



1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Today's Service:

Preaching: Kate Horton

Presiding: Rev Jess or Simon Falconer

10am Eucharist in Church with Godly Play

Isaiah 2:1 - 5 Psalm 122

Romans 13:11 - 14 Matthew 24:36 - 44 Next Week:

10am Eucharist in Church

Next Sunday's - Readings

Isaiah 11:1 - 10

Psalm 72:1 - 7, 18 - 19 Romans 15:4 - 13

Matthew 3:1 - 12

There will be morning tea after the service . Everyone is welcome.

This Week:

Monday 1 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel 5:00pm Recovery Dinner Falconers House

Tuesday 2 December

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

Wednesday 3 December

7:00 am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

2:00pm Summerset Rest Home Service

Thursday 4 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

Friday 5 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

Collect for this week:

Praise and honour to you living God; your coming will be like a thief in the night, like lightning flashing across the sky. Grant that we may be ready, and our hearts answer, Come Lord Jesus. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

This week's lectionary readings and prayer suggestions:

We pray for the church in Nigeria as they come under attack from rebels.

Monday - 1 December - St Andrew

Deuteronomy 30:11 - 14 Psalm 19:1 - 6

Romans 10:8 - 18

Matthew 4:18 - 22

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the

people, staff and clergy of Fiji. **Parish:** We pray for our Parish clergy: Jess,

Simon, Lance, Dave and Jeff.

Tuesday - 2 December

Isaiah 11:1 - 10

Psalm 72:1 - 4, 19 - 20

Luke 10:21 - 24

Diocesan Prayer: We pray for this years ordinands are they settle in to their new roles.

Anglican Missions: We pray the people of Samoa and American Samoa and in particular the staff and clergy in the

Archdeaconries

Parish: We pray for all those exploring their Faith and the church.

Wednesday - 3 December

Isaiah 25:6 - 10a

Psalm 23

Matthew 15:29 - 37

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for a vision - what is God leading us to do?.

Anglican Missions: We pray for the people of Tonga and in particular the staff and

clergy of the Tonga Episcopal Unit

Parish: We pray for our Church as we prepare for Christmas.

Thursday - 4 December

Isaiah 26:1 - 6

Psalm 118:18 - 27a

Matthew 7:21, 24 - 27

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for everyone who is in the fight against human trafficking and Modern Slavery.

Anglican Missions: We pray the Moana

Community of St Clare in Fiji, and all those

who are in similar communities that care for the vulnerable and marginalised

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

Friday - 5 December

experience peace.

Isaiah 29:17 - end

Psalm 27:1 - 4, 16 - 17

Matthew 9:27 - 31

Diocesan Prayer: We pray for the situation in Gaza, that the people can

Anglican Missions: 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 our young people:

Amber-Rose, Blayke, Mary, Selu, Tevita,
Lucy, Oliver, Luca, Theo, James, Mila,

Grace, Harley, Lincoln, Melody, Olivia, Juliette, Hannah, Willa and Stavina.

Saturday - 6 December

Isaiah 30:19 - 21, 23 - 26

Psalm 146:5 - 9

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

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for Danyon Morton-Chong who is ordained today.

Anglican Missions: We pray for the

Anglican Church in Melanesia, which includes Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and

New Caledonia .

Parish: We pray for our community and that our interactions with them can be loving.

Our Parish

Christmas Happenings:

9 lessons and Carols - 7pm 14 December Christmas Eve - 10:30pm 24 December Christmas Day - 10am 25 December. Christmas Lunch - 1pm Cossie Club Buffet.

Thank you to every that helped and supported our Christmas Fair, especially to those that spent hours organising it.

From the 16th December **Steph May** will be in here new flat, her address will be 138A Martin Street, Wallaceville. Her cell phone number stays the same. Please update your directories.

Vicarage fundraising:

Please consider making a donation to the Church Vicarage Fund. E.g. donate your tax refund. All such donations are treated as donations for next years' tax refund. Please use your name and "vicarage" as your references. So far we have around \$30,800 in this fund.

FoodBank thanks you for your contributions. They still need Jams, Peanut Butter, Marmite, Vegemite, Corn/Beetroot, Tinned Salmon/Tuna, Tinned Fruit and Cereals, so if you would like to donate some food please leave it in the box at the door of the Church.

Upcoming Diocesan Events:

EfM – exploring faith matters: taster evening Tuesday, 2 December 2025
6:00 pm 7:30 pm St Peter's Anglican
Church211 Willis Street. Come and find
out why so many people in the last forty
years have found it (and still find it!) such
a powerful way to grow their faith, to
develop their ability to recognise God's
presence in the world around them, and
to be part of a group who travel the faith
journey deeply together.

New Wine 2026 - 15 - 19 January in Masterton. If you want to join the vicars at New Wine next year please reach out to them.

Calling all lovers of Jesus and Justice Te Huarahi Passionfest 2026:

Ngatiawa River Monastery 20–22 February 2026 a three-day festival of worship, kōrero, music, art, and whanaungatanga. Especially for young adults (18–30) who are exploring faith and justice.

Ministry Leaders' Family Camp 2026

El Rancho Camp and Conference Centre, Waikanae

7 PM Friday, 6 March – till late morning Sunday, 8 March 2026.

The theme this year is Walking with Jesus: From broken-hearted to hearts that burn.

For more details go to https://anglicanmovement.nz/upcoming-events.

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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Ministry Leadership Team:

Shaun Killerby Stephen Browning Kate Horton 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

Sharon Masters and Gemma O'Donnell At Church on a Sunday