

If we were really patient, we'd wait 'til
Jesus' birthday to light his candles, right?



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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



CHRISTMAS 228

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is coming. Let us sing and rejoice. Let us shout and shout. And make a noise.
2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns. Let us then be saved and let us all be saved.
3. He rules the world with truth and justice. Let us then be ruled and let us all be ruled.

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?"

