



**Christ Church**  
YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH

15 DECEMBER 2019

READINGS

James 5: 7—10

Matthew 11: 2—11

**A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS THIS MORNING**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy**

Gracious God

For foundations of joy and delight in the Lord

**All We give you thanks and praise**

For situations where it is painful to rejoice

**All We ask your wisdom**

For the relentless pursuit of your joy

**All We light this candle**



**GOSPEL READING Matthew 11: 2-11**

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

<sup>7</sup> As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup> If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. <sup>9</sup> Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## HONEY FUNDRAISER

End of year orders need to be made now. Special deal-Christmas Gift pack of 3 small jars for \$25 instead of \$30.

All discount comes to the Church project fund.

## INDABA 2.

This year St. Matthias, and St Philip's are our Indaba partners. Our final combined event is a Carol service at St. Philip's **tonight** at 7.30pm

## AUCKLAND CITY MISSION CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Earlier this week we delivered three bags of Christmas gifts and two bags of food to the City Mission depot. Also included in our donation were gift cards totalling \$60 in value. Thank you to everyone who generously supported this appeal.

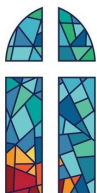
Note that our regular weekly City Mission food bank collection never stops!

Deliveries of food will continue to be made to the Mission over the Christmas/Holiday Season as this is a difficult time of the year for many families in our community. So please continue to donate non-perishable items of food to this important appeal.

## HAVE YOU ANY USED STAMPS THAT CAN GO TO A KEEN OVERSEAS COLLECTOR?

We have been contacted by a stamp collector from the Netherlands who would be grateful to receive any used stamps from the Pacific area or 'this side of the world'

The two emails we have received from Ad Biermann (with appropriate editing) are reprinted on the back page-if you can help Ad by sending her stamps please contact her directly using the address given. Many thanks.



Contact

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## **OUR REGULAR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETINGS**

### **Bible Study Groups:**

- ◆ First Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm: Note that the date of the January meeting will be confirmed asap
- ◆ Alternate Saturdays at 4.00pm: This Bible Study group has gone into recess until January. The date of the next meeting will be advised in the New Year. Enquiries to Judith 021 102 9180.

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

Next meeting date: 15 January

**Morning Prayer:** Held every Wednesday at 8 am - everyone welcome. Dates over Christmas/Holiday season will be confirmed asap

All groups meet at the church.



## **OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**TONIGHT 15 DECEMBER AT 7.30 PM  
COMBINED CAROL SERVICE AT ST PHILIP'S  
92 Saint Heliers Bay Road, St Heliers**

**SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER AT 9.30 AM  
SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY AT 9.30 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST HERE AT CHRIST CHURCH**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH**

## THE EMAILS FROM AD BIERMANN

### LETTER 1

I want to introduce myself a little. I'm 63 years old and married, had one son and 3 grandchildren. I'm a little bit handicapped (car accident)

My greatest hobby is collecting stamps, maybe you can help me ??

Thanks

My name is Ad Biermann

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**The Netherlands**

### LETTER 2

Thanks for your reply.

I'm interested in recent stamps from all around the Pacific like New Zealand-Australia--Samoa, Polynesia-New Caledonia--etc

However all stamps welcome from your side of the world!

I look forward to hearing from anyone or more. Thanks and fine Christmas days too, a good start in the new year, hopefully with some more peace in the world.

Greetings from The Netherlands

**Ad Biermann**

