

We extend a warm welcome to you on this beautiful Sabbath morning. If you are visiting us for the first time, we pray that your time with us will be blessed as we worship together. Feel free to visit with us again.

## Today at Waitara Church

### Sabbath, 25 December 2021

SABBATH SCHOOL - 09:20am

Song Service	118 - 124 - 122	Song Team/Musicians
Welcome & Prayer		Patience Muechechesi
Mission Feature		Pre-recorded by Ana Slame
Offering & Hymn	Go, Tell It On the Mountain	No. 121
Bible Study	The Resurrection of Moses	Barend Nieuwstraten

DIVINE SERVICE - 11:00am

Announcements & Welcome		Gayl Fong
1st Song	Angels We Have Heard on High	No. 142
2nd Song	O Come, All Ye Faithful	No. 132
Scripted Reading		Reader 1
3rd Song	Silent Night, Holy Night	No. 143
Scripted Reading		Reader 2
Special Item	I'd Sing You a Song	Edric/Kids Choir
Scripted Reading		Reader 3
Special Item	Mary Did You Know	Julia Gonzales
Offering	Local Church Budget	Denis Carey
Special Item	What Child Is This/Coventry Carol	Kaysie
Main Prayer		Denis Carey
Scripture Reading	Matthew 1:20-21	Chilufya Chileshe
Sermon	What does it mean for you?	Pr Josh Gonzales
Hymn of Dedication	Joy to the World	No. 125
Benediction		Pr Josh Gonzales
Benediction Song	Now Unto Him	On screen

#### FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS

Next Sabbath TBA

## Devotional Thought

*It was the sight of Bethlehem that inspired Phillips Brooks, an Episcopalian priest, to write the lyrics of O Little Town of Bethlehem. But beyond the pretty rhyme, what does "... the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight" actually mean?*

*Hope and fear are two illogical emotions we all feel as human beings. Both are felt in anticipation of something -- either good or bad --happening. The feelings then motivate us to act in a certain way. We either move away from (fear) or we move towards (hope). Think of all the things that you have worried about and stressed over then think of all the things you have hoped for. Our whole lives are made up of this back and forth tension between fear and hope, the feelings of panic and reassurance. This Christmas we celebrate God's perfect timing, that at the birth of His son, Emmanuel, these two powerful driving forces collided.*

*We thank God who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..." to address all our fears and hope. We thank God for Jesus, because He is the only one who can truly help us conquer our fears and give us a hope that can sustain us.*

## Waitara Family Announcements!

### Prayer Ministry

- Sabbath morning prayer meeting from 8:45am - 9:15am on Zoom or in person in the Teens SS classroom.
- Wednesday night prayer meeting please see Prayer Ministry Invitation below. We welcome your prayer requests. Email to: [prayer.ministry@waitarachurch.org.au](mailto:prayer.ministry@waitarachurch.org.au)
- Youth Intercessory Prayer: Mondays 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Messenger)

### Prayer Ministry Invitation

Please join us on Zoom for Wednesday night special prayers. Jesus prayed frequently and consistently. Not for Himself, but for others. Let us emulate His example, to receive His blessings!

### 22 December to 19 January 2022

Pr Barend's Genesis Bible Studies will be on hold. In its place will be special prayers with focus on:

Praise  
Repent  
Ask  
Yield

### Sabbath School Offering Schedule:

4 Dec - Mission	1 Jan - Mission
11 Dec - Mission & Asian Aid	8 Jan - Mission & Asian Aid
18 Dec - Mission	15 Jan - Mission
25 Dec - Mission	22 Jan - Mission
	29 Jan - Mission

On Zoom from 7:30 - 8:00pm

Wednesdays Special Prayer Meeting

22 Dec to 19 Jan  
Time: 7:30pm to 8:00pm

Zoom link - Meeting ID: 635 245 706  
Password: 2300C

ALL ARE WELCOME

We value and appreciate all your prayer requests.  
Please send to: [prayer.ministry@waitarachurch.org.au](mailto:prayer.ministry@waitarachurch.org.au)

Prayer Format

- Praise
- Repent
- Ask
- Yield

### General Conference Prayer Invitation 2022

1) **1st QUARTER DAY OF PRAYER** - January 1st 2022  
Topic - Praying The Three Angels' Messages  
Quarterly Days of Prayer - Materials | Revival & Reformation  
([revivalandreformation.org](http://revivalandreformation.org))

2) **TEN DAYS OF PRAYER** - 5th - 15th January 2022  
THEME: Three Angels call to Prayer  
<https://tendaysofprayer.org>

### Next Week's Offering:

**Sunset Times:**  
(times are approximate)

Local Church Budget  
Tonight at 8:06pm  
Next Friday at 8:08pm