



17 NOVEMBER 2019

READINGS

Revelation 4: 1-11

Luke 21: 5 —19

A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS TO CHRIST CHURCH THIS MORNING

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

LUKE 21: 5—19

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

OUR REGULAR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETINGS

Bible Study Groups:

- ◆ First Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm: Next meeting 4 December.
- ◆ Alternate Saturdays at 4.00pm: Next meeting **23 November (only one Saturday Bible study in November)**. Enquiries to Judith 021 102 9180.

Evening Prayer Group: Third Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm.

Next meeting date: 20 November

Morning Prayer: Held every Wednesday at 8 am - everyone welcome.

All groups meet at the church.

NEXT SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER-THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND AGM

Next Sunday is our Thanksgiving Service when we celebrate our patronal festival of Christ the King. The AGM will be held immediately after the service and you are invited to stay after the meeting to share some finger food. Please bring a plate of finger food if possible. Many thanks

INDABA 2.

This year we St. Matthias, and St Phillips are our Indaba partners. The next proposed events are as follows.

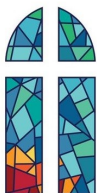
17 November: Those of us who can will join St. Phillips at their morning service.

And on **15 December** a combined Carol service at St. Matthias in the evening. Time to be confirmed.

If you want to know more about these events please feel free to contact Kumar.

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Mission is again running its '**Auckland's Angels**' Christmas appeal for gifts and non-perishable food. We focus on collecting Christmas gifts as we already donate food throughout the year. Gifts for all ages are welcome (rather than just children's toys) and a list of gift ideas is on the next page. A special bin is now placed at the back of the church for your donations which will be collected at the end of the month. Thank you for supporting this appeal



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Gift Donation Ideas

Donations of new, unwrapped gifts for all ages and genders are hugely appreciated. In general, the Mission suggests a budget of \$10-\$20 to spend on a gift for someone in need this Christmas. While gift donations should be left unwrapped, the Mission is always grateful for donations of tape and wrapping paper! **No clothing is required.**

Here are a few gift ideas that have made Christmas special for Mission families in previous years. (Age groups highlighted blue are particularly needed).

Age	Gift Idea
Infant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rattle • Teething ring • Cardboard book • Night light • Bath toy
2-4 y/o	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bath toy • Wooden puzzle • Soft toy/Duplo set
5-7 y/o	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puzzles/Lego Sets • Dolls/Action figures • Fancy dress • Truck/Tea set
8-10 y/o	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft set • Lego Sets • Yoyo/Board game/Knucklebones
11-13 y/o	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencil case and other stationery items • Book • Gift Voucher e.g. Prezzy Card, Warehouse or Westfield voucher • Jewellery/Sunglasses/Cap
14-17 y/o	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer/rugby ball/netball/basketball • Jewellery • Toiletries • Wallet • Gift Voucher eg Prezzy Card, Westfield or Warehouse voucher
Adult parents/caregivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family game (eg: Jenga, Monopoly, etc) • Toiletries • Reusable water bottle/thermos • Gift Voucher eg Prezzy Card, Westfield or Warehouse voucher
Elderly men and women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toiletries • Slippers • Tinned biscuits • Scarf/Boxed handkerchiefs • Gift Voucher eg Prezzy Card, Westfield or Warehouse voucher
Stocking Fillers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair Accessories, kid's drinking bottles, stationery, matchbox toys, chocolate coins, candy canes

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