

# Welcome to St Augustine's



28th November 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

Whole Gospel. Whole People. Whole Mission.

Happy New Church Year!, St Aug's!

Today we arrive at the first Sunday of Advent! For many, it means that Christmas trees can go up, Christmas Carols inundate our lives and Christmas hams can be sourced! While much of the season is driven by the crass commercialism of the media market trying to encourage us to spend, spend, spend, there's no fault in ourselves for wanting to share the joy of our past year with one another, brightening up our lives and making memories of one more holiday season with family, friends and those that we love.

In amongst all our busyness, I hope we can take time out to remember that our preparations need to be focused on the arrival of our Christ-child – Saviour, Peacemaker and Giver of Eternal Hope.

A family funeral in Wellington this week meant a quick, unexpected trip across the Strait to be with Leni's family in the assurance of hope that our Christ-child brought us. I have been sharply reminded that no matter where we stand in life, God sent us His Son to stand with us.

While we can plan and prepare for the foreseeable future, the unforeseeable future comes "like a thief in the night." It takes us by surprise and often we can't understand it. We are at our wits' end, seemingly pushed beyond the limits of what is possible, without power or control.

It's those times in our life when we say things like, "Not in my wildest dreams could I have imagined or guessed that,"

But I know this : Hope, Love, Courage, Compassion, Beauty, Forgiveness, Healing – are the voice of Advent.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent journey.

*Your friend & Vicar, Kofe*

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<b>Hours:</b> Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.00am to 3.00pm; Friday, 9.00am to 10.30am		

## 'Tidying Up' WORKING BEE!

At **9am on Saturday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** we will be clearing out unused/unwanted stuff from the Choir room and the Lower Hall.

Anyone and Everyone is invited to come around and spend time with us as we also look to give the Church a good clean for our Christmas services.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** As has been articulated by the government the country will be moving to the new Traffic Light system shortly. Under both orange and green, there will be gathering limits for those venues not requiring vaccination passes.

This poses a real problem for our parish as we move toward Advent and Christmas when we have services that might indeed exceed 100 people. As a result **we will support the vaccine pass entry** but make provisions for those who are not vaccinated.

We will of course follow the Bishop's guidelines on the matter when this is published over the next few days. In preparation for this you can access your Vaccine Pass by going to <https://mycovidrecord.health.nz>

I encourage us all to get our Covid Passes to ensure that we can be together for services in the coming weeks.

## Parish News

**Mid Week Communion, Wednesday 10am** at St Aug's for those unable to join us on Sunday, and for those who feel the need for Communion & Company during the week. All Welcome.

**Our annual Christmas Tree** will be set up by our Youth on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. While we have a few decorations for the tree, we need to ask you please, for more decorations for the Sanctuary and Church. Sadly, Lou Godfrey, who had always provided our decorations, has moved out of the parish and we urgently need supplies and help in putting up decorations

Please drop off anything you might feel will help, to the parish office over the next few days

*Let us decorate St Aug's for the birth of our King!!!*

**St Aug's Prayer Link:** We have a dedicated group of parishioners who will be only too happy to include your needs in our prayers. Nothing is too big or too small to lift to the Lord, and we invite you to send us your needs to be prayed over. Be assured of our confidentiality; however, if you would like your name (or those you would like prayer for) mentioned in our Sunday intercessions, just let us know.

Please send your prayer requests to **Liz Hay** at [haycienda@xtra.co.nz](mailto:haycienda@xtra.co.nz) (03)318 9074 or through to the Vicar.

**Pewsheets Contributions:** Please make sure that anything you want included in our weekly bulletins is sent through to Paula before 10am Thursday.

# Worship at St Augustine's, Sunday 21st November

**Theme:** “Watch and Pray”

**Sentence:** “Make me know your ways, O Lord, And teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me.  
For you are the God of my salvation;  
For you have I hoped all the day long.” (*Psalms 25: 3-4*)

**Collect:** Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the  
living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Readings:** 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end                      pew Bible p 920  
(Gospel) Luke 21: 25-36                                      pew Bible p 807

## Next Week Sunday 5th December

9.15am      Holy Communion

11am        Informal Worship with Children's Program (during Term Time)

**Treasurer's Remarks - October.** The response to the Day Of Giving has been quite overwhelming. Last year (2020) parishioners gave \$19.7K. The year before (2019) \$28.2K. This year we budgeted on \$17.5K.

This year, parishioners have given over \$42.7K.

Of this, \$24.6K was banked in October and is included in the income in the financial table (below). The balance of \$18.1K has been banked in November and will show in next month's financial table.

This means St Augs has returned to a surplus for 2021. The funds received will be applied to general purposes, to continued missions support, and to increase our building fund reserves.

We praise God for the spirit of generosity among us here at St Augs, as we work together for the kingdom here in Cashmere.

Regards, *Russell*

January to October 2021	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Income	196,152	155,597	40,555	26.1%
Expenses	191,058	184,958	(6,100)	3.3%
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,094	(29,361)	34,455	

## St Aug's and Beyond . . .



CHRISTCHURCH  
CITY CHOIR

HANDEL'S  
**MESSIAH**  
CHORUSES

NARRATED BY EILISH MORAN  
4 DEC 7:30PM | KNOX CHURCH

Christchurch City  
**creative**  
COMMUNITIES *nz*

On December 4th Christchurch City Choir will present Handel's *Messiah Choruses* with Narration by Eilish Moran at Knox Church. Organist Jeremy Woodside and Conductor Dr John Linker. Sponsorship from Christchurch City Creative Communities is much appreciated for this concert. Only 100 people can attend and at \$20 a ticket we hope to sell out with friends and family. Tickets are available through Eventfinda

GIFTS OF *Eternal Impact* - The ultimate Christmas Gift Catalogue

*"Resourcing the under-resourced Church through the provision of God's Word."*

Check out the pamphlets and flyers at the back of the Church (from 'Bible League') for this opportunity to buy Christmas gifts that go towards spreading God's word amongst the poor and needy

*Ellel Ministries* **Women's Event**

**'Healing through Creativity'**

Come and enjoy some time out from the busyness and stress.

Hear from the Lord and receive his healing.

Saturday 27 Nov, 9am—4.30pm, Seafield Building, 71 Beresford St, New Brighton

*(Please note change of venue)*

For more information see the poster on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

*Advent and Christmas Services for your diary:*

## **St. Augustine's Church**

**5 Cracroft Tce, Cashmere**

**We would love you to join us at any of  
our Special Christmas Services**

*The Advent Candle will be lit on each Advent Sunday*

**Sunday 12th December** 3rd Sunday of Advent

**10am Combined Service of Readings & Carols**  
with Communion (No 9.15am or 11am service on this day.)



**Sunday 19th December** 4th Sunday of Advent

**Our usual two morning services of 9.15am & 11am WITH  
the 'Children's Pageant' BETWEEN the two services**

**Friday 24th December** **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**5-6pm Christingle Children's Service with candles.**  
**Open to all ages!**



**11.15pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service**

**Saturday 25 December** **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10am Combined Family Service  
with Communion**



**Sunday 26 December** **10am Combined Boxing Day Service**

## **Sundays through January at St Augustines**

- 10am Combined Informal Worship & Holy Communion  
*with Children's Activity*