

St. Michael & ALL ANGELS, NEWPORT Network

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why **Jesus** is better than **SANTA!!**

Santa lives at the North Pole ★ *Jesus is everywhere.*

Santa rides on a sleigh ★ *Jesus rides on the wind and walks on the water.*

Santa comes but once a year ★ *Jesus is our ever present help.*

Santa fills your stockings with goodies ★ *Jesus supplies all your needs.*

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited ★ *Jesus stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.*

You have to wait in line to see Santa ★ *Jesus is as close as the mention of his name.*

Santa lets you sit on his lap ★ *Jesus lets you rest in His arms.*

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?" ★ *Jesus knew our name even before we were born. Not only does He know our name, He knows our addresses too, He knows our history and future. He even knows how many hairs are on our head.*

Santa has a belly like a bowlful of jelly ★ *Jesus has a heart full of love.*

All Santa can offer is "HO, HO, HO" ★ *Jesus offers health, help and hope.*

Santa says "You'd better not cry" ★ *Jesus says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."*

Santa's little helpers make toys ★ *Jesus makes new life, mends wounded hearts, and repairs broken homes and builds mansions.*

Santa may make you chuckle, ★ *but Jesus gives you joy that is your strength.*

While Santa puts gifts under your tree... ★ *Jesus became our gift and He died on a tree... The cross!*

We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, Jesus is still the reason for the season!

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Our Greatest Need

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer

But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior

Here at St. Michael & All Angels we exist to...

Love God and His people

Make disciples by
proclaiming the Good
News of Jesus Christ

Mature together while
serving Christ.

Sentence

O people in Zion who dwell at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. The Lord will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; he will cause his majestic voice to be heard. Isaiah 30:19a,30b

Collect

Almighty God, we pray that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered through your guidance that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Archbishop's Prayer

Our Gracious God, we pray that you will help us to proclaim our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, so that everyone around us will hear his call to repent, trust and serve Christ in love, and be established in the fellowship of his disciples, while we await his return. May we continue to pray, to depend on your Holy Spirit, and glorify you. Amen.


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Farewell Jade, Chris, Zac, Noah & Madison

It is with tears of joy and sadness that our St Michael's family farewell Jade, Chris, Zac, Noah & Madison Barr from Newport to their new adventure in the Southern highlands because we know that wherever they go God will bless each of them and guide them into new friendships and ministries and they will continue to bring hope and love and joy into the hearts of many. But, we will miss them so much! We will miss the love they share so willingly, their endless enthusiasm always reaching out into our community in so many ways. Our children will miss their beautiful teacher at church and Friday club, and we will all miss the smiling and encouraging faces of the entire Barr family. We would like to take this opportunity Chris, Jade, Zac, Noah and Maddi to thank you so much for your love and endless support and we can't wait for your regular visits to us and the boat!



ONLY 20 DAYS TO DEPARTURE!!

We are almost moved out of our place in Newport – now we will be living out of suitcases for the next few months. Please pray that we can find a company to freight our boxes to Madagascar at a reasonable price and that our belongings will get to the desired destination in tact. We also have much to organise between now and when we go so pray that we don't get too overwhelmed and that God would be working out all the finer details. Praise God for the help and the strength He has provided us with so far!

BINS BINS BINS

BLUE TOP BIN: For paper and cardboard ONLY

NOT food scraps, NOT plastic glasses, NOT used disposable plates NOT pizza boxes, NOT plastic communion cups etc etc

RED TOP BIN: All other stuff.

Please read the labels on the bins – if you cannot read, ask a friend to help you!! Thanks Tug



Christmas SERVICES

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th

8am – Holy Communion

5pm – “Christmas for Children”

11.30pm – Holy Communion

(Note: On Sunday, 24th December there will be no service at 10am but there will be a service at 5pm.)

Christmas Day: Monday 25th

7.00am – Holy Communion

9.00am – Family Service

Thankyou

Carol Drew and all who worked on our 10 year celebration lunch. It was a lovely thought and very much appreciated by Heather and myself. Peter.



Prayer List

Diane Bezer, Max Wrench,
Sally Bailey, Jenny Morris,
Thomas Woodley, Rosemary &
Frank Spence, Glenn Milham