



Welcome

Today's Service:

Preaching: Rev Jess or Simon Falconer

Presiding: Rev Jess or Simon Falconer

10am Eucharist in Church with Godly Play

Isaiah 7:10 - 16

Psalm 80:1 - 7, 17 - 19

Romans 1:1 - 7

Matthew 1:18 - 25

Next Week:

10am Eucharist in Church

Next Sunday's - Readings

Isaiah 63:7 - 9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10 - 18

Matthew 12:13 - 23

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

This Week:

Monday 22 December

5:00pm Recovery Dinner Falconers House

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

10:00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

2:00pm Summerset Rest Home Service

10:30pm Christmas Eve Service

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

10:00am Christmas Day Service

Collect for this week:

Living God, you called your people out of Egypt and gave them the covenant; prepare our hearts to hear your call, so that we may receive with joy the gospel of your Son and be your faithful people, now and for ever. Amen

This week's lectionary readings and prayer suggestions:

Monday - 22 December

1 Samuel 1:24 - end
Psalm 113
Luke 1:46 - 56

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for those who must migrate, rebuild or change their way of life in the face of an ever-changing climate

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

Tuesday - 23 December

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

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East .

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

Wednesday - 24 December

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 a vision - what is God leading us to do?.

Anglican Missions: We pray for the church communities in Pakistan .

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

Thursday - Christmas Day

Isaiah 9:2 - 7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11 - 14
Luke 2:1 - 14

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the clergy, churches and partner organisations of Central and Southern Africa.

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

Friday - 26 December - St Stephens

2 Chronicles 24:17 - 22
Psalm 31:1 - 8
Acts 6:8 - 10; 7:54 - 60
Matthew 10:17 - 22

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

Anglican Missions: We pray for the Horn of Africa hunger crisis.

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 - 27 December - St John

Exodus 33:17 - 23
Psalm 97
1 John 1:1 - 5
John 21:20 - 25

Anglican Missions: We pray for the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation, which provides care to vulnerable children with disabilities and their families in Uganda.

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

Our Parish

Blessing of our vicarage site, Sunday 21 December 11.45am

This Sunday at 11.45am, after our Eucharist service, there will be a short blessing ceremony for the site of our new vicarage. The building consent has now been issued and EasyBuild plan to start construction in the second week of January.

Christmas Happenings:

Christmas Eve - 10:30pm 24 December

Christmas Day - 10am 25 December.

In January we will only have our weekly 10am Sunday service. Morning prayer and our Wednesday service will resume at the end of January or early February.

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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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