

7 December 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Today's Service:

Preaching: Rev Jess or Simon Falconer
Presiding: Rev Jess or Simon Falconer
10am Eucharist in Church with Godly Play

Isaiah 11:1 - 10 Psalm 72:1 - 7, 18 - 19

Romans 15:4 - 13

Matthew 3:1 - 12

Next Week:

10am Eucharist in Church7pm 9 Lessons and Carols

Next Sunday's - Readings

Isaiah 35:1 - 10 Luke 2:47 - 55 James 5:7 - 10 Matthew 11:2 - 11

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

This Week:

Monday 8 December

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

Tuesday 9 December

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

Wednesday 10 December

7:00 am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thursday 11 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

Friday 12 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

Collect for this week:

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. Amen

This week's lectionary readings and prayer suggestions:

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

Monday - 8 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: We pray for the "Partners in Risk and Resilience" tool offered by the Anglican Alliance. This tool is a beacon of hope in fostering partnerships and resilience in the face of disasters.

Parish: We pray for our Parish clergy: Jess, Simon, Lance, Dave and Jeff.

Tuesday - 9 December

Isaiah 40:1 - 11

Psalm 96:1, 10 - end Matthew 18:12 - 14

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the trustees of the H&W Williams Memorial Trust, and their careful stewardship.

Parish: We pray for all those exploring their | Saturday - 13 December Faith and the church.

Wednesday - 10 December

Isaiah 40:25 - end Psalm 103:8 - 13

Matthew 11:28 - end

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for

Communities on the front line of climate change despite contributing the least to global emissions

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

Thursday - 11 December

Isaiah 41:13 - 20

Psalm 145:1. 8 - 13

Matthew 11:11 - 15

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

Anglican Missions: We pray the youth and children of our Province - Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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

Friday - 12 December

Isaiah 48:17 - 19

Psalm 1

Matthew 11:16 - 19

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the staff and Board of Anglican Missions and Anglican World Aid

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.

2 Kings 2:9 - 12

Psalm 80:1 - 3, 17 - 18

Matthew 17:10 - 13

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for all clergy as they prepare for Christmas.

Anglican Missions: We pray for Everyone who encourages overseas mission in their places of worship

Parish: We pray for everyone that will mourn for the loss of a loved one this Christmas.

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.

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 \$57,335 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.

From time to time, people ask how they can support the mission and ministry of St John's beyond their lifetime. One way is by making a **bequest in their will**. Such gifts, whether large or small, are a lasting expression of faith and generosity, helping to ensure that our parish continues to serve our community for generations to come. We have a document with suggested wording that can be used in your

will. A copy of this will be sent out with the newsletter and is available from the wardens on request.

Upcoming Diocesan Events:

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, korero, 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