

Next Sunday's Propers

Sunday December 29th

Christmas 1

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Ken Light

Sentence: The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. *Luke 2:16*

Collect: Father, help us live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. We ask this in Jesus' name.
AMEN.

Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148;
Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23

Liturgy: 476

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent.
A prayer at the lighting of the fourth candle

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.
Amen.



Please pray for...

- One another and our celebrations of Christmas;
- Visitors and holidaymakers;
- Survivors and those who died in the Whakaari White Island eruption;
- The United Kingdom – a way forward together;
- 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*

Not on a snowy night
by star or candlelight,
nor by an angel band
there came to our dear land

*Te Harinui, Te Harinui
Te Harinui, glad tidings of great joy*

But on a summer day
within a quiet bay,
the Maori people heard
the great and glorious word.

The people gathered round
Upon the grassy ground,
and heard the preacher say
'I bring to you this day...

Now in this blessed land
united heart and hand,
we praise the glorious Birth,
and sing to all the earth

Willow Macky



Christmas Around the Parish

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.

Meditation and Mid-Week Service

These take a break over Christmas. Meditation will resume on Monday 13 January and the mid-week service on Wednesday 29 January.