

Christmas 2022 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

Photo: Heritage NZ, Old St Pauls' Staff

We are looking forward to welcoming you, your family, and friends, to our much-loved **Annual Family Christmas Carol Service**, on **Tuesday 6 December, 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm**. The Wellington Combined Society of Bellringers will begin ringing the bells at 5.45 pm until 6.15 pm, and the Church doors will open for entry at 6.00 pm. The service will be led by Canon Katie Lawrence, acting Dean of Wellington Cathedral, and this year's marvellous musicians will be the Hutt City Brass Band and the Bach Choir of Wellington, with Music Director Shawn Condon, <http://bachchoirwellington.org.nz/about-the-choir>

The Friends' Carol Service is specially tailored for families, so we are looking forward to welcoming you and your own small angels. See more at: <https://visitheritage.co.nz/whats-on/friends-of-old-st-pauls-christmas-carol-service>

Our Carol Services have a long-standing FOSP Christmas tradition of bringing **pantry goods** to donate to charity. This year gifts will go to the Wellington City Mission, for their new Social Supermarket to support families in need. The Social Supermarket, based at the City Mission Centre in Newtown, offers people the dignity of choice and helps develop shopping skills. Rather than getting a set food parcel, shoppers can fill a trolley with goods they really need, or their family like.

You may have seen a recent Stuff article: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/130414630/the-supermarkets-where-everything-is-free?> Set up in partnership with Foodstuffs North Island, this is such a wonderful innovation, more are being set up in other centres.

Please do give as generously as you are able, as we would love to send City Missioner Murray Edridge away with a full car of goodies. And do consider adding a special Christmas treat!

Old St Paul's Property Lead, Tamara Patten, and her talented team will soon have the Christmas tree up and the church beautifully decorated. So do pop in to admire and to check out the array of lovely gifts, decorations, and cards in the shop.

The church is open every day, including weekends, but you might also see them at the upcoming Thorndon Fair.

For those with small tamariki, or young-at-heart grown-ups, Old St Paul's will be celebrating Christmas with a special film showing of "The Grinch" at 6 pm on 10 December: <https://visitheritage.co.nz/whats-on/christmas-film-screening-for-kids>

After a long break, it is exciting to see cruise ships sailing back into Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Wellington Harbour. Tamara and her staff are delighted that Old St Paul's is once again increasingly busy with both local and overseas tourists, as well as cruise ship visitors, now regularly arriving.



During Heritage Week this November, the Wellington Embroidery Guild ran two special weekend workshops at Old St Paul's.

Here is a little glimpse of an exciting embroidery project being undertaken for the church, of which you will hear more in the New Year!

Thank you for your support this past year and a special thank you to all who have sent us your email address. Going electronic means significant cost savings and enables us to quickly update you with news and exciting events at Old St Paul's. Please feel free to share this newsletter with family and friends and do bring them to the Carol Service to help us celebrate the magical atmosphere of Christmas at Old St Paul's.

If you have received this newsletter by post and would like to move to e-mail, please do get in touch with FOSP Secretary Carla - membership@friendsofoldstpauls.org.nz

With the Friends' Committee, I wish you and your families a happy and blessed Christmas and summer break. We look forward to seeing you at Old St Paul's on 6 December at the Christmas Carol Service.

Ngā mihi nui,

Elizabeth Kay, Chair

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