



1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Today's Service:

Preaching: Rev Simon Falconer Presiding: Rev Simon Falconer

9am Eucharist in Church

10:30am Eucharist in Hall with Young

Persons Ministry

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16 Psalm 25:1 - 9

1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13

Luke 21:25 - 36

Next Week:

9am Eucharist in Church

10:30am Eucharist in Hall with Young

Persons Ministry.

Next Sunday's - Readings

Malachi 3:1 - 4 Luke 1:68 - 79 Philippians 1:3 - 11

Luke 3:1 - 6

There will be morning tea after the 9am service and la shared morning tea after the 10:30am service this Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

This Week:

Monday 2 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

Tuesday 3 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel 2:00pm Bible Study 1/25 Ward Street

Wednesday 4 December

7:00 am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thursday 5 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

10:00am - Noon On Top Thursday In the Hall

Friday 6 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

Collect for this week:

Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life; Come, living Saviour come to your world which waits for you. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

This week's lectionary readings and prayer suggestions:

Let us pray for St John's new Sunday service as it is developed/created.

Monday 2 December

Isaiah 2:1 - 5 Psalm 122

Matthew 8:5 - 11

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for Bishop Justin Duckworth and Bishop Ana Fletcher.

Anglican Missions: Today we pray for the people of Samoa and in particular the staff and clergy of the Diocese of Polynesia.

Parish: We pray for the Parish wardens and the Vestry.

Tuesday 3 December

Isaiah 11:1 - 10

Psalm 72:1 - 4, 19 - 20

Luke 10:21 - 24

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for all the ordinands as they start their role in serving in their ministries.

Anglican Missions: Today we pray for the people of Tonga and in particular the staff and clergy of the Diocese of Polynesia.

Parish: We pray for our Whanau, that they either can come to know Christs love for them or develop a deeper faith.

Wednesday 4 December

Isaiah 25:6 - 10a

Psalm 23

Matthew 15:29 - 37

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for David and Maria Cross and their children as they visit communities in Manilla.

Anglican Missions: Today we pray for those in communities who are especially vulnerable, and for all those who support them

Parish: We pray for our Parish clergy.

Thursday 5 December

Isaiah 26:1 - 6

Psalm 118:18 - 27a

Matthew 7:21, 24 - 27

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for Common

Grace Aotearoa as they gather

submissions on the Treaty Principles Bill.

Anglican Missions: Today we pray for those swept over by natural disasters, and for those who extend their hands to

pick them back up.

Parish: We pray for Parish children & young people and their families.

Friday 6 December

Isaiah 29:17 - end

Psalm 27:1 - 4. 16 - 17

Matthew 9:27 - 31

Diocesan Prayer: We pray for all the

Parishes with vacancies. That the right

person will be called to lead them

Anglican Missions: Today we pray for the Anglican Church in Melanesia, which

includes Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and New Caledonia.

Parish: We pray for everyone who is sick at present and those with underlining

medical issues.

Saturday 7 December

Isaiah 30:19 - 21, 23 - 26

Psalm 146:5 - 9

Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 6 - 8

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for The Rev.

Paul Fletcher has been appointed Priest in

Charge at St Tom's in Newtown.

Anglican Missions: Today we pray for the

Sisters and Brothers of the many religious orders in the Anglican Church of

Melanesia.

Parish: We pray for those mourning the

death of a loved one.

Our Parish

A New Chapter for St John's: Uniting and Growing Together

Get ready for an exciting new season at St John's! In February next year, we're launching a refreshed Sunday morning worship service that will bring our parish together in a vibrant and inclusive way.

Starting at 10am, our inter-generational service will unite families, young and old, in the church, while our children's program (Godly Play) will offer meaningful spiritual education for our Tamariki.

This change sets the stage for growth, allowing us to better serve our community and welcome new families.

As we look to the future, we pray for and envision:

- A bustling creche for our littlest ones
- A dynamic youth group program for our teens
- A church overflowing with life, love, and laughter

This process is anchored in our values of faith, family and for others.

We're building for growth, and we invite you to be part of this journey.

Join us as we embark on this fresh expression of worship, embracing a bright future for St John's and keep an eye out for updates and opportunities to feedback.

This change is being led by Rev. Simon, Rev. Jessica, Judy, Kate, Shaun, Karen and Gavan.

A **9 Lessons, and Carol Service,** will be held **Sunday 15 December at 3pm** in the Church. Please bring a plate for a shared afternoon tea.

Special General Meeting 15 December

A short Special General Meeting of the Parish will be held on 15 December after the 9am service. We are seeking approval from this SGM to proceed with building a new vicarage on church land beside Smallfield Lane in early 2025, as proposed and recommended by the Vestry Vicarage Sub-committee. The Diocesan Board of Trustees has approved this proposal and Christian Savings Limited have offered a loan of \$250,000; we await approval from the Diocesan Council. Information about the recommendation will be distributed prior to the SGM for your consideration.

Bill Cater has a new address:

Room 11 Elderslea Rest Home 29 Redwood Street Upper Hutt

Phone: 022 4540764

Please update you directory with bill's details.

Susan Harris is now residing at Elderslea and has a new telephone number 04 526 7291.

From Scratch life group will be held on Tuesday evenings in the church, likely to be 7:00 to 8:30pm, probably fortnightly. If you are interested in joining please email Gavan O'Farrell (gavan.ofarrell1@gmail.com) if you are interested.

A reminder that we have a collection for the **Food Bank**, at the 9am service, so if

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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you would like to donate some food please leave it in the box at the door. They are very short of the following items: sugar, flour, corn, jam, rice, noodles, tea bags, beetroot, soap, soap powder.

Upcoming Diocesan Events:

- The Songs for the Road EP launch event on Saturday, December 7th, at 7:30 p.m., at St Augustine's Church in Petone. Join us as we celebrate the release of this music and share in an evening of prayer hospitality and worship. Drinks and light snacks will be provided.
- For more details go to https:// anglicanmovement.nz/upcoming-events.

Prayer for Our Children:

Lord, grow us as disciples of Jesus and help us make disciples of others.

We pray for Your church to grow, - especially for our children.

Bring them back into relationship with You.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Giving details

Parish of Trentham Bank Account ANZ 06 0773 0009875 00. Put name and 'Giving' as reference.

Envelopes for Giving

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