

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 15 December 2024

Liturgy: p.404

Advent 3

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Greetings:

I am delighted to introduce you to **Erica**, our new Administrative Assistant who works in the Parish Office from 9am till noon, Tuesday to Friday. Please don't hesitate to call in, make her feel welcome and make yourself known to her in the coming days.



Please see below the remainder of **services/activities** over the coming weeks:

Sun 15 Dec	9.30am 5pm	Advent 3: Joy Nine Lessons and Carols
Wed 18 Dec	10am 11am 7pm	Mid-week Eucharist (Final, resumes 8 Jan 2025) Advent Study (Final) Advent Study (Final)
Fri 20 Dec	12 noon	Office closes (Reopens Tue 7 Jan 2025)
Sun 22 Dec	9.30am	Advent 4: Love

Tue 24 Dec	7pm	Christmas Cake/Mulled Wine and Carols
	8pm	Holy Eucharist (Proper I)
Wed 25 Dec	9.30am	Christmas Day (Proper III)
Sun 29 Dec	9.30am	Christmas 1
Sun 5 Jan 2025	9.30am	Epiphany (celebrated early this year)
Tue 7 Jan	9am	Office reopens
Wed 8 Jan	10 am	Mid-week Eucharist resumes

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 15 December 2024

Sentence:

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in His love. *Zephaniah 3: 16-17*

Collect:

God our strength and our hope, grant us the courage of John the Baptist, constantly to speak the truth, to boldly rebuke vice and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT Reading *Zephaniah 3: 14-20*

NT Reading *Philippians 4: 4-7*

Gospel *Luke 3: 7-18*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the Association of Anglican Women and for the people of the Taradale Parish and their clergy.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, James F, Hazel, Lynda, Lawrence, Adam, Sheryl T.

Remembrance Tree of Light

Sponsor a light in memory of a departed loved one and support *St John New Zealand (Ambulance Services)* and *St John's Anglican Church Community Outreach*. A beautiful, lighted tree will stand in church from Advent Sunday 1 December and through the Christmas period. Names of loved ones remembered will be displayed around the Tree. *Application forms are available in the foyer and from the Parish Office.*

Advent Study

Advent Study will be held at 11am and 7pm on Wednesday 4th, 11th and 18th December. All welcome. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

Foodbank

Christmas is a particularly hard time for families in need so we ask that you give generously to our Foodbank collection as we lead up to Christmas. In the last 12 months the Tauranga Foodbank has assisted 7,862 households, including 12,000 children. Sadly the need in our community is great - any assistance is much appreciated.

This Week Beginning: 16 December

Wednesday 10.00 am Mid-week Eucharist
11.00 am Advent Study
7.00 pm Advent Study

Op Shop 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday

Playgroup 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Toy Library 9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Services for Sunday 22 December –

9.30 am Holy Communion

5.00 pm Lessons and Carols

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