

St Columba's Church Havelock North



5 January 2020

Christmas 2

Welcome to St Columba's

Rev Warren Fortune is leading the service this morning.
Minister's Elder is Jim Watt
Duty Manager is Phil Carter
Organist is Ngaire Anderson

Visitors are invited to sign the Visitors Book in the Foyer.

WE GATHER AS PEOPLE OF GOD

INTROIT:

Please stand as the Holy Bible is carried into the church.

'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty' CH4 111
Tune (i) Nicaea

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

GATHERING:

WELCOME, NEWS AND NOTICES:

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

There is no children's programme in January but there are activity sheets in the corner at the back of the church as well as 'quiet toys'.

*The congregation is invited to say together words printed in **bold type**.*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Word that was in the beginning with God, the Word that was God, has taken a human body and lived among us.

We have looked upon his radiant beauty, such beauty as befits God's only son, full of grace and truth.

Praise the Lord, you people of God, praise the Lord in the city of God.

God strengthens all your defences and blesses your children in your presence.

He gives peace within your borders and fills you with the finest bread.

We stand to sing!

WE SING: 'As with gladness men of old' CH4 326

PRAYER:

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

BIBLE READINGS:

Reader: Beth Clothier

First reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-14 (page 641)

Second reading: John 1: 1-18 (page 862)

WE SING: 'God, whose almighty word' CH4 112

SERMON: 'God made known through the word become flesh'

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH SAYING TOGETHER:

We believe in a universe that is not some meaningless, accidental process, but is the work of a loving Creator.

We believe in a God who has chosen the planet earth to be the site of one of the Creator's riskiest projects; that of shaping creatures in the divine likeness and giving them the dangerous gift of free will.

We believe in a very caring God who has raised up enlightened souls in every race and culture; who called their people to go forward, responding to the pulse of the Holy Spirit within and around them.

We believe is a purposeful God who chose one small nation to be a light to other nations; giving the Jewish people high ethical values, spiritual insights, prophetic hopes and poetic songs of faith and hope.

We believe in a gracious God who sent among us a humble person named Jesus, the very Word and Wisdom of God; born as one of us, living among us, pointing us to a narrow road that leads to abundant life, and then dying and rising to make our new journey possible.

We believe in the God who collects an odd assortment of characters around the name of Christ Jesus, and by the Spirit welds them into one fellowship of the holy church, with the mission of sharing the free grace of Jesus with all peoples.

We believe in God who gave each of us those particular people who first told us the story of Jesus, who nurtured us within Christ's Body, the church, and who have helped equip us to love one another even as Jesus has first loved us.

We believe in God who continues to send contemporary liberators, prophets, saints and poets; those who by the grace of Christ Jesus take on formidable tasks and achieve much more than a just reward for their efforts.

We believe in the underlying Divine Purpose, which still guides and empowers us, and in a glorious destiny for God's people which nothing in life or death can annul. Amen!

WE SING: 'Take my life, Lord' CH4 502

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OFFERING INVITATION:

OFFERING AND DEDICATION:

PASTORAL PRAYERS:

Our Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WE SING: 'The Church's one foundation' CH4: 739

BENEDICTION:

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

We go in the name of Christ.

SUNG THREE-FOLD 'AMEN'

EXIT OF THE HOLY BIBLE: *Please stand as the Bible is carried from the church.*

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2020

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday service each Sunday at 10.00am

No Children's programme, but activity sheets available in the back of the church.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2019 TO FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2020.

REV WAYNE TOLEAFOA IS ON LEAVE FROM BOXING DAY TO MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020.

In case of an emergency, please contact the Church Council Co-ordinator, Wayne Rewcastle (877 5754) or the Office Administrator, Elma Pienaar (02102773099), or leave a message on the office answerphone (877 8096).

THE BOOK SHOP IS OPEN, TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, 10.00 AM TO 4.00 PM AND SATURDAY 10.00 AM TO 1.00 PM.

MAINTENANCE: If you notice something that needs attention in and around the church, please send an email to Louis Pienaar or ring David Schnell or leave a message in the office.

ROSTER: Sunday 12 January 2020

Minister's Elder: Anne Keown
Elders: Wayne Rewcastle, Sally Russell
Door duty: David Schnell, Janice Hopkinson, Peter Kidd
Organist: Stephanie Mueller
Sound: Louis Pienaar
Bible reading: Rex Bartlett
Morning tea: Jill Rose, Kevin Rose, Dianne Taylor, John Taylor
Children: No programme in January
Flower arrangements: No flower roster in January

LECTIONARY READINGS:

SUNDAY 12 January 2020

 Is 42: 1-9
 Acts 10: 34-43

 Ps 29
 Mt 3: 13-17
