

**3rd Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 17th December 2023**

**OUR MISSION IS: "TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE".  
KIA MAU, KIA URUTE AROHA O TE ATUA**

**A very warm welcome is extended to our Holy Communion Service  
At 8.00 am and our Christmas Carol & Readings Service at 9.30 am.**

**Nau mai haere mai Welcome**

**8.00 am Service**

**Preacher & Presider:** Rev. Jekheli Kibami-Singh

**Readings:** Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 and Luke 1: 46-55

**Welcomer, Reader, Prayer & Server:** Rona Gooch

**Steward:** Kem Gray

**Morning Tea:** Ruth Bridges

**9.30 am Service**

**Worship Leader & Preacher:** Rev. Gloria Zanders

**Readings:** Isaiah 61: 1-4, 10-11 & 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

**Welcomers:** Maureen & Alan Hintz

**Stewards:** Merlene & Don Woolerton

**Musician:** Paul Ellery

**Readers:** Gillian Woodward & Kelera Luvu

**Prayers:** Margaret Clow

**Sound and Computer:** Jekheli Kibami-Singh

**Morning Tea:** Bev Jillings, Esther Odlum,  
Bruce & Tania Snowdon

**Insight:** In the hall after the first hymn

**Mid week Holy Communion Service:**

Wednesday at 10:00am. All welcome.



**Sunday service online: 9.30am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3984184545?pwd=ZXFrallyZjU4azkvZytpaTJmaVMxQT09>

Meeting ID: 398 418 4545 Passcode: 763250910

**Birthday wishes to Carol Snaddon, Seddon Polglase & Stephanie Clark who have a birthday this week. Congratulations to anyone who has a wedding anniversary this week.**

**Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki. May God bless you all.**

### What's on this week

**Sun 17** 8.00am Worship Service  
9.30am Worship Service  
12.00pm Htn Full Gospel Church  
12.00pm Christ Commission

**Tues 19** 9.30am Toy Library Stocktake

**Wed 20** 10.00am Communion Service  
1.30pm Memorial Pam Watson

### **Rosters for Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve Service**

#### **8am Service:**

**Welcomer, reader, & server:** Ian Bridge

**Steward:** Rona Gooch

#### **9.30am Service:**

**Welcomers:** Esther Odlum & Carol McKillop

**Stewards:** Bronwyn & Tony Pipe

**Musician:** Coral Keast & Cheryl Anderson

**Readers:** Gloria Zanders & Dawn Smith

**Prayer:** Heather Kikkert

**Sound:** Russell Young

**Computer:** Meilia Clark

**Morning Tea:** Volunteers Needed

**Lawns:** Rod McAlpine & Bruce Snowdon



A memorial service for Pam Watson will be held in the Hall at 1.30pm on Wed 20th Dec. Afternoon Tea will follow.

All who knew Pam are welcome. In memory of Pam's artistic spirit, her family encourage you to wear bright colours if you would like to.



### **Services in December 2023 & January 2024**

Chartwell Cooperating Parish of St Alban's

126 Comries Road, Chartwell Hamilton

07- 855 7434 or office@chartwellchurch.org.nz

#### **Sunday December 3 ~ Advent 1**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:30 am Baptism Service

#### **Sunday December 10 ~ Advent 2**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:30 am Christmas Play Service

#### **Sunday December 17~ Advent 3**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:30 am Carols

#### **Christmas Eve Sunday December 24**

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:30 am Holy Communion

4:00 pm Family Christmas Service

11:30 pm Christmas Eve & Vigil

#### **Christmas Day December 25**

9:00 am Holy Communion

#### **Sunday December 31 ~ Healing Service**

9:00 am Holy Communion

#### **Services in January:**

9:00 am Every Sunday

*To know and share God's love ~ Kia mau, kia uru te aroha o te Atua*

The CWS Christmas Appeal has been in NZ churches since 1945 when the 1st Christmas Bowl appeal was launched to raise funds for post-war reconstruction in Greece. Since then, millions of people have been supported through conflict and disaster, and lives and livelihoods improved. Chartwell Cooperating Parish members have been generous with their gifts, which have funded multiple communities. 2023 is no different.

The Theme for this year is **“Share Food this Christmas”** your gift will assist people struggling to meet life’s most essential needs, water, food, and justice – especially through the climate crisis.

Our offerings on Christmas Day will go to CWS and if you wish to make a personal donation. we encourage you to take a detailed brochure from the foyer OR consider making a **“Gift of Love”** on behalf of family or friends. Brochures available in the foyer.

Check out [www.christmasappeal.org.nz](http://www.christmasappeal.org.nz) or [www.gift.org.nz](http://www.gift.org.nz)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**Childrens Church:** Are you available to go on a roster to sit and talk with the children while they do their activities out in the Church Foyer during the 9.30am Service? All materials provided. Contact Sylvia.



Advent Sunday

**Share  
Food and  
Create Hope**



Christian  
World Service



**Family Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm:** Are you available to help on the day with craft activities or providing afternoon tea? e.g. chocolate brownies or fresh fruits.

**Christmas Eve Service at 11.30 pm:** Are you available to help with Welcoming, Reading or serving Communion?

**Christmas Day Service at 9 am:** Are you available to help as a Welcomer, Steward, Reader, Prayer, Sound or Computer Technician, Communion Server or Morning Tea person?

If you can help please put your name down on the appropriate clipboard in the Church Foyer or contact Sylvia in the office.

**Messy Church 2024:** We need a few more volunteers to help with providing or setting up afternoon tea and with supporting crafts and games. This is an important part of our ministry to families and it’s fun! Help is needed on the 4th Sunday of the month from 3pm—6pm. Please let Sylvia in the office know if you can go on the roster.

**Church Rosters:** Please consider going on the church rosters beginning Feb 2024.

The more people on the roster, the less often you are rostered on.

Relevant training and information will be provided.

We have rosters for Welcomers, Stewards, Readers, Prayers, Musicians, Sound, Computer & Zoom People, Communion Servers, Lawn Mowers and Morning Tea Makers.



## Eco Corner (brought to you by the Chartwell Cooperating Church Eco Team)

**Tip of the week:** Think about the environment before you buy a present.

Yes, the 'C' word is upon us. (no, not Covid) CHRISTMAS! 'Tis the season to be jolly, and it usually involves colorfully wrapped presents under the Christmas tree! But wait a sec... what about that whole sustainable, eco-friendly thing we're working on? How does that tie in with the complete commercialism of Christmas presents?

Can we have our Christmas cake and eat it too? Can we take part in the chaos of Christmas morning present opening and still be eco-friendly? The answer: YES!

If change doesn't feel good then you're not doing it right. Having no presents would not feel right! We know what Christmas is really about, but let's be honest... it's about presents too. We like to receive a gift as much as the next person, and I like giving gifts even more. I love that feeling when you know you've got someone something REALLY GOOD, that they're going to LOVE! So how can you do that, without conforming to the buy buy buy culture of Christmas? Follow this link for six ways to do AWESOME ecofriendly Christmas Presents...

<https://www.thegreatecojourney.co.nz//post/the-ultimate-eco-friendly-gift-guide>

## BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who has helped out with our Worship Services & on rosters this year.

UP COMING	EVENTS	
Sun Dec 17	9.30 am	Christmas Carol & Readings Service
Sun Dec 24	4.00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
Sun Dec 24	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve & Vigil Service
Sun Dec 25	9.00 am	Holy Communion Service

### Minister:

**Rev. Dr Jekheli Kibami-Singh:** [jekheli@chartwellchurch.org.nz](mailto:jekheli@chartwellchurch.org.nz)

### Office/Parish Administrator:

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### Facilities Supervisor:

**Amie Matthews-Whenuaroa:** [facility@chartwellchurch.org.nz](mailto:facility@chartwellchurch.org.nz)

**Office hours:** 9 am - 2.30 pm. Tuesday—Friday **Ph: 07 855 7434**

The church office will be closed from December 19th until January 19th.

Please contact the Minister for any urgent pastoral matters.

Please contact the Facilities Manager only if there are any urgent issues with the grounds, security or buildings.

The office email will be checked periodically if you have any other queries. Happy Holidays!