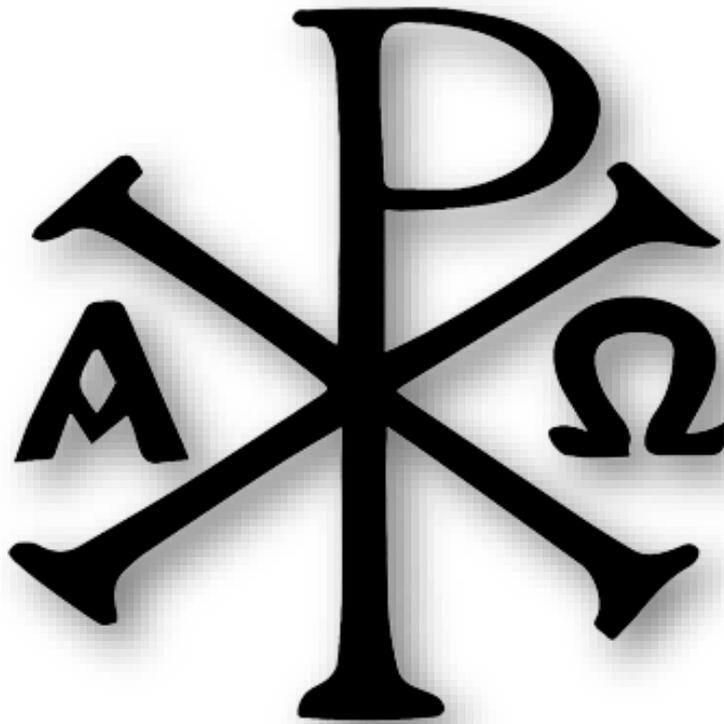


ANGELICAN PARISH OF CLEVEDON

*"A Christ - Centred Community of Extravagant Welcome and Radical Hospitality"*

## *New Year's Day*

01 January 2023



*"I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the end"*

All Souls Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Sarah Park

**Please be aware that this service is live-streamed to the Internet**

## OPENING PRAYER

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. God of all time, all seasons of our living,  
source of our spark, protector of our flame,  
blazing before our birth, beyond our dying,  
God of all time, we come to sing your name.
2. Here in this place where others have been building,  
We come to claim the legacy of faith,  
Take, in our turn the telling of your story,  
And though we tremble, speak your hope, your truth.
3. Spirit who draws our fragile selves together,  
Spirit who turns a stranger to a friend,  
be at this table where we greet each other,  
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.
4. Let us not die from poverty of caring,  
let us not starve, where love is to be shared.  
Come, break us open to receive your healing:  
your broken body be our wine and bread.

*Words: Shirley Murray, Tune: Lord for the years*

## GATHERING

A new day has dawned, a new year begun  
**Holy God, call us so we may hear Your voice**

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future  
**Holy God, keep us in Your ways and on Your path**

We enter this new year with hope and excitement  
**Holy God, remind us that You lead us.**  
**Guide us as we look to You, and worship You.**  
**Amen.**

## REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God,

We stand on the threshold of another year

– a new beginning, a fresh chapter.

May this sense of newness be echoed in our lives,

as through your grace, we start again with a clean slate,

the past put behind us, the future beckoning us forward.

**Forgive what we have been**

**and direct what we shall be.**

*Silence*

God the Creator brings you new life,

forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness

and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

**Help us to live each day as your gift,**

**nurtured by the love of Christ**

**renewed by your Holy Spirit,**

**and so may we live to your praise and glory.**

## SENTENCE

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under

heaven given among us by which we must be saved. *Acts 4:12*

## COLLECT

**Eternal God,**

**to whom a thousand years are no more than a moment;**

**renew us in your Holy Spirit,**

**so that we may serve you with courage**

**while we have life and breath;**

**through the grace of Jesus your Son our Saviour.**

**Amen.**

## THE READINGS

- *Ecclesiastes 3 : 1 - 13*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

- *Revelation 21 : 1 – 6a*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

1. Star Child, earth Child, go between of God,  
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lighting rod,  
*This year, this year, let the day arrive*  
*when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go,  
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,  
*This year, this year, let the day arrive ...*
3. Grown child, old child, memory full of years,  
sad child, lost child, story told in tears,  
*This year, this year, let the day arrive ...*
4. Spared child, spoiled child, memory full of years,  
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,  
*This year, this year, let the day arrive ...*
5. Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign,  
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,  
*This year, this year, let the day arrive ...*

*Music: Carlton R Young, Words: Shirley Erena Murray*

▪ *Matthew 25 : 31 - 46*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**Praise and glory to God.**

*After the Gospel*

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**THE SERMON**

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal;  
you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

**THE PRAYERS**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with a sign of peace*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1. The stars danced, the angels sang  
the night God came to earth,  
the whole vault of heaven rang  
to celebrate his birth.  
*We will dance, we will sing,  
we will praise our heavenly king at his birth.*
2. Mary, his mother smiled  
to see her babe new born.  
Shepherds came hurrying,  
left their flocks forlorn.  
*We will dance, we will sing ...*
3. Wise men who saw his star,  
knew their Lord was here.  
Came with their offerings,  
incense, gold and myrrh  
*We will dance, we will sing ...*
4. We too will give to him,  
gifts of love and praise.  
Dance for him, sing for him,  
rejoice in him always.  
*We will dance, we will sing ...*

### *Dedication of the Gifts*

God, accept these gifts and transform them to your purposes:

**Use them to feed the hungry,**

**clothe and shelter the poor,**

**welcome the outcast and alienated.**

**Use them to dismantle systems which oppress your children,**

**and to create the systems that lead to peace.**

*The First Things: Prayers for New Year's Day was written by Stephanie Dorsey*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In every time and in every place,

it is right that we should give you thanks and honour,

for you shelter your people from age to age.

You came to us as a brother and a friend,

in a likeness we could recognize as one of our own,

showing us the face of the Most High God.

Through the centuries,

your witnesses have taught and proclaimed your Word,

giving shape to the truth that your promises are sure

and your presence everlasting.

In communion with all the saints, with angels and shepherds,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, author of time,  
one among us, breath of our bodies,  
you are as close to us as skin and infinite as stars.

You came to us as Jesus of Nazareth, carpenter and rabbi,  
who on the night he was betrayed,  
took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying,

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim today the Lord's blessing,  
present in our time just as in ages past,  
building the communion of saints even from our own bodies.

Bless us with your presence,  
and give us here a foretaste of the feast to come.  
Let your Holy Spirit infuse our hearts and minds with joy  
so that we may live to praise you, O God,  
holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

As Christ teaches us we pray

**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 break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

Come God's people.  
Come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

#### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by keeping your hands by your side.*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, you are the Alpha and Omega  
the beginning and the end.  
Resource us in this new year  
that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead.  
Give us passion to transform the world from what it is  
to what you have created it to be.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

### **BLESSING**

Go in peace,  
love and care for one another in the name of Christ,

and may the blessing of God  
who established heaven and earth  
fill your hearts and pour forth from you upon all people,

may the blessing of the Christ  
who is born anew each Christmas time  
call you towards a new tomorrow;

and may the blessing of the Spirit  
who refreshes and renews all creation  
guide and lead you as you enter the new year. **Amen.**

### **FINAL HYMN**

1. Carol our Christmas, an upside down Christmas;  
snow is not falling and trees are not bare.  
Carol the summer, and welcome the Christ Child,  
warm in our sunshine and sweetness of air.
2. Sing of gold and the green and the sparkle,  
water and river and lure of the beach.  
Sing in the happiness of open spaces,  
sing a nativity summer can reach.

3. Shepherds and musterers move over hillsides,  
finding, not angels, but sheep to be shorn;  
wise ones make journeys whatever the season,  
searching for signs of the truth to be born.
4. Right side up Christmas belongs to the universe,  
made in the moment a woman gives birth;  
hope is the Jesus gift, love is the offering,  
everywhere, anywhere, here on the earth.

**DISMISSAL**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen! We go in the name of Christ.**

Eucharistic Liturgy from *Feasting on the Word*

*Affirmation of Faith – A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*

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*A Place at the Table , Canterbury Press*

**CLEVEDON FIRESIDE BRIDGE CLUB**

***B.B.Q TOURNAMENT***

Saturday 25 January

Parish Hall

Entry \$40 (includes Barbeque  
meal with Wine)

***Can you please help with:***

Prizes

Raffle prizes

Trading table produce

Help on the day

Afternoon Tea

***Contact***

Pauline Melles 027 6105457 /

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## *Meri Kirihimete*

*The Clergy and Vestry of Clevedon Parish  
wish you and yours every blessing this Christmastide.*

### *Parish Office Christmas Closure*

The Parish Office will be closed from  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12.00 noon until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Sarah will be on call 23rd December – 3rd January- 021 024 53783  
Vivienne on call 4th– 15th January - 021 251 3825

Worship in January will be a **combined** service every week, as follows:

08 January	9.30am	Afriston
15 January	9.30am	Clevedon (and live-streamed)
22 January	9.30am	Clevedon (and live-streamed)
29 January	9.30am	Alfriston

Live streamed services will be viewable on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/welcomeandhospitality>

#### **READINGS NEXT SUNDAY**

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1 – 12

Matthew 2: 1 - 12