

St Marks, Raumati Beach  
9.30 am

St Paul's, Paraparaumu  
8.30 am & 10 am

St Peter's, Paekakariki  
10 am



# Kāpiti Anglicans

## January 2025

### Epiphany

Good morning and welcome to worship this morning. Special welcome to those who are visiting with us over this holiday period. Please stay on for morning tea so we can get to know you.

As the Christmas star rises, the Season of Epiphany begins in this New Year. It's the four weeks we celebrate the light of Christ permeating our darkness, bringing revelation, awareness and awakening.

Many of us are just drawing breath after the busyness of the Christmas Period and we are launched into a month when we may very well be bombarded with lightbulb, "Aha" moments as God continues his self-revelation through his Son Jesus. We may feel overwhelmed and underprepared for the light to shine so brightly; it may face us with truths we are not ready to see. Don't stress or worry. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide, and companion us every step of the way.

January is often a month for reflection and planning for the year ahead. It can be a time for letting go of some things in order to pick up new goals and priorities, a time of beginnings and endings. If you are in this space, go gently with yourselves. Discernment can take emotional and spiritual energy and lead to pain and grief as well as joy.

May we greet the unfolding of a new year with an openness to what God might be saying to us and how he might be leading us.



## Date Changes for the Holiday Season

**Office closes:** - 20<sup>th</sup> December and reopens  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

**Clergy on Leave:**

- Fiona Thomson (mini sabbatical till 25<sup>th</sup> Feb),
- Lynda Wards – 26<sup>th</sup> Dec to 6 Jan,
- Julie Rokotakala 12<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Vege Coop** – Final delivery 19<sup>th</sup> December and resumes 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Playgroup** – resumes Tuesday 14 January

**Morning Prayer** – Final day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and resumes Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February



### FOR THE JAR OF THE EMPTY HEART

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Sometimes, through no particular fault of your own, the accumulated cares of life build up and the storage vault that holds your strength and hope goes bare.

Sometimes you gaze in longing east to see the light of the dawn breaking but clouds block the sun. And that feast, that celebration you intended making of life: sometimes the songs won't come, laughter fades, and like wine run dry the jar of joy stands empty, a hollow drum. But what if God knows this, and why

Jesus came to the wedding feast that day was to show that God is with us in those times of barren dryness, when what may fill our heart's jar are only tears, lid closed,

and lost the way to hope's refreshing well. . . What if Jesus comes that day expressly to spill into that void his fresh and living water, telling darkness to roll back for light, filling the waiting jar of the empty heart with Love's own Presence: finest wine indeed. Yes, Christ comes that life's feast may truly start - Love both source and goal, our deepest need.

So fill us to our brims, life-giving One; may we be sharers in your earthly story. May we spill love and joy 'til that realm has come that fills this precious world with all your glory.

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