

Next Sunday's Propers

Sunday December 8th

Advent 2

Celebrant – Rev. Ken Light; Preacher – Fred McElrea

Sentence: Hear the voice of the one crying in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight.” *Matthew 3:3*

Collect: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in
welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from
receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his
wisdom and become one with him when he comes in
glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

Liturgy: 476

Rev. Damon Plimmer is in Cromwell and Tarras this morning.

This morning we mark the beginning of a new liturgical year.

A prayer at the lighting of the first candle

God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.

Your love is revealed in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.

Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

Amen.



Working Bee, Saturday 8 December

Help us get the church and grounds ready for Christmas, from 9am. Please bring gardening implements and cleaning equipment.

St Columba's Luncheon, Friday 13 December

Lake Hawea Hotel, from midday. See Jill Millar to register – all welcome.

You are born in us again.

Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,
to melt away the icicles of vanity and pride;
you come to blow the very doors of loving open wide.
Like the warmth of the summer wind you come,
like the warmth of the summer wind you come.

You are born in us again.

Like the scent of the summer rain you come.
You come to quench the thirsty and to freshen up the land;
you come to clean away the dust that's settled in our hand.
Like the scent of the summer rain you come,
like the scent of the summer rain you come.

You are born in us again.

Like the light of the summer sun you come,
to give light to the places that have never seen the Son;
you come now to embrace us, you're the holy, holy one.
Like the light of the summer sun you come,
like the light of the summer sun you come.

Mark Wilson; Arr. Shona Murray

Children's Nativity, 22 December, 9.30am

Christmas Eve, 24 December

Tarras, 7.00pm, Community Carols

St Andrew's, 9.00pm, Carols & Communion

St Columba's, 11.00pm, Carols & Communion

Christmas Day, 25 December

St Andrew's, 10.00am, Family Celebration

St Columba's, 8.00am and 10.00am, Family Celebration

Christian World Service

Appeal envelopes available at rear of church.

Please pray for...

- The season of Advent – a time of preparation;
- Those who find Christmas a struggle;
- A NZ Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa (30 years);
- Those who work for peace.

Activities for small children are available at the rear of the church.

Please join us after the service for light refreshments