

The week ahead

Tuesday 21st December

12.30 No Lunch Club until January 12th 2011

7.30pm: River Methodist Church: The Pharos Chamber Choir

Wednesday 22nd December

10.00am: **Holy Communion:** Celebrant: Revd Andy Bawtree

Readings: 1 Sam. 1: 24-end; Luke 1: 46-56

7.00pm: Bible Study Group at 6 Mill Close

Thursday 23rd December

10.00a.m. **Christingle-making workshop.** Please help Josie prepare the Christingles for the Christmas Eve service 822107

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

24TH DEC. CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm: Christingle Service

11.30pm: Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-20

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#### 25<sup>TH</sup> DEC. CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00a.m. Family Holy Communion for Christmas Day

Readings: Titus 3: 4-7; John 1: 1-14

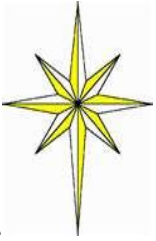
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26TH DEC (SUNDAY): APOSTLE STEPHEN

10.00a.m. Morning Worship

Leader and Preacher: Lynne Watson

Readings: Acts 7: 51-end; Matt 10: 17-22;



River Parish Church



We worship and witness to the Living God

Sunday 19th December 2010

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Revd Andy Bawtree

Readings: Phil. 4: 4-7; John 1: 19-28

10.00am **Morning Worship and Nativity**

Leader and Preacher: Revd Andy Bawtree

If your little child needs a break during the service there will be toys and plenty of space in the Christian Centre.

We welcome everyone to stay after the service and enjoy refreshments in the Christian Centre.

6.30pm **Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight**
Revd Andy Bawtre



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory: bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in this time of mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that on the last day when he shall come gain in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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**COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Almighty God, you have given us your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time, to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS (26<sup>TH</sup>)**

**Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Kwara (Nigeria) & the Rt Revd Segun Adeyemi**

**The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand & The Most Revd William Brown Turei**

**Bishop Gilbert and the Christians in Madagascar**

**For the homeless**

Laura, Mike, Deborah & Ivan; Eva, Zoltan, Kornel and the Grain of Wheat Foundation in Hungary. **Our Church family:** Brian, Anna, Matt, Wayne and Ian serving abroad, Scott and Rachael, Winston, Adrian and Carole Barrett and family, Brian and Celia, Graham, and all known and cared for by our healing Lord.

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For members of the Church family who find it difficult to get to church, or can do so no longer: Gussie, Cynthia, Linda, Cynthia and Peter, Celia and Brian

For the comfort and care for all who mourn the passing of loved ones in this season

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**Josie has had a letter with card and photos from Ian and Claire**

who are home for Christmas. This letter and card are on the board for you to read.

‘May the Lord God Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, who entered this world as a baby boy and became part of a family, bless your homes and families this coming year. May you know his love and peace as you follow him in AD2011.’

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