

# Lindisfarne Bulletin

The Invercargill Parish of the  
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Third Sunday in Advent

## Sunday 14th December 2014

10.00am: Lindisfarne Service with the Choir.

1.00pm: Tongan Service.

1.00pm: Fijian Service.

2.00pm: Peacehaven Service with  
Murray and Joan Farley



## Prayer:

*Dear Lord, as we contemplate the Christmas star, we thank you  
for the gift of Jesus, our bright Morning Star, to guide and  
enlighten us.*

*Help us as we endeavour to reflect that same light, and lead  
others to see you as their Star and Guide.*

## Lindisfarne Calendar

Sunday 14th December	10.00am 1.00pm 1.00pm 2.00pm	Lindisfarne Service led by the Choir. Tongan Service. Fijian Service. Peacehaven Service with Murray and Joan Farley.
Monday 15th	7.30pm	North Inner Wheel.
Tuesday 16th		See note opposite regarding Preachers Meeting.
Thursday 18th	9.00am 7.00pm	Parish Stewards and Minister. Preachers Meeting.
Sunday 21st December.	10.00am 1.00pm	Lindisfarne Service with Reverend Peter Taylor. Tongan Service.

## Holiday Hours

The Lindisfarne Office will be closed from Monday 22nd  
December. It will reopen on Monday 19th January.

Affordables shop will close at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 17th  
December. It will reopen on Monday 19th January.

## Meals on Wheels

Co-ordinator David Squire reminds us that our next week for  
Meals on Wheels commences tomorrow Monday 15th December.

## Carolling

The Choir and the Pastoral Care team would love to have you join them on Tuesday 16th December as they go carolling.



Meet at the Salters, 3 Mitchell Street, ready for a 6.30 pm start. We will share cars and supper.

## Preachers Meeting.

Preachers please note that, because of a double commitment, Reverend Peter has asked that the Preachers Meeting now be on Thursday 18th December at 7.00pm.

## Was This the Christmas Star?



Chinese astronomers recorded a new star in the constellation Capricorn in March--April of 5 B.C. which was visible for over 70 days. This new star could have been a nova (short for the Latin nova stella = "new star"). A nova is caused by a white dwarf gathering enough material, usually from a nearby companion in a binary system, on to its surface to raise the surface pressure high enough for a thermonuclear explosion. The white dwarf's increase in brightness may be a factor of 10,000 to over one million. The increase to peak brightness is very rapid, within a few days, while the fading away to invisibility usually takes a few months. The new star observed by the Chinese would have appeared in the east several hours before sunrise (remember Matthew 2:2 "...we observed his star at its rising").

## ROSTER FOR SUNDAY DUTIES

SUNDAY	December 14th	December 21st	December 28th	January 4th
<b>DOOR AND WELCOME</b>	Alakoka, Sete and Ben Maka	Judith Stevens Fay Brown	Verna Eason Raewyn Birss	Ita and Runi Safole
<b>VAN DRIVER</b>	Daphne Salter	Eddie Bremer	Sharon Taylor	Ron Taylor
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Mags Kelly	Raewyn Birss	Beatrice Croft	Ita Safole
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	Betty Snell Mags Kelly	Verna Eason Raewyn Birss	Stephanie Fannin Sharon Taylor	Judith Stevens Fay Brown
<b>NOTICES</b>	Eddie Bremer	Betty Snell	Carol McKenzie	Eddie Bremer
<b>CRECHE</b>	School Holidays		School Holidays	
<b>KIDS KLUB</b>	Carol McKenzie Neil Salter		School Holidays	

## CENTRE DUTIES

WEEK OF	LAWNS	SECURITY
December 15th - December 21st	Lester Dean	Cam McCulloch
December 22nd - December 28th	Eddie Bremer	Daphne Salter
December 29th - January 4th	Ron Taylor	Ron Taylor
January 5th - January 11th	Nicol Macfarlane	Tony Weston

## SOME INVERCARGILL PARISH KEY PERSONNEL

<b>Minister</b>	Reverend Peter Taylor 216-0281	
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Verna Eason	
<b>Parish Stewards</b>	Carol McKenzie, Betty Snell & Eddie Bremer	
<b>Parish Council Chairman</b>	Reverend Peter Taylor	<b>Treasurer</b> David Little
<b>Parish Council-Congregational Representatives</b>	Margaret Brass Nicol Macfarlane Mags Kelly	
<b>Prayer Chain Co-ordinators</b>	Joan and Murray Farley.	
<b>Bulletin Editors</b>	Peter Lankshear Margaret Brass	
<b>Affordables Shop Manager</b>	Carolyn	