

#### 22 December 2024

# 4th Sunday of Advent

### Welcome

**Today's Service:** 

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

9am 10:30am Eucharist in Church
Eucharist in Hall with Young

**Persons Ministry** 

Micah 5:2 - 5a Luke 1:47 - 55 Hebrews 10:5 - 10 Luke 1:39 - 45 **Next Week:** 

10am Eucharist in Church

Next Sunday's - Readings

1 Samuel 2:18 - 20, 26

Psalm 148

Colossians 3:12 - 17

Luke 2:41 - 52

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 23 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

1:00pm Alice Tourell's Funeral In Church

**Tuesday 24 December** 

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

10:45pm Christmas Eve Service in the Church

**Christmas Day** 

10:00am Christmas Day Service in Church

#### Collect for this week:

God, faithful and true, make us eager with expectation, as we look for the fulfilment of your promise in Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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 23 December

Malachi 3:1 - 4. 4:5 - end Psalm 25:3 - 9 Luke 1:57 - 66

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for Bishop

Justin Duckworth and Bishop Ana Fletcher.

**Anglican Missions:** Today we pray for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

**Parish:** We pray for the Parish wardens

and the Vestry.

## Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1 - 5, 8 - 11, 16 Psalm 89:2. 19 - 27 Acts 13:16 - 26

Luke 1:67 - 79

**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 Provinces of South East Asia and South Asia.

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

## Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day

Isaiah 9:2 - 7 Psalm 96

Titus 2:11 - 14

Luke 2:1 - 14

**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 clergy, churches and partner organisations of Central and Southern Africa.

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

### Thursday 26 December - St Stephen

2 Chronicles 24:17 - 22

Psalm 31:1 - 8

Acts 6:8 - 10: 7:54 - 60

Matthew 10:17 - 22

**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 church of Mozambique.

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

#### Friday 27 December - St John

Exodus 33:17 - 23

Psalm 97

1 John 1:1 - 5

John 21:20 - 25

**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 Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation, which provides incredible care to vulnerable children with special needs.

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

### Saturday 28 December - Holy Innocents

Jeremiah 31:15 - 20

Psalm 8

1 Corinthians 1:28 - 29

Matthew 2:13 - 18

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

Anglican Missions: Today we pray for Open minds and hearts to the new farming techniques Amlaku will bring to the villagers.

**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 communi- from after the service on Christmas Day ty 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 join **Peter Marshall's** son as his ashes will be interred after the 9:00am service on Sunday 22nd December.

Alice Tourell's funeral is to be held in the Church on Monday at 1pm. The service will be livestreamed so to access the livestream go to https://vimeopro.com/ withloveweremember/alicetourell

Rev Jess and Rev Simon are on leave until 21 January. In their absence can you please contact one of our wardens.

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From Scratch life group will be starting in the New Year, once people are back from the holidays. 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.

## **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

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

Vicars: Reverend Jessica Falconer 021 857 744

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#### Ministry Leadership Team:

Judy Harrison Shaun Killerby Karen Killerby Gavan O'Farrell Kate Horton

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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