

THE CEDAR CENTRE

Birkdale Beach Haven Anglican Church

GROWING IN FAITH GIVING IN SERVICE GOING IN LOVE



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BIRKDALE & BEACH HAVEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Welcome to worship at The Cedar Centre
We pray that you will be refreshed in the
presence of God.

Newsletter for 15th December 2019

READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-10 and Matthew 11:2-11

SENTENCE:

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God." *Isaiah 35:3-4*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:
strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees,
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,
so that our hearts may rejoice, as we behold the majesty of our God.

We ask this through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Transforming and sustaining love

The Cedar Centre exists for the transformation of individuals and communities through Christ centred worship, prayer, compassion and service

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

From Craig's desk.....

If you've been reading the newsletter and the weekly emails carefully you will have noticed that we are offering two Christmas Services this year. You may also have wondered what on earth *Midnight at 7* means. Earlier in the year vestry reviewed our December outreach events and Christmas services. It was noted that attendance at the 11pm Christmas Eve service and the 8am Christmas Day services had declined markedly in recent years. We were also aware how busy everyone is during December and how many extra events people are expected to attend during this season. We decided to focus on one outreach event – Carols in the Park – so that we were not stretched too thin and asking too much of people who are already busy.

But we also decided to offer a Christmas service at 7pm on Christmas Eve that would have some of the atmosphere of a midnight service and incorporate some aspects of the Carols by Glowstick events that we have run in previous years. We will black out the church windows and there will be glowsticks and candles. This will be a service that will be suitable for families with young children as well as those who are used to attending a service at night on Christmas Eve.

Whichever service you choose to attend this Christmas we pray that you will experience the wonder of the incarnation anew as we celebrate the birth of Christ and remember that he is Immanuel – God with us. But first I hope to see you all at 4.30pm this afternoon in Opaketai Gardens as we invite the local community to *Come and see*.

Grace and peace, Craig

PROGRAMMES TODAY

Cedar Kids - with Alison in Chelsea rooms (last day for 2019)

Cedar Youth - with Jordan in the foyer

Parents with pre-schoolers Chelsea Room 1 will be open. There is no programme however you are welcome to make yourself at home. There are plenty of toys

OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all involved in the outreach event “come and See” today in Beach haven. Pray that the event will run smoothly and that hearts will be touched and changed by the Christmas message.

TODAY

“Let us Go and See” Christmas Pageant and Christmas Carol sing-a-long. 4.30pm today in Opaketai Garden (beside General Public Café) Please come and support the team.

Next Week

Sunday 22nd December - 8am and 10am communion

Christmas Services - 24th Dec Midnight at 7pm.

25th Dec 10am Family Communion only (No 8am)

29th Dec, 5th Jan and 12th Jan - 9.30 Family Communion only

19th Jan back to normal services 8am & 10am

REGULAR PROGRAMMES AND THE TEAM

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

10AM CONTEMPORARY FAMILY SERVICE

- Cedar Kids for children 5 to 10 years
- Elevate for Youth 11+ years

MAINLY MUSIC (For Babies, Toddlers and Parents)

TUESDAY 9.15AM (During School Term)

Cost \$4.00 per session (Held in Chelsea Rooms)

SPACE (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education)

Contact Janice Dowle (09) 419 1231 for next intake

OP SHOP—NEW BEGINNINGS

16 SUNNYHAVEN AVE, BEACH HAVEN SHOPPING CENTRE

Mon-Thur 10-4.30 (Fri 10-4.30) Sat. 10.30-1.30

Serving the community by offering good quality pre-loved clothing and goods at affordable prices.

SELWYN SENIORS (Fun and Fellowship)

THURSDAY 9.30AM - NOON (Held in Foyer)

THE HAVEN (YOUTH - Intermediate & High School)

Our Youth Programme is held weekly on Saturdays. To find out what's going on, check out our website or The Haven Facebook page.
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