**** Lindisfarne Bulletin **18th December 2016, 4th Sunday in Advent.**

**Prayer Topic:**

*Lord, we thank you for sending your only son to be in our midst. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ today. You are the reason for this season. Remind us that Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives, if only we’ll let him be. We are truly blessed to know your love.*

**SUNDAY DUTIES**

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| **SUNDAY** | **18th December** | **25th December** | **1st January** | **8th January**  |  **15th January** | **22nd January** | **29th January** |
| **DOOR AND****WELCOME** | Keith & CarolMcKenzie | Daphne and Neil Salter | Evelyn & Neil Cruickshank | Mags KellyDot Anderson | C. McDonaldTony Weston | Bryon & Dorothy King | C.ClearwaterChristine Frame |
| **VAN DRIVER** | Daphne Salter | Ian Findlay | Eddie Bremer | Bryon King | Murray Gibbs | Ian Findlay | TBA |
| **FLOWERS**  | Raewyn Birss | Betty Snell | Mags Kelly | Ita Safole | Beatrice Croft | Dorothy King | Nicol Macfarlane |
| **MORNING TEA** | Glenys & Ian Findlay | No Morning Tea | Bryon & Dorothy King | Keith & Carol McKenzie | Carolyn McD.Judith Day | Neil & Daphne Salter | Susanne StaplesSharon Taylor |

**COMMUNION**: 1st January Stephanie Fannin and Carolyn McDonald

**CENTRE DUTIES**

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| **WEEK** | **Dec.19-Dec.25** | **Dec.26-Jan.1**  | **Jan.2-Jan.8** | **Jan.9-Jan.15** | **Jan.16-Jan.22** | **Jan.23-Jan. 29** | **Jan30.- Feb 5** |
| **LAWNS** | Eddie Bremer | Findlay Collie | Bryon King | Murray Gibbs | Ian Findlay | Lester Dean | Neil Salter |
| **SECURITY** | Margaret Brass | C. McCulloch | Bryon King | Murray Gibbs | Hartley Hare | Joe Wilson | Daphne Salter. |
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| **LINDISFARNE CALENDAR** | **Church Picnic and Sanctuary Visit As is our tradition we will have a picnic on the last Sunday in January.**  **It will be held at Collie's residence 91 Dunns Road, Otatara. Following the picnic there will be a visit to the Bushhaven Bird Sanctuary.**Full details will again be in the Bulletin for 22nd January.Affordables and Lindisfarne Office HolidaysThe Lindisfarne Office closed last Friday 16th December.Affordables will close on Wednesday 21st DecemberThey will both reopen on Monday 16th January 7610269578_4017bb001d_z[1]**Last Chance before Christmas**Today is your last chance to buy a Lindisfarne Methodist Church pen to give to a friend for Christmas. $2.50 for one, $ 4.50 for two, $10.00 for five pens. Bulletins for December and JanuaryThis is the final Bulletin for this year. The first Bulletin for 2017 will be for Sunday 22nd January and will be prepared on Thursday 19th January. **Notices to Margaret** by noon of the 19th January please. |
| Tuesday 20th December | 2.00pm | Study Group. |
| Saturday 24th | 7.00pm | Christmas Eve Service with Reverend Peter Taylor. |
| Christmas Day | **9.30am**1.00pm1.00pm | Christmas Day Service with Reverend Peter Taylor.Tongan Service. Fijian Service. |
| Sunday 1st January | 10.00am1.00pm | Lindisfarne Service with Reverend Peter Taylor.Tongan Service. \ **No Parish Lunch** |
| Saturday 7th | 7.00pm | Private Booking. |
| Sunday 8th | 10.00am1.00pm1.00pm2.00pm | Lindisfarne Service with Reverend Peter Taylor.Tongan Service.Fijian Service.Peacehaven Service with Reverend Peter Taylor. |
| Sunday 15th | 10.00am1.00pm | Lindisfarne Service with Reverend Peter Taylor.Tongan Service. |
| Sunday 22nd | 10.00am1.00pm1.00pm | Lindisfarne Service with Reverend Peter Taylor.Tongan Service.Fijian Service. |
| Tuesday 24th | 7.00pm | Worship and Education Committee |
| Sunday 29th  | 10.00am1.00pm | Lindisfarne Service with Reverend Peter Taylor.After the service, our picnic at Collies' followed by a visit to Bushhaven Bird Sanctuary.Tongan Service. |
| Tuesday 31st  | 7.00pm | Parish Council. |

Congratulations

**Carla Werder** has received a Kiwibank Local Hero Award. Carla is especially involved with programmes and activities for girls.

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75th Anniversary

 Observed last week was a significant anniversary of a world changing event that many older readers, including this writer, will recall. Seventy five years ago on Sunday the 7th December 1941, without warning, the Imperial Japanese Navy and Air Force bombed Pearl Harbour in the Hawaiian Islands, resulting in the sinking and destruction of a major number of the American Naval ships and aircraft and the loss of many lives. News of this treachery was received with a mixture of horror and relief in the British Empire which until then had "stood alone". Horror at the cowardly attack but relief because America would now be involved in the conflict. The next day, President Roosevelt addressed a joint session of Congress, declaring war on Japan, and he began with the immortal sentence "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 - a date that will live in infamy- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." It would be four terrible years before the conflict was resolved. An odd little story about President Roosevelt's transport to the Capitol from the White House for the event has surfaced. The F.B. I. realised that the presidential limousine was now inadequately protected and urgent action was required. Some time previously, the notorious gangster Al Capone had been convicted, and included in the reparations was his heavily armoured car which had been confiscated and which now proved to be suitable for presidential protection. When told about his new car, F.D.R. was reported as saying, "I hope Mr. Capone doesn't mind".