

Please pray for:

Ministry Educator Anne Van Gend, CYF Educator - John Graveston, the Diocesan office staff, and Council. Commissary Bp Ross Bay For bishop elect Anne as she prepares for her ordination. For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan. Give thanks for the life of Myrtle Ramble and pray for her family. Those who are sick: Alan & Noeline, Andrew, Andy, Bill, Chris, Dorothy H, Eleanor D, Gerald, Heather, Hope, Jim & Eleanor L, Joan F, Jane & Steve B, Louise, Margaret S, Mavis, Pat G, Pauline, Philip, Rex & Rachel, Ruby, Ruth, Sarah, Val H and family

Southern Coastal Deanery

29th December, 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas

Worship Schedule

Brighton 10.30a.m. no services in January
Green Island 10.30a.m. no services in January
Mornington
See January schedule
St Kilda see January schedule

Midweek service
Reconvenes in Feb 2025

Southern Coastal Deanery

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Make a Difference in the holy land

Anglican Missions is calling on churches and individuals across Aotearoa to support the **Hope for the Holy Land Appeal**, providing crucial aid to communities in Israel and Palestine through the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Your support can make a tangible difference for those in desperate need, especially during a time of ongoing conflict and crisis.

How Your Support Helps

Donations to the Hope for the Holy Land have already enabled life-changing work, including:
Healthcare Services: Institutions like Al Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza are delivering emergency care and rehabilitation during a severe humanitarian crisis.

Education and Psychosocial Support: Trauma care for children and holistic education, such as that offered by the Episcopal School in Ramallah, are building resilience and hope for the next generation.

Humanitarian Relief: Emergency aid reaches displaced communities, offering critical support in their time of need.

These ministries embody the hands and feet of Christ, bringing healing, hope, and justice to some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

Voices from the Holy Land

The need for action is urgent. In a heartfelt letter, Archbishop Hosam Naoum highlighted the existential challenges faced by indigenous Christians in the Holy Land, whose presence dates back to the time of Christ:

"We fear for the long-term survival of the indigenous Christian presence in the Holy Land. This existential challenge demands our focused attention and collective response."

Archbishop Naoum underscores the broader impact:

"Reducing Palestinians to a position of despondent surrender, where they must either live under the yoke of occupation or emigrate, is deeply wrong and unjust. It will bring neither peace nor security."

Green Island - Brighton, Mornington, St Kilda

How Your Church Can Help

The Anglican Communion, led by Archbishop Hosam Naoum, invites churches and families worldwide to take action:

Pray: Commit to regular prayer for justice, peace, and resilience for those affected by the ongoing conflict.

Advocate: Engage your political representatives to call for a just peace that upholds human dignity and international law in Israel and Palestine.

Donate: Financial contributions to the Hope for the Holy Land Appeal are vital to sustain healthcare, education, and humanitarian aid programs.

Take Action Today

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let's also stand with the people of His homeland. Together, we can bring hope to communities that are in desperate need.

Visit the Hope for the Holy Land page to make a tax-deductible donation and learn more about how you can help.

Sentence: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other. Colossians 3: 12-13a

Collect: Jesus, your ways are not our ways. You are the Jewish boy, you are the questioning child the parents lost. Make us willing to listen and humble in what we believe is right. Hear this prayer for your love's sake Amen.

Readings. 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26, Ps 148, Col 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

Hymns Carol our Christmas, Te Harinui, NJ 136 Take our bread, You are born in us again.

January 5th, 2025. Epiphany

Services at

St Mary's at 10am led by Mornington Methodist

11am Holy Cross

Sentence: They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him. *Matthew 2:11*

Collect: Jesus, light of the world, let your bright star stand over the place where the poor have to live; lead our sages to wisdom and our rulers to reverence. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12.

Hymns: **HTC 93** The first Nowell, HTC 344 O worship the Lord, NJ 58 I am the light of the world, HTC 99 As with gladness men of old.

January 12th, 2025. Baptism of the Lord.

Combined Deanery Service at St Mary's Mornington at 10am

Sentence: The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Luke 3:22

Collect: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your own beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into his name may give our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Hymns:, All the hungry, all the thirsty, HTC S23 Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me, NJ 136 Sing a song for peace and justice, HTC 344 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

January 19th, 2025. Second Sunday of the Epiphany

10am Service at Mornington Presbyterian Church

11am Service at Holy Cross.

January 26th, 2025. Third Sunday after Epiphany.
Parish Picnic at Sandy & Dave's.

The Archbishops 2024 Christmas Message.

"Sa Nona na Kalou na vakarokoroko ena veiyasana e cake sara, me veivinaka o vuravura vei ira sa lomana o koya!

"Ko e kolōlia ki he 'Otua 'i langi taupotu, pea ko e melino ki māmani, ki he kakai kuo hōifua ki ai.

"O le viiga i le Atua i mea aupitoaluga; ma le manuia i le lalolagi; o le finagalo alofa i tagata.

"Kia whai korōria te Atua i runga rawa, kia mau te rongu ki runga ki te whenua, me te whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata.

"Glory to God in the highest, peace to all the earth, and goodwill toward all people!"

Luke 2:14, The song of the angels.

At the heart of the story of the birth of Jesus lies a simple message. That message is hope.

Hope is often misunderstood. Some think of it as mere optimism, or luck, or wishful thinking. We say "we hope so" when really, we have no idea if things will work out at all.

That's not the kind of hope that we see in this story.

The birth of Jesus was an answer to prayer, but not the whole answer immediately. Jesus was not born an adult Saviour. He was born a helpless child. Jesus was an infant that needed to be fed and clothed, and nurtured and raised.

God showed them what hope was all about: the people prayed for a mighty tree, and God replied by giving them a tiny seed.

Hope, real hope, is about taking what blessings you have today and growing them. It takes courage to hope because hope requires action. It requires us to stand up for what we hope for and to do the work to make it real.

Hope looks towards tomorrow. The birth of Jesus, like the birth of any of our beloved children, had the profound effect of reorienting his

whānau and his people towards the future. His birth reminded them that they had a future.

Hope changes the way we think. When we hope we believe.

This year, in Aotearoa New Zealand, Oceania, and around the world, we see what others call 'the lethal absence of hope.' We see war and genocide, storm and famine, and people suffering on a scale like never before.

We need hope now more than ever.

We can find that hope in the story of Jesus and in each other. We find hope when we love our neighbour, to stand up for justice and for what is right, and to remind each other that tomorrow is worth fighting for.

We hīkoi to Parliament because we hope. We stand up for Te Tiriti and all that it promises to be, because we hope. We give to our neighbours in their time of need because we hope.

We hope for a world where culture and diversity are honoured, where women and children are safe, where human lives are held sacred, and minorities are protected and valued. As stewards of God's creation, we hope for a world that cares more for this gift God has given to us: our world.

We speak out against war crimes in the Ukraine, in Gaza, and elsewhere in the world, because we hope. We hope for peace, and for a world where war will be waged no more.

We have much more work to do.

This Christmas season we pray that you will find the hope that you and your whānau need. More than that, we pray that like the Christ-child you can help turn the faces of your whānau and community towards a better world and a better future. We pray that you inspire hope in each other.

We pray that you could even be the hope that your neighbours need.

Kia tau te ia o te wā Kirihimete ki a koutou. May the blessings of Christmas be made real in your lives.

Archbishop Don Tamihere

Primate & Archbishop

Archbishop Justin Duckworth

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Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa

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