

Sentence

One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord for all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord and to seek you in your temple.

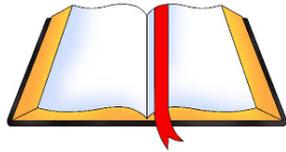
Psalm 27:4-5

Collect

Teach us, Jesus,
how to live and worship
without being worldly or greedy.
Drive from our lives what spoils them
and make us temples of the Spirit;
for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

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Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Prayers

This Sunday in the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Bishop Steven and Lorraine; and for our Archdeacon Keith and Anne. We pray today for the Parish of Western Southland - St Mary, Riverton; St George, Tuatapere; and for Local Priests Leah Boniface, Jean Soper, and Wayne Soper. We pray also for the hospital chaplains: Vivienne Galletly, Cameron Sinclair, Mark Chamberlain, Abby Tily, George Coleman, and Janet Barroclough-Young. We pray too for the Order of St Luke.

“Jesus is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.”

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All Saints' Church

The open door

Epiphany 4
29 January, 2023

During the January down-time I posted on Facebook a short phrase that I came across. It read: “The church is not just a place we go. It’s who we are.” I felt then, as I still do now, that this year is a year of opportunities for All Saints’ Parish. Every day we have the chance to be out and about in the communities and groups in which we all circulate and we get to share who we really are through our actions, interactions and the way we treat others. We often observe that children tend to mimic the behaviours of the adults they see around them and then they look for the approval of those same adults when they exhibit the same behaviours. It is no different for us if we look closely at those with whom we spend time. If we are showing a Christlikeness in our own behaviours and mannerisms then others will want to partake of the same joy and security that we find in our lives. They will, like children, begin to mimic the behaviours we demonstrate, and they will seek our approval. Often this is so subtle it may be overlooked. However, if we are conscientious about our task of discipling others, then we will be more aware of the impact we can have on the lives of those around us.

My challenge to us all this year is to find someone whom we can each disciple throughout the year. This doesn’t have to be an overt or uncomfortable evangelising act, but a may be more of a quiet walking alongside. For each one of us it will be different. But Christ himself called each of us to be disciple-makers and it is our God-given duty to do our very best to carry out this command.

We often reflect on what we can do to “save” the church in these modern times. Well, I would suggest to you that saving the church isn’t about more fundraising or better advertising, but it is about fostering better personal relationships with members of our wider community. It’s about being better disciples and about being disciples who aren’t afraid to go and make more disciples in Jesus name.

Blessings, Richard

Service at 9.30am: Thanksgiving Eucharist, ANZPB, p.404

Opening	122	How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Gradual	214	Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer
Offertory	512	The Kingdom is Upon You
Closing	125	O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing



Your organist this Sunday is: Alan Menzies

AAW Meeting

The AAW is meeting for the first time in 2023 this coming Wednesday. The meeting will begin at All Saints' at 2pm with a service in the church and will be followed by an afternoon tea and fellowship time at a mystery venue.

Resuming Services

The start of the year sees us return to the provision of a full range of services once again. Next week we will begin our Wednesday midweek service again and continue with this through until the AGM in late March where the Parish will once again have a decision to make about the continuation of this service. Next Sunday we will also be restarting the 8am Said Eucharist for the year. Our rest home services will begin from next Friday with our first being at Clare House. The office will also return to regular hours from this Friday.

Pizza & Prayer

The Pizza & Prayer group which was so successful last year will be continuing in 2023. The first gathering will be on Wednesday 1 February at 20 Russel Street from 6pm. As usual all are welcome and there is no requirement that you've been before or that you have to come every time.

Sunday Message Podcasts

Each Sunday the message is recorded and then uploaded to the web as a podcast so that those who weren't able to be at the service have access to it. There are a number of different platforms by which you can get the message podcast. Apple iTunes Podcasts, Spotify, and Google Podcasts all have it, alternatively you can go to our parish website or to buzzsprout.com and search up All Saints' Sunday Message and download a copy from there. Since beginning this offering there have been in excess of a hundred downloads from all over the world.

Third Sunday Worship Changes

Last week I received the news that Jocelyn Donaldson will no longer be available to play for our third Sunday service each month. We are working on some options for the music within that service, but one option may be to hold a Said Eucharist at 9.30am on occasion. There will be a celebration of Jocelyn's musical contribution to our parish coming soon.

Calendar...

<i>29 January</i>	This Sunday
NO Said Eucharist	
Holy Communion	9.30am
<i>1 February</i>	Wednesday
Said Eucharist	10.30am
AAW Meeting	2.00pm
Pizza & Prayer	6.00pm
<i>4 February</i>	Friday
Clare House Service	11.00am
<i>5 February</i>	Saturday
Prayer Breakfast	8.00am
<i>6 February</i>	Sunday
Said Eucharist	8.00am
All-Age Worship	9.30am

Roster...

This Sunday - ANZPB p. 404		
9.30am	Sidesperson	J Murphy
	Worship Leader	R Aitken
	Message	R Aitken
	Readers	TBC
		TBC
	Chalice	L Cooper
Next Sunday - All-Age Worship		
8.00am	Reader	J Trotter
9.30am	Sidesperson	Carter Family
	Worship Leader	R Aitken
	Message	R Aitken
	Readers	S Carter
		R Carter
		TBC
	Chalice	TBC
	Morning Tea	TBC

