12
	Sara Young	Pam McAdam
Gospel	Luke 2: 41-52	Matt 2: I-I2
Intercessor	Anne McAloon	Garry Moore
Ciborium	Dean Julian Perkins & Rev'd Robin Olds	Dean Julian Perkins & Anne McAloon
Chalice DB	Kim King & Bryan Bevege	Kim King & Evelyn Masoka
Chalice LW	Heather Powell & Richard Swarbrick	Dianne Cameron & Warren Turnwald
Chalice Font		
Welcomers	Yvonne Hall & Brian Dingwall	Dianne Cameron & David Wilson
Morning Tea	June Chestnut & Evelyn Masoka	Warren & Min Turnwald



Cantata Vespers - Third Saturday of the month Next Vespers: 15 February 2025 at 5.00pm

Choral Evensong - Fourth Sunday of the month Next Evensong: 22 February 2025 at 6.00pm

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