

Christmas in St Heliers

December 1 – December 21
City Mission Collection – Feel free to leave toys and gifts to be donated to City Mission with at Harcourts St Heliers, 413 Tamaki Drive. Let's help make less fortunate children happy this Christmas!

Live Music – St Heliers will be hosting live music and entertainment on Saturdays during December to add to the Christmas atmosphere.

December 1
BBC Jazzmen playing around St Heliers, 10am to 2pm.

St Heliers School Raffle plus Christmas treats for sale and a face painter.

December 8
Mary Livingston Singing 11am-2pm.

St Heliers School Raffle continues, with Christmas treats for sale and a face painter.

December 15
St Heliers Presbyterian Church and Community Centre Christmas Nativity

story and Christmas carols, 10am-12.30pm. Children welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds and wise men.

December 16
Carols by Candlelight
St Heliers Primary School.

December 22
The Happy Chapple
10.30am to 1.30pm.

Christmas Story time
in the library with Santa, 10-10.30am.

Santa will do a walk-about around the village after story time.

December 24
Christmas Eve
Sepia Tones band 10.30am-1.00pm.

Free Gift Wrapping

During month of December
Unichem Pharmacy and the Bay Chemist will be offering free Christmas wrapping for all purchases made within these stores.

Simply the best

Not even the exacting regime of opening seven days for lunch and dinner can persuade her to take a break – she says she's all too aware that any restaurant is only as good as its last meal. It is with this in mind that she welcomes acclaimed chef and food show judge Solomon Shad to the team and, under his direction, has made some timely adjustments to the regular menu.

She remains completely a hands-on operator who, these days, leaves the kitchen in "much more experienced hands than mine" – somewhat of an understatement because Susan, always a competent and creative cook, actually trained as a chef at AUT after she bought the business.

However, though she has virtually abandoned the kitchen, except in dire emergencies, she remains a Wellington restaurateur and was a

judge at this year's Culinary Fare in Auckland, has added to the menu several new dishes with a rich, festive note. They include:

Entrée – *Duck and Orange Liver* Pâté served with slices of grilled ciabatta bread.

Mains – *Pistachio Roasted Baby Poussin* served with creamy mash potatoes drizzled with sage and mushroom sauce then finished with seasonal greens.

Rack of Lamb served on Kumara mash, topped with onion and tomato confit and summer salad, finished with rosemary port wine reduction.

Marinated Venison Medallions pan-seared and served with roasted capsicums, marquise potatoes and redcurrant and port wine jus.

The restaurant, perfectly located on Tamaki Drive with lovely water views, is renowned for its regular food and wine match evenings and is also a back-to-back winner of HANZ Beef and Lamb Excellence Awards in 2005 and 2006.

Open seven days for lunch and dinner, Annabelle's will also open for brunch/lunch (11am-4pm) on Christmas Day, but bookings are filling fast.

For all enquiries call, Annabelle's Restaurant on the Bay, 411 Tamaki Drive, St Heliers, Ph 575-5239

