

Next Sunday's Propers

Sunday December 15th

Advent 3

Celebrant – Rev. Damon Plimmer

Sentence: The desert and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom. *Isaiah 11:9*

Collect: O God, Father of the poor and lowly, you have called all people to share the peace and joy of your kingdom. Show us your kindness and grant us hearts pure and generous, that we may prepare the way for the Saviour who is coming, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 146: 5-10;
James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Liturgy: 404

This morning we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

A prayer at the lighting of the second candle

God our Father,

you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.

You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.

Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.

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

Amen.



Please pray for...

- The season of Advent – a time of preparation;
- Those who find Christmas a struggle;
- Communities affected by the measles epidemic in Samoa;
- 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

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia.**

*Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,
knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.**

**We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord
Allelu, alleluia.**

Karen Lafferty

Thank you

The Christmas Tree is up and decorated, and the church and grounds have had a good tidy up in preparation for our Christmas services. Thank you to everyone who was able to help.

Local Committees

St Andrew's, Cromwell, Tuesday 10 December, 4.15pm.

St Columba's, Wanaka, Wednesday 11 December, 7.30pm.

St Columba's Luncheon, Friday 13 December

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

Christian World Service

Appeal envelopes available at rear of church.

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