

Unity Apostles Church of New Zealand

December 2016 to January 2017

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Christ Born of Mary Matthew 1:18-25: The Nativity:

The fulfilment of the prophecies of the Old Testament prophets

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

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Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

This fulfilled the promise given Ezekiel 34:23 *“And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David: he shall feed them and he shall be their shepherd.”* The gentile nations were drawn to this great blessing some days later, when the wise men from the East followed the star – Matthew 2:9 *“When they had heard the king, they departed: and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.”* They worshipped Him and gave gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and so fulfilled the prophecy given 1500 years before – Numbers 24:17 *“I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel.”* As we share the love of this festival, let us remember the Love of God extends to our whole life – John 1:12 *“But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”* Apostle C. Flor

We welcome into our communities up in Auckland and Hamilton the Riekert and Nel families from South Africa. It is our prayer that God will bless them as they continue on this new part of their journey. We also welcome the new daughter, Michaela of Brother Gerard and Sister Lindie Thomas from Christchurch. Young Zander must be so happy to have a new sister. We pray for many blessings, much joy and love to you all.



1886 Apostle **H F**
Niemeyer



1912 Apostle **Willy**
Niemeyer

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Christmas calls upon us to resist being swamped by social media and shopping etc, but stop and look again at the birth of Jesus with new eyes. In the Nativity, we see human dignity given and ensured for all. This common humanity calls us to live so that the common good of all members of society is ensured and that we give careful consideration to the plight of especially the poor and vulnerable in our time. Let us continue to pray without ceasing in word and deed to ensure this for all.

I thought of s story that combines the blessing of the birth of the Saviour with Christmas and what follows is an extract from an article published in the Waikato Times on 13 December 2016 about an incident in America.

Please feel free to read it

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/world/americas/87500040/terminally-ill-boy-dies-in-santas-arms>

Let us therefore in this time follow peace with all.

Some pictures of our final meeting in Hamilton for 2016.



Br Len and Br Ludwig



1929 Apostle Emil Zielke



1961 Apostle Arnold E.
Zielke

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Priest Rey and our members visiting from Auckland for the day.



1961 Apostle Arnan
Niemeyer



1977 Apostle Alrbyn

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Some of the children.



Sister Hannah



Br Faffie



Our Star

Zischke



1990 Apostle Clif Flor



1990 Apostle Ken
Dargusch

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The Brothers and the Braai



2008-2010
District-Evangelist
John Weder



The sisterhood



2010 -2015
District-Evangelist
Theo van der Nest

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Sister Eullah and “Ouma” Tadena-the best cook in NZ



District Elder P Vorster
(2015-Present)



Elder having a chat with the brothers



Sister Michelle with Marichelle

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Elder with the brothers



Sister Lynnro

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Br Donovan and Marcus



The Sisters



Br Brandon



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Sunday Divine Service:

- Hamilton – Saint James-82 Nixon Street, Hamilton-East: Time : 6:00PM:
- Auckland – Saint Joseph’s-1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, North Shore, Auckland: Time : 2:00PM
- Christchurch – Saint Ninian’s- 9 Puriri street: 6:00PM

Divine Services are conducted in English, Afrikaans, Tagalog

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Weekly Community Bible Study Evenings

Every Tuesday evening in Auckland and Wednesday evening in Hamilton there is a Bible and Prayer meeting at the homes of the Officers. Contact any of us if you wish to attend.

Our community’s services include the dispensing of the following Holy Sacraments:

- Holy Baptism
- Holy Communion
- Holy Sealing

Other services include confirmation, prayers, weekly Divine Services, monthly Church Newsletter and Quarterly, Blessing of marriage, Church Magazine, Understanding Our Faith Books and Catechisms.

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<u>2016 Year Programme</u>	Teaching (...) means from that verse onwards	
<u>December Teaching</u>	2016 Christmas Pastoral	Pastoral
December 25	Christmas Festival-Home Service	



Christmas in Hamilton New Zealand