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Knowledge corner

What is Advent?

The word 'Advent' of course, means 'coming' and it is a season of four weeks before Christmas. Advent has been observed by the Christian church since at least the 6th century. It begins on the Sunday closest to St Andrew's Day (30 Nov.). The First Sunday of Advent also begins the new year of the church (this year we start the cycle of readings for Year C, which emphasises Luke's gospel). The usual colour of preparation in the church is violet, and sure enough we use violet hangings and vestments during the church year. Anglican Churches that follow the Sarum (Salisbury) cycle of colours use a light blue. The exception to both of these cycles is the Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday (after the appointed introit, or opening psalm), when we use rose colours, and light the rose candle on our Advent wreaths. (The rose candle is not associated with Mary.)

During Advent we prepare ourselves not for the *first* coming of Christ—for that has already happened—but for the Second Coming. Advent is the only season which looks to the future, and the Coming of Christ as judge on the Last Day. Only towards the end of the season do we begin to hear the gospel stories about the announcement of the birth of a child to a young woman named Mary.

New Archdeacon announced for Deanery

Bishop Ross Bay has announced that Archdeacon Jonathan Gale will step back from his role as Archdeacon at the end of January, 2025. He has been in this role since 2020, and saw the Deanery through Covid other challenges. He will continue in a part-time role at St John's Campbell's Bay.

Bishop Ross believes that it is important for a person to be resident in the North in this next period to offer us good resourcing and support for ministry. He has therefore advised that he has appointed The Reverend Liz Martin to be the next Archdeacon for our region. Liz lives in Whangārei and is part of the LSM Enabler Team as well as Chaplain for Young Adults ministry in the North. Liz has also ministered in the Whangarei Mission District and the Parish of Dargaville.

The role will continue to be half-time and Liz will undertake other ministry alongside it. She will take up her duties on 1st February and Bishop Ross anticipates holding a service of commissioning in March.

We look forward to welcoming Liz in this role and offer our prayers for her as she prepares to take up this responsibility.

Archdeacon Jonathan's final visit to Bream Bay will be 1 December.

From your Parish Council

Highlights from the Parish Council meeting on 28 November:

Members of BBAMD approved the **reconciled Statement of Accounts 2023** at a Special General Meeting on 24 November at St Peter's. This was delayed from the March AGM in order to correct a longstanding accounting issue. The statement was sent electronically to all members on the role, and is available from the Treasurer.

Much of the Council agenda in November was dedicated to attempting to resolve long-standing financial issues with Westpac and TML. Council have been trying to clarify

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Christmas Tree Exhibition

'The Beauty of Christmas' is the theme of this year's Christmas tree display at St Peter's Church. The display will open with a dedication at 7:00 pm on Thursday, 19/12, followed by a light supper. The display will be open to the public from 12 midday to 8:00 pm daily from Friday, 20/12 through Sunday, 22/12. Trees will be removed on Monday, 23/12.

Each tree will be accompanied by a short explanation of who has contributed the tree, and what the tree represents for them.

Entry to the display will be by koha, either cash or a food item for the Foodbank. All cash contributions will be given to the Foodbank. Please come along and support this event and your community Foodbank.

Many thanks to Sally Haigh and her team for their hard work in putting this lovely event together!

December at BBAMD

Sunday, 1/12, Advent 1 ☩

9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's; Archdeacon Jonathan Gale visits
2:00p First Sunday Hymns, St Peter's

Sunday, 8/12 Advent 2 ☩☩

9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's

Sunday, 15/12 Advent 3 ☩☩☩

9:30a Community Lessons & Carols, St Paul's
2:00p Christmas Cracker concert, St Peter's

Thursday, 19/12

5:00p Parish Council meets, St Paul's
7:00p 'The Beauty of Christmas', St Peter's

Sunday, 22/12, Advent 4 ☩☩☩☩

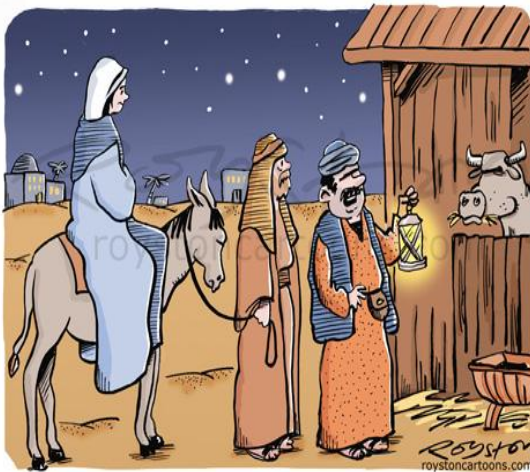
9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's

Wednesday 25/12, Christmas Day

9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's
9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's

Sunday, 29/12, Christmas 1

9:30a, Eucharist, St Paul's



"It's not a stable, it's a pop-up hotel."

🕒 The **Fellowship Group** meets at 11:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pavilion of St Paul's. The next meeting will be 4 December.

This is the final issue of the Bream Bay Anglican until February 2025. Enjoy the summer!

Blessed December and January birthdays to:



Essie Leech (15/12)
 Danny Bridge (16/12)
 Linda Cave (16/12)
 Lachie McLeod (16/12)
 Geraldine Sanderson (18/12)
 Ian Hanna (22/12)
 Shelley Couper (4/1)
 Lois Teague (8/1)
 May you be richly blessed in the coming year!

**January 2025 at
 the Anglican Parish of Bream Bay
 Sunday, 5/1 Epiphany (observed)
 9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's**



**Sunday, 12/1 Baptism of Jesus
 9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's**

**Sunday, 19/1 Epiphany 2 (OT 2)
 9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's**

**Sunday, 26/1, Epiphany 3 (OT 3)
 9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's**

Did you know?

The Anglican Church and te Tiriti o Waitangi

Te Tiriti o Waitangi has been very much in the news lately. Many people do not know how very influential the Anglican Church was in the development of te Tiriti. This happened mostly through the influence of the group known as the Clapham Sect, or Clapham Saints.

The Clapham Sect was a group of British aristocrats who supported the Evangelical arm of the Anglican Church in the UK; they were active from the 1780s to 1845. Their common life included reciting the Book of Psalms daily. The Clapham Sect was centred at Holy Trinity Anglican Church (now St Paul's) on Clapham Common, London. They are today best known for their advocacy for the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire, but here in Aotearoa New Zealand we might acknowledge them for their protection of indigenous peoples from exploitation by colonial powers. William Wilberforce, the Parliamentarian who led the slavery abolition movement in Parliament was a member, as were Hannah Moore, Katherine Hankey and other influential women.

The argument was made that the British did not require a treaty to establish sovereignty in New Zealand—they already had it. The Clapham Sect were very concerned about how that sovereignty was exercised. The Sect were also strong supporters of church mission throughout the Empire.

Sir James Stephens, Undersecretary for the Colonies (and Wilberforce's brother-in-law), was a member of the Clapham Sect. Sir James drafted the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833, and also the instructions given to Captain William Hobson in 1839 by Lord Normanby (Secretary of State for the Colonies). Much of the preliminary language of the Treaty was written by Sir James to satisfy members of the Sect.

A key mandate of the Sect—and thus the Colonial Office—was to establish British sovereignty in New Zealand without force. The Treaty of Waitangi was the first time the British established a Treaty relationship with indigenous peoples anywhere in the world.

Read more about the influence of the Clapham Sect on the Treaty by clicking on the links [here](#) and [here](#), and more about William Wilberforce [here](#).

Parish Census

If you have not yet completed and returned your Parish Census, please do so right away. Your delay simply means your fellow parishioners need to spend their time chasing you up. If you no longer wish to be on the role, or receive the newsletter, please tell us on the Census form, sign and return it.

At publication date there are 47 members on the role of what will soon be the Anglican Parish of Bream Bay although this number may rise slightly as late forms are returned.

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From your Parish Council

account controller privileges since March, with limited success.

Other topics included the Foodbank—any limitation on food parcels will be at the discretion of the coordinator; the Op Shop—no more clothing please, there is far too much in stock!—and the parish census.

Diocesan approval has been received for the installation of a tabernacle at St Paul's, and this was completed on 28/11. It will be blessed by Archdeacon Gale on 1 December.

The **December Council** meeting will be held on 19 December, brought forward because of the Christmas holiday.

Council minutes are available at each church once they are approved; on the sign-in trolley at St Peter's and in the Pavilion at St Paul's.

Reflection

contributed by Suniti Fry

Jesus saw the widow walk to the temple treasury to give up her two coins, and something about the way she did it--the length of time she stood there maybe, or the way she cradled them in her hand, like her last two eggs--something about the way she did it, let Jesus know that it was everything worldly that she had. When she surrendered the coins and turned to go, he saw the pureness of her heart and knew that she had nothing left that was not God's. Her sacrifice was so complete that he called his disciples over to witness it. It was a lesson in discipleship. More than that it was a lesson in love for God and his precepts, a lesson in generosity toward God. That is why we know about her today.

She may be nameless to us, but God knows her name and has made sure her sacrifice is recorded in the Gospels.



Calm before the start- Sue Hancock and Mary Wilson began the day, although Liz Rawhiti soon arrived with kumara vines

Villy Day Out: Planting seeds

BBAMD had a big presence at the Villy Day out on 23 November in Te One reserve. Villy Day Out is designed for tamariki/young people as a celebration of the positive aspects of village life, but there were hundreds of people of all ages from all over the region—some came from Auckland and communities throughout Northland.

Firefighters showed young people just how hard it was to hold a hose with water blasting through it, the Police had a canine team, and Bike NZ was there with a track. There were craft stalls, a bouncy castle, a huge slide, bumper cars, and good eating from the many food trucks and stalls. The main performance stage featured local groups of tamariki dancers, musicians and other performers. Although the day was scheduled to begin at 10:00, there were already people circulating by 9:15, and heavy crowds moved through until closing at 3:00 pm.

The photos here were taken early in the day (before things got really busy!). **Sue Hancock, Mary Wilson, Liz Rawhiti, Jacky Ancliffe, Linda and Norm Cave** all contributed significant time during the day. Many thanks to **Ray White Realtors** who loaned the gazebo at no cost to the church (and to Aaron Ratcliffe, who dropped it off and collected it!). The theme of our stall was 'Planting seeds', and our parish volunteers had over 100 encounters with young people and their families. Each visitor had an opportunity to plant a vegetable or flower seed or two (or a kumara shoot) in egg crates and seedling pots donated by BBAMD members, and each adult received a page listing BBAMD Christmas services, website and Facebook sites, and support the church offers the community. The seed planting was well received by the community, and volunteers experienced both the practical and metaphorical side of the seed planting.



Sue Hancock and Mary Wilson engage at the Villy Day Out.