

We wish everyone a good New Year

This Sunday, prompted by our Youth Group's reflections on the conflict in Israel and Gaza, we hold a sale of baked goods after Church. Proceeds will go to Red Cross and Red Crescent, who have been instrumental in the return of hostages, investigation, where allowed, of conditions for Palestinian prisoners and delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza. Anyone willing to bake, do bring things for sale. We ask that they be labelled with ingredients. If you want to buy baked goods, do bring some cash.

Epiphany

This Sunday we celebrate the visitors from the East who brought gifts to Jesus. We celebrate Hugo's baptism in our All Age Communion Service at 10am

The next service provided on line will be for Sunday 14th January.

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Readings Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12

6.30pm Evening Prayer.

Prayers for 18th January

We look forward with excitement to Tariro's and Brian's wedding in All Saints at noon on Thursday 18th January and pray for their preparations, especially for any travelling to be with us that day.



The Revd Lynn Busfield, who preached for us last Sunday, offers this poem for New Year

For a New Beginning

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

John O'Donohue

For our prayers

Among those who are unwell we pray for Paul Caney,

Among those who have died we remember Janet Tilley.

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