



# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

*Advent 2*



## **Sentence of the Day**

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*(Romans 15: 13)*

## **Collect of the Day**

**O God of good intent, assist us to open our hearts to your coming amongst us, that we might welcome your good work in our lives, both as individuals and as members of this church. In the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **A Word from Jonathan**

Advent is always a little edgy, containing an element of the mysterious. It is a season of God's intent, of purpose, and we're not exactly sure of the details of what that might look like.

We know God's motivation is always loving, that we can be hope-filled, and that we need to increase our faith if we are to participate fully in all that God's coming to us means.

How do we prepare for this? We can remove obstacles to our experiencing God's arrival as it were, fill in the potholes and remove the boulders. We know that if we have anything that needs cleansing or simply removing because it obfuscates or prevents our embracing God fully, that we can turn to God for help in that. We know that we can make whatever it is God wants to do, our priority too. God never rejects our earnest intentions.

All of this, along with an expectation in faith, is richly rewarded by God's loving inclusion in God's Advent plans. We, the purple-clad people of peace look forward to the arrival of Royalty in our midst. We ready ourselves to welcome our Lord and King!

## **Readings**

**Isaiah 11: 1 - 10**

**Psalm 72: 1-7, 19-20** page 277 ANZPB

**Romans 15: 4 - 13**

**Matthew 3: 1– 12**

This morning's 8am service begins on page 456 ANZPB and the 9:30am service will be on the screens
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## **The Candle of Peace**

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace. God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace.

**On this day, we remember the Lord of All,  
who brings peace surpassing all understanding.**

## December

Friday	12	Contemplative Prayer Group 1pm in the church
Sunday	14	Advent services 8am and 9:30am – JOY
Sunday	21	Advent services 8am and 9:30am – LOVE
Sunday	21	Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm in the church
Wednesday	24	Family Christmas service 5pm in the church
Thursday	25	Christmas Day services 8am and 9:30am in church

## Final 10am Wednesday service this year will be on 10<sup>th</sup>

December. Please join us for the service and morning tea after the service. NB: Wednesday morning services will resume on Wednesday 4 February 2026.

## Children's Ministry / Activities

is available during 9:30am Sunday services in The Gathering Place.

## ATWC Anglican Trust for Women and Children Christmas Appeal Share the Aroha this Christmas – From your Hearts to Homes

Choose the way you give – see the flyers in the foyer.



## **Regular Parish Activities**

**Sunday 9:30am service** – children's ministry available during service

**Monday 10am Home Group** - in members' homes.

(1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays) Ring Ursula 094798036.

**Tuesday 10am Women's Fellowship** – Hall (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)

Ring Jenny Shaw 021 953 940

**Tuesday Vestry 7pm** - The Gathering Place (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

**Wednesday 10:00am - Holy Communion Service**

**Friday Contemplative Prayer Group 1pm** - Church (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday)

Stephen Warnes

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## **Feedback welcome**

If you have feedback on any aspect of parish activities,  
please do contact the wardens Chris and Sandy – contacts as above

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