

# Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Te Rātapu Tuatoru o te Haerenga Mai**  
**10am at St Michael's, Andersons Bay**

## Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

For the Psalm:

Isaiah 12: 26

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

## Sentence

There was a man sent from God,  
whose name was John. He came  
to bear witness to the light.

John 1: 6-7

## Collect

God our strength and our hope,  
grant us the courage of John the  
Baptist, constantly to speak the truth,  
boldly to rebuke vice and patiently to  
suffer for the truth's sake; in the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS ALLOWING THESE GATHERINGS TO TAKE PLACE SAFELY**

**Tuesday:** 10am - Macandrew Bay House-group

**Wednesday:** 10am - Mid-week communion at St Michael's

**Sunday:** 10am - Holy Communion at St Michael's, Andersons Bay

## **Notices**

### **Details for Sunday Services during December**

12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December at St Michael's

26<sup>th</sup> December – no service

### **Carols on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September (today)**

You are all welcome to join us at Ralph Ham Park at Macandrew Bay from 6.30pm for the annual Christmas Carol singing.

### **Calendar Orders**

If you have not yet paid for your calendar, please put your payment in an envelope marked "calendar" and write your name on the envelope. Envelope can be placed with the offerings. Thanks.

**6 Day Silent Retreat** to be held in Ranfurly from 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

This ecumenical silent directed retreat is time out from the demands and expectations of daily life. More information and details regarding registration are available from Called South, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Parish Magazine**

This should be available next Sunday, and will detail Christmas Services. Thanks to everyone for their input into this publication.

## **Prayers**

### **The Wider Church**

We pray for the women of New Zealand and around the world who provide endless support for overseas mission.

### **In the Diocese**

Our prayers this morning are for the Parish of St John's Invercargill and St Luke's Otatara – Dot Muir and Rod Jordon (Wardens); Holy Trinity Invercargill – Elizabeth Cheyne (Priest-in-charge) and Susan Slaughter (Deacon).

### **In our Parish**

**Those who have asked for prayer** - Natalie Ellis Wilson and H Robert Wilson.

### **From the Parish Roll**

This Sunday in our prayers we remember Louise Petherbridge, Alan Petrie, Mary Philips, Sue Pierre.

### **In the Community**

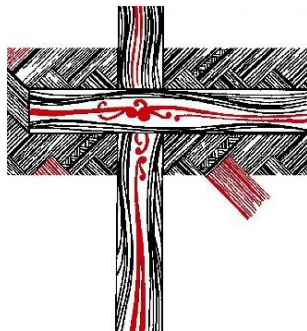
Today we pray for those who, due to the current outbreak of Covid-19 Delta in New Zealand, are finding life difficult and worrying in this time of uncertainty. May they be supported and reassured that whatever the future may bring, the love of God surrounds us all.

#### **St Michael's:**

Elliot Street,  
Andersons Bay

#### **St Nicholas':**

Dunrobin Street,  
Waverley



#### **Next week's readings:**

Micah 5:2-5a  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

### **Contact Details**

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Tuesday 1 – 5 pm

Thursday 1 – 5 pm

### **Traffic Lights Information from the Diocesan Office**

Bishop Steven has provided a comprehensive outline of how parishes are to proceed with arrangements for services and other gatherings under the new Covid-19 Protection Framework. It can be viewed on the Diocesan website at <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/> There will also be a copy in each church for reference.

**Final Session of Synod** which was to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 is now being scheduled for February 2022.

### **From The Diocesan Office – Called South**

"We'd like to give you the opportunity to give us some feedback in the next couple of weeks and tell us what would work best for you. In this survey we ask about how well the newsletter meets your needs, how you feel about the frequency of our communication, if you'd prefer a weekly or fortnightly newsletter and if you have any comments about how we could improve it." If you wish to complete this on-line survey go to this week's edition of Called South.