



Welcome to church today!

Thanks for joining us as we build a community from many ages and cultures that helps people meet Jesus, trust Jesus and grow more like Jesus.

29th December 2019

Dear Friends,

Happy Christmas and New Year! We are so glad that you've joined us at church over the holiday period. As we celebrate this year's festivities, there is a heaviness in the air as the bushfires continue to devastate vast tracks of land. During such catastrophes we might quickly find ourselves asking "Where is God in all this? Why does he allow such things to happen?" The Bible has a few things to say, two of which are covered in the Bible readings we will hear at church this Christmas season.

Hebrews 2 (Dec 25) tells us that Jesus was made human in every way, entering into our world as one of us. Hebrews makes clear this was to provide atonement for our sins, but it also means he understands the hardships humans endure in a difficult world. John 9 (Dec 29) tells the story of the man born blind. "Was this because of someone's sin?" the disciples ask. Jesus replies by saying *No*, this particular hardship was to provide an opportunity for God to demonstrate his power and grace.

The Bible has more things to say on this topic. Richard Speyer reminded us at last week's 10am service of a couple more: In sending Jesus God shows he does care about his world, and there is coming a day when the world will be made new. But it can be hard in the meantime, can't it? We hope this Christmas is a great reminder that God knows our situation and that he does have a plan even though we might not see or comprehend now. Thanks for joining us!

Martin Kemp



5th January 2020

**Next
Week**

Jesus: the gate for the sheep
8.30am, 10am and 5pm.
Jeremiah 23:1-8 and John 10:1-10
Speaker: Mark Carpenter

Jesus: the light of the world
Six45pm
John 9:1-41
Speaker: Martin Kemp



Kids Activities at Waitara Anglican!

A Crèche room is available near the kitchen, with nappy changing facilities in both the toilets.

10am service:
Little Saints (ages 2-5)
(front meeting room)

C4K
K-6
(Hall at 10am)

5pm service:
Kid's activity packs
(available in the foyer cupboard.)

Please ask a welcomer if you need some directions.

All Children's workers at Waitara Anglican complete Child protection training and screening

8.30am Traditional Service

Morning Prayer Leader: Martin Kemp

Common Prayer Book Page 27

Hymn 379 Jesus Shall Reign

Hymn 162 From Heaven you (Collection),
and Hymn 583 Safe in the Shadow

10am Family Service

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Welcome | | David Cameron |
| 2. Song | The Father's Love | Musicians |
| 3. Together Time Song | Jesus Strong and Kind | Musicians |
| 4. Announcements | | Martin Kemp |
| <i>Children leave for C4K, Crèche and Little Saints</i> | | |
| 5. Confession | | Martin Kemp |
| 6. Prayers and Lord's Prayer | | Martin Kemp |
| 7. Song | Hear Our Prayer | Musicians |
| 8. Bible Reading | John 9:1-17 P.1074 | Mark Carpenter |
| 9. Bible Reading | John 9:18-41 P.1074 | Tom Simpson |
| 10. Sermon | | Martin Kemp |
| 11. Song | No Other Name (Collection) | Musicians |
| 12. Offertory Prayer & Conclusion | | David Cameron |
| 13. Morning Tea | | |

5pm Evening Service

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Welcome | | Martin Kemp |
| 2. Song | Our God | Martin Kemp |
| 3. Introduction | | Martin Kemp |
| 4. Announcements | | Martin Kemp |
| 5. Confession | | Martin Kemp |
| 6. Prayer and Lord's Prayer | | Martin Kemp |
| 7. Song | O Come to the Altar | Martin Kemp |
| 8. Bible Reading | John 9:1-17 P.1074 | Ian Steward |
| 9. Bible Reading | John 9:18-41 P.1074 | Belinda Steward |
| 10. Sermon | | Martin Kemp |
| 11. Song | Amazing Grace Chains are Gone | Martin Kemp |
| 12. Discussion Time | | Martin Kemp |
| 13. Prayer & Conclusion | | Martin Kemp |
| 14. Supper | | |

No Six45 Service

Jesus and the man born blind

John 9:1-41

Rev Martin Kemp

Sermon audio and text available at www.waitaraanglican.com.au

The miracle of sight

Light comes into the world

Responses to the light

Denial

Fear

Worship

Recognising we have a problem with our vision

Staff Contacts

Rev. Martin Kemp

Senior Minister/Rector

Church Office 9489 4793

0405 419 336

rector@waitaraanglican.com.au

Rev. Nick Speyer

Honorary Assistant Minister

8407 9068

nick@speyer.id.au

Vicki Carter

Office Manager

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9489 4793

office@waitaraanglican.com.au

Victoria Cameron

Children's Ministry Assistant

0404 626 431

vic.cameron@gmail.com

Richard Speyer

Children's Ministry Assistant

0433 883 892

richard.speyer@gmail.com

Church Wardens

David Cameron: 0414 958 111

Colin McKay: 0448 977 926

Mark Carpenter: 0414 994 775



Happy Birthday! ☺

Voara Shin	28 Dec
Elias Cameron	30 Dec
Owen Cameron	30 Dec
Joseph Shin	1 Jan
Eric Ning	1 Jan
Romaine John	5 Jan
Nick Speyer	8 Jan
Belinda Steward	9 Jan

Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world ... many who are first will be last, and the last first." (Matthew 19:28,30. ESV)

O Creator God: We await the renewal of all that you have made, when you establish your Kingdom in its perfect order, here on earth. Prepare us for that day! Give us humble, merciful hearts, thankful for your grace toward us, and seeking to serve with deeds of love that point to you! Amen.

Prayers

Pray for Ashraf Ghani, just re-elected as President of Afghanistan. Pray for that country to enjoy increasing peace under the current government.

Pray for our police as they seek to protect us over the summer months. Pray for Ku-ring-gai area local Command.

Pray for Ministry of Game, for those who lead this ministry and for those who attend. Pray for effective gospel witness through this group.

Pray for those with heavy volunteer loads here at church, especially for the chance to have a break over the holiday season.

Pray for those across the world who are celebrating Christmas as displaced persons. Pray for an avenue to open up whereby they might find settlement.

Pray for Jodi Chapman and children as this Christmas is celebrated without Bruce. Pray for God's ongoing care of that family, and for the grief to heal.

Giving

If you would like to give to God's work at Waitara Anglican, the direct deposit details are as follows:

Account Name:

All Saints Anglican Church, Waitara - General Fund

Bank Details:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

BSB number:

062 181

Account Number:

10006018

Details or description:

Please indicate which service you attend (8.30, 10, 5, or 6.45) Gifts for specific ministries (e.g. Building, CMS, loan repayments etc.) or purposes can also be identified in the description field.

Offertory update (Jan-Nov)

Budget YTD	Actual YTD
\$228,750	\$225,818

2020 Appeal (at Dec 5th)

Donations are now at
\$104,230 including \$50k pledge