



3rd 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

7pm 9 Lessons and Carols

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

10am Eucharist in Church

Next Sunday's - Readings

Isaiah 7:10 - 16 Psalm 80:1 - 7, 17 - 19 Romans 1:1 - 7

Matthew 1:18 - 25

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

This Week:

Monday 15 December

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

Tuesday 16 December

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

Wednesday 17 December

7:00 am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thursday 18 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

11:00am Fegusson Rest Home Service In the Chapel

Friday 19 December

7:00am Morning Prayer In the Church Chapel

Collect for this week:

Terror and doom, and wrath to come, John your herald preached to bring us to repentance; open our eyes, almighty God, show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness. 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 - 15 December

Numbers 24:2 - 7, 15 - 17 Psalm 25:2 - 8 Matthew 21:23 - 27

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the women in New Zealand and from our Church who provide continuing support for overseas mission.

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

Tuesday - 16 December

Zephaniah 3:1 -2, 9 - 13 Psalm 34:1 - 6, 21 - 22 Matthew 21:28 - 32

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the New Zealand Church Missionary Society, who have been sending missionaries since 1892. Parish: We pray for all those exploring

Wednesday - 17 December

their Faith and the church.

Genesis 49:2, 8 - 10 Psalm 72:1 - 5, 19 - 20 Matthew 1:1 - 17

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for mission in Aotearoa New Zealand and for those who lead the Anglican Church in our Province. **Parish:** We pray for our Church as we prepare for Christmas.

Thursday - 18 December

Jeremiah 23:5 - 8 Psalm 72:1 - 2, 12 - 13, 19 - end

Matthew 1:18 - 24

Diocesan Prayer: Let us pray for everyone

who is in the fight against human trafficking and Modern Slavery.

Anglican Missions: We pray for mission agencies that we work with in Aotearoa NZ and around the world, giving thanks for the inspiring work they do.

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

Friday - 19 December

Judges 13:2 - 7, 24 - end Psalm 71:3 - 8 Luke 1:5 - 25

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network and its work in development, training and resource sharing of its international members.

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 - 20 December

Isaiah 7:10 - 14 Psalm 24:1 - 6 Luke 1:26 - 38

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for those who move to new lands or travel the seas, and those who offer assistance and guidance to these people.

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.

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, 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