



*A place of
resurrection,
life, and hope*

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 19 December 2010 - Advent 4

8.00 am	Eucharist	Rev'd Jon Williams
10.00 am	Choral Eucharist	Dean Helen Jacobi
	Guest speaker: Natalie Myles	
7.00 pm	"Te Rongo Pai" [The Good News] Christmas Readings and Carols	

Ormond Chapel, Napier Terrace: No service
*Please ensure ALL cell-phones are switched **OFF** when in the Cathedral to avoid interference with the sound-system, and, if necessary, adjust hearing aids to the "Loop" system.*



The **CATHEDRAL KIDS** and their leaders are now on their summer holiday break. There are children's activities available on the back table .

ORDER OF SERVICE

Cathedral 8.00 am - Eucharistic Liturgy "*Thanksgiving of the People of God*" commencing on page **404** of *A New Zealand Prayer Book*.

READINGS:

Isaiah 7: 10-16
Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19
Romans 1: 1-7
Matthew 1: 18-25

COLLECT:

We pray together:
Living God,
you called your people
out of Egypt and
gave them the covenant;
prepare our hearts to hear
your call, so that we may
receive with joy the gospel of
your Son and be your faithful
people, now and forever.
Amen

PRAYER CYCLES

Anglican Communion

✠ We pray for the Anglican Church in the Falkland Islands; the Rev'd Dr Richard Hines

Anglican Board of Missions

✠ The Anglican Church in Central and Southern Asia
✠ The Most Rev'd Ignacio Capuyan Soliba - Primate of the Philippines

Diocese, Parish and Community

✠ Rt Rev'd David Rice, Bishop of Waiapu; Dean Helen Jacobi
✠ Dannevirke Parish; Rev'd Tim Delaney, Vicar
✠ Woodville Parish local ministry team
✠ Diocese of Auckland; Bishop Ross Bay; Dean Jo Kelly Moore
✠ Cathedral Parish Wardens: Basil Brooker and Marie Knight
✠ Christian World Service Christmas Gift Appeal; workers in the maternal & child health clinics in Gaza

A very warm WELCOME to all who are worshipping with us today -- especially if you are visiting Napier or at the Cathedral for the first time. You are welcome to stay for morning tea after the 10.00 am service.

Welcome to Natalie Myles who is speaking at both services today about her year in Ghana; there will be photos to look at in the Baptistry after the services.

Melville family

Janine and Mark welcomed the very early delivery of fragile twin daughters on Monday 29 November, Amelia and Sophia. Sadly, Sophia died on Monday 6 December and Amelia on Wednesday 15 December. We mourn their deaths and pray that Janine and Mark will know God's presence as they grieve.

The Cathedral Office will be closed from Christmas Eve till 10 January 2011.

Dean Helen will be on leave from 27 December until 25 January; Rev'd Margaret Thompson will be on leave from 26 December until Tuesday 18 January.

Rev'd Dorothy Brooker will be Priest-in-charge and Helen Blow will be assisting in the office. They will be here for limited hours so leave messages on the answerphone or email and they will respond.

Guides have been rostered for cruise ship days; anyone who can assist with guiding on these and other days please speak with Alison Thomson.

The **Op Shop will be closed** from Thursday 23 December, re-opening Wednesday 5 January.

TE RONGO PAI

(The Good News)

A Service of Christmas Readings and Carols with a New Zealand flavour

Sunday 19 December, 7.00 pm

in the Cathedral with the Choir and in partnership with Te Matau-a-Maui Rohe.

Clergy News ...

Bishop David has announced the retirement of **Rev'd Noel Hendery**, effective on the 31st March 2011. Noel has served in this Diocese since 1977 (Priest Assistant, Rotorua) and has been a former Priest Assistant (1982-1991) then Dean of the Cathedral (1991-2003). He has also served as Regional Ministry Convenor for Napier/Hastings and is currently Bishop's Chaplain for Central & Southern Hawke's Bay, Napier-Hastings. An announcement will be made early next year regarding a farewell function.

And the **Rev'd Di Woods**, currently Vicar of Taradale Parish, has been appointed as the new Vicar of Remuera Parish, Auckland Diocese. She will be farewelled from Taradale sometime in April.

Christmas Discovered ... an afternoon for children 5-12 years, Monday 20 December.

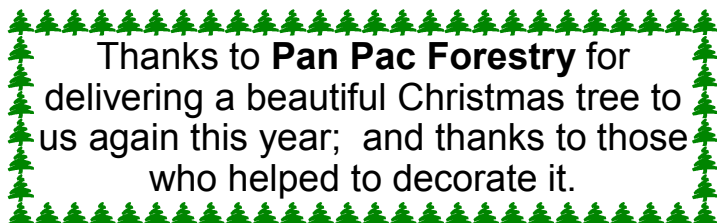
Registration forms now available -
\$3 per child or \$5 per family.

Please return registrations to the Parish Office or contact Rev'd Dorothy Brooker, ph 843-6779

Congratulations to Murray Mills who will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination on Tuesday 21 December when he presides at the 10.30 am - Eucharist in Prayer Room.

Link to Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim's web-site "*Preparing to Preach*" (to listen to his commentary on the weekly Bible readings) ...

<http://www.screencast.com/users/WaiapuAcademy/folders/Preparing%20to%20Preach%20-Year%20C>.

 Thanks to **Pan Pac Forestry** for delivering a beautiful Christmas tree to us again this year; and thanks to those who helped to decorate it.



**Advent 4: Signs and wonders,
coming of the Christ.
A child is born in Gaza**

As each of us looks forward to gathering with our families and friends, to celebrate Christmas, let us take a moment to reflect upon the 'gift of life'.

We are all aware of the humanitarian tragedy in Gaza ... but life does go on... literally... and babies continue to be born. And you are there... providing vital health support.

Christian World Service helps to fund three maternal health clinics in Gaza. These clinics are run by a CWS partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees.

More than 19,000 women have attended these clinics for antenatal sessions on pregnancy health and hygiene.

Last year (2009) ... 650 mothers gave birth and soon after received two post natal visits at their homes, to inform them about baby hygiene and nutrition.

This is very good news ... that among these expecting women on the clinic programme no mothers died during their pregnancy, nor during birth. And their babies are safe and well. It is easy for us to forget that still today, in many countries and cultures, birth can be, and often is, a death sentence for mothers and babies.

But also importantly... the care and healing services by these clinics goes further. The antenatal sessions draw women out of their homes and join them together in a safe environment. Here they can begin healing mentally... they share and express their traumatic war experiences and stories ...they share their overwhelming sense of loss ... the loss of sons, the loss of husbands, the loss of loved ones... And they begin to find a peace... a peace in a shared commonality with each other, and new found friendships.

And the babies ... you have helped more than 21,000 babies and toddlers... up to the age of six, receive their keep well baby follow ups. Checking babies and toddlers weight; mental and physical development and specialist care as necessary.

This support of Christian World Service and it's programme partner is saving women's and babies lives in Gaza today. Thank you for 'sharing the care'. **Please support the 65th CWS Christmas Gift Appeal 2010.**

Christmas Day Lunch

A Napier Christmas Day lunch for those living alone, or in need. *There are now enough helpers, thanks, but food or cash donations are still welcome.* Vestry have pledged to financially support this lunch - parishioners are also welcome to make a donation - please place in a clearly marked envelope and hand in to our Parish office.

The lunch is a combined churches event, supported by the Napier City council, and hosted by Taradale Anglican Parish.

THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL

We now have on sale a DVD of the Choral Eucharist service featuring the Choirs of Waiapu, Waikato, and Wellington Cathedrals, recorded in the Napier Cathedral last Queen's Birthday weekend. \$18.00 from the Cathedral Shop.

Thanks ...

- ☺ to all who helped with the Pageant last week and all our performers; it was a lovely telling of the Christmas story
- ☺ to all who helped with the family picnic lunch after last Sunday's service
- ☺ to the Choristers and their families who went Carol singing to the residents at Atawhai Resthome last Sunday afternoon
- ☺ to all who helped with the Chorister Christmas party last Thursday night
- ☺ to those helping with the flower arrangements next Friday morning
- ☺ and to everyone helping to prepare for the marathon of Christmas services!

Leanne Eagles is organizing a group to go and sing **Christmas Carols** outside parishioners homes, tomorrow evening, Monday 20 December. If you want to be involved, or for more information, please contact Leanne, ph 844-2026.

