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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*

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Welcome to Holy Trinity  
for our Family Eucharist this morning*

### Sentence

Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,  
and they shall name him

**Emmanuel**

which means "God is with us."

- Matthew 1:23



### Hymns

Be Thou My Vision  
Blessed Assurance  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Tell Out My Soul

### Collect

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

### Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

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# Carols IN THE Park

**SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER**  
**9PM in the GORE GARDENS**

Wet weather venue - Gore Baptist Church



GORE MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Gore

Wednesday 24 December

7pm Christmas Eve Carol Service

Thursday 25 December

10am Family Eucharist

Sunday 28 December

10am Ecumenical Service

All are welcome



Please bring mince pies for supper  
on 24 December and morning tea  
for 28 December

## Morning & Evening Prayer on Zoom

**Together  
We Pray**

**Join the diocesan family during January**  
**Tuesday - Saturday at 9am**

<https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/95977160366>

**Tuesday - Friday at 5pm**

<https://anglicanchurch-nz.zoom.us/j/93484250283>

## THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION:

Treasure –  
STRIVE TO  
SAFEGUARD THE  
INTEGRITY OF  
CREATION, AND  
SUSTAIN AND  
RENEW THE LIFE  
OF THE EARTH

## HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

### Saturday 20 December

5pm Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner at  
Vicarage/Hall

### Sunday 21 December

9pm Carols in the Park

### Tuesday 23 December

9am LAST ZOOM MORNING PRAYER  
FOR 2025

11am Parata Service

### Wednesday 24 December

NO 9.30AM EUCHARIST SERVICE

7pm Carol Service and supper

### Thursday 25 December

NO MORNING PRAYER

10am Christmas Day Eucharist /  
no Morning Tea

### Friday 26 December

NO MORNING PRAYER

### Sunday 28 December

10am Ecumenical Eucharist and  
Morning Tea

## 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 Nelson and their bishop Steve Maina
- \* those who are alone and/or are financially struggling this Christmas
- \* those grieving for the loss of a loved one
- \* people in need of God's healing : Rogan, Lazlo, Dave and Michael

## None of Them Are Toys!

When my daughters were little I would always tell them around Christmas that this is Jesus' birthday and he only received 3 things so do not be disappointed in what lies under the tree. When it came time for worship on Christmas morning, I asked the children what they thought Jesus would think of Santa and all the hype. Would he ask Santa a question? My youngest daughter replied, "I think Jesus would ask how come I only got three things and none of them were toys?"

