

#### 8 December 2024

# 2nd Sunday of Advent

## Welcome

**Today's Service:** 

Preaching: Rev Jess or Simon Falconer Presiding: Rev Jess or Simon Falconer

9am Eucharist in Church

10:30am Eucharist in Hall with Young

**Persons Ministry** 

4:00pm Vestry Meeting

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

Luke 3:1 - 6

**Next Week:** 

9am Eucharist in Church

10:30am Eucharist in Hall with Young

Persons Ministry.

Next Sunday's - Readings

Zephaniah 3:14 - 20 Isaiah 12:2 - 6 Philippians 4:4 - 7 Luke 3:17 - 18

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 9 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

**Tuesday 10 December** 

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

Wednesday 11 December

7:00 am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thursday 12 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

Friday 13 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

#### Collect for this week:

Praise and honour to you living God for John the Baptist, and for those voices crying in the wilderness who prepare your way. May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

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# This week's lectionary readings and prayer suggestions:

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

#### Monday 9 December

Isaiah 35

Psalm 85:7 - end

Luke 5:17 - 26

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

**Anglican Missions:** Today we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea as it faces challenges to the many communities it ministers to .

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

#### Tuesday 10 December

Isaiah 40:1 - 11

Psalm 96:1, 10 - end

Matthew 18:12 - 14

**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 education and educators in Papua New Guinea.

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

#### Wednesday 11 December

Isaiah 40:25 - end

Psalm 103:8 - 13

Matthew 11:28 - end

**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 the vouth and children of our Province -Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**Parish:** We pray for our Parish clergy.

#### Thursday 12 December

Isaiah 41:13 - 20

Psalm 145:1. 8 - 13

Matthew 11:11 - 15

**Diocesan Prayer**: Let us pray for Common

Grace Aotearoa as they gather submissions on the Treaty Principles Bill.

**Anglican Missions**: Today we pray for the staff and Board of Anglican Missions. We give thanks for the ongoing support of

**Parish**: We pray for Parish children &

young people and their families.

#### Friday 13 December

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Isaiah 48:17 - 19

Psalm 1

Matthew 11:16 - 19

**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 many people and organisations that make the work of Anglican Missions possible.

**Parish:** We pray for everyone who is sick at present and those with underlining medical issues.

### Saturday 14 December

2 Kings 2:9 - 12

Psalm 80:1 - 3, 17 - 18

Matthew 17:10 - 13

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for those considering going to the New Wine Festival.

Anglican Missions: Today we pray for Anglican Financial Care which has provided financial services for clergy and lay workers for almost 50 years.

**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.

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

Please remember that there is a **vestry** meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4pm.

Christmas Tree - if anyone would be able to put up the Christmas Tree in the Church before next Sunday 15 December can you please talk to Judy Harrison.

If you are able to **bring a resident** from Elderslea, Fergusson or Heretaunga Rest Homes to the Carol Service can you please contact Alice on 027 576 9786. There are potentially 12 or so parishioners. Also if you have anyone else that would love to join us if they had transport can you let Alice know.

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.

Vicarage update: The Special General Meeting that was advertised for the 15 December has been postponed until mid February. Look out in Early February for more information. This is partly due to the busyness of the season. In the spirit of Advent, we wait—with hope and anticipation.

Please join **Peter Marshall's** son as his **ashes will be interred** after the 9:00am service on Sunday 22nd December.

## **Christmas and Holiday Services:**

24 Dec, 10:45pm Christmas Eve Service in Church 25 Dec, 10am Christmas Day Service in Church

Sundays 31 December - 10am Eucharist in the Church 26 January inclusive

Bill Cater has a new address: Room 11 Elderslea Rest Home 29 Redwood Street, Upper Hutt

#### **Our Staff and Parish Leaders**

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#### Ministry Leadership Team:

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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 starting in the New Year. It 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 you would like to donate some food please leave it in the box at the door. 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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