



TOO EARLY, MAN ... HE WON'T EVEN BE
BORN FOR A COUPLE WEEKS YET

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rather than leaving a message on the
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Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Parish of Gore & Districts - where faith and life meet
10am Eucharist Service followed by Morning Tea
Prayer for healing is offered every Sunday following Communion

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Holy Trinity
for our
Family Eucharist

Sentence



Turn away from your sins.
Because the kingdom of heaven is near.
Matthew 3:2

Collect

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 in 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

Hymns

Come to the Water
Peace like a River
O Come O Come Emmanuel
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7,19-20
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Office hours are 10am-12pm, Tuesday and Thursday - Phone 03 208 7366

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John and Connie Sherlock



John and Connie are preparing to serve in Rwanda with the Anglican church. John, an ordained Anglican priest with a Masters in Theology, will focus on theological education and mentoring church leaders. Connie, a primary school teacher, brings experience in children's and family outreach. Their daughter Emily joins them on this journey, while their two young adult sons remain in New Zealand. They attended St Andrews Hall (the CMS missionary training programme in Melbourne) from July to November 2025 before beginning language and cultural immersion in Rwanda.

Parish Morning Prayer 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday by Zoom

using the following link - <https://zoom.us/j/91088205757>

Meeting ID: 910 8820 5757 Passcode: 759012

Monday
Ps 44
Isa 30:1-18
Matt 14:1-12

Tuesday
Ps 56
Isa 30:19-end
Matt 14:13-end

Wednesday
Ps 62
Isa 31
Matt 15:1-20

Thursday
Ps 54
Isa 32
Matt 15:21-28

Friday
Ps 86
Isa 33:1-22
Matt 15:29-end

Saturday
Ps 145
Isa 35
Matt 16:1-12

THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION:
TEND – RESPOND TO HUMAN NEED BY LOVING SERVICE



Come and join us at Gore

Saturday 13 December

at 12 noon

at Holy Trinity Narthex, Gore

Rev'd Canon Te Ata Roy, Maori University Chaplain
will be the guest speaker

Cost \$35

RSVP numbers and special diets eg vegetarian or gluten-free

by Wednesday 10 December

to Anne Gover-Text to 027 311 0625

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 9 December

9am Morning Prayer
11am Parata Service

Wednesday 10 December

9.30am Eucharist Service

Thursday 11 December

9am Morning Prayer
BIBLE STUDY FINISHED FOR THE YEAR

Friday 12 December

9am Morning Prayer
10.15am Home Group at 4 Lennox St
'Revelation Revealed - final session'
6pm Pot-luck Meal at Govers to meet John and Connie Sherlock NZCMS Missionaries going to Rwanda in 2026

Saturday 13 December

12pm Southland AAW Lunch in the Narthex

LORD, WE PRAY FOR:

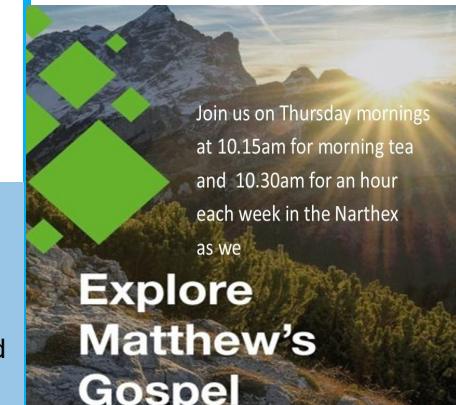
- * the clergy and people of the Anglican Church in NZ and the Pacific
- * our Bishop Anne Van Gend, Michael and their family
- * Rev'd Gary and Debbie, bless them and their family
- * the Dunbar family
- * the diocese of Waikato Taranaki and their bishop Philip Richardson
- * Food Banks and Budget Advice
- * the Anglican Church and people of Papua New Guinea
- * the youth and children of New Zealand
- * those grieving for the loss of a loved one
- * people in need of God's healing and provision : Rogan, Lazlo, Dave and Michael

Meals on Wheels

Our parish is rostered on to do Meals on Wheels for the week of January 26-30. If you can assist, please put your name on the sheet on the Narthex table. We need both drivers and helpers.

I told Santa you were good this year....and

He hasn't stopped laughing since!



Join us on Thursday mornings
at 10.15am for morning tea
and 10.30am for an hour
each week in the Narthex
as we

**Explore
Matthew's
Gospel**

**REVELATION
REVEALED**

FINAL SESSION 7
ON FRIDAY
12 DECEMBER
AT 4 LENNOX
STREET

**THE BIBLE'S GRAND FINALE
AND ITS MESSAGE TO US**