

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

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Vicar Val Writes...

This Sunday evening 5pm Messy Church – come and relax with your Church family, share in activities and hearing the Christmas story enacted (including live donkey)

Next Sunday at 10am three families have come for baptism

(parents and children 😊)

MUSIC CONCERT Ding Dong Dec 15th 2pm

The Foodbank have invited us to support these four families with food and gifts for Christmas – the boxes for each family will be at the back of the church from this Sunday until Dec 17th I hope we can all contribute to their Christmas joy this year.

Family A: Mum, Dad, 4 boys aged 5,4,3 and 2yrs. What a busy life this Mum leads! Whew!

Family B: Mum, her 11yr old daughter and Gran. Granma came to live with them this year and has health issues so it has been a steep learning curve for them all.

Family C: Mum and her 5yr old daughter. This Mum has had a rough year – really rough. She is on her own now and struggling to come to terms with her new normal.

Family D: (and this is the big one): Mum, Dad and 5 kids: boys aged 10, 9 and a 3mth old baby; girls aged 8 and 2 years. A wonderful family but struggling to overcome some historical traumatic events. Specially like the way this family pulls together and they have really kind, generous hearts.

December 1st, 2024

Advent 1

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

Luke 21:25-36

Sentence: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. *Psalm 25:4*

Collect: Loving God, in our busy and thing-filled world, you call us to be patient. You invite us to trust in your everlasting word. Strengthen us, we pray, to hear your word, to believe your word, and to respond to your word in our daily living. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Question: How do you see God's promises being fulfilled in your life? What about in the life of the world?

Prayer: God of promise, may we see your promises being fulfilled in our lives.

Psalm 25:1-9

Question: What can we learn from the psalmist's way of bringing their lives before God?

Prayer: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Luke 21:25-36

Question: How can we endeavour to read the signs of the times appropriately and respond with faith, hope and love?

Prayer: God of the past, present and future, be with us that we may read the signs of the times appropriately and respond with faith, hope and love.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

PRAY FOR...

- For the countries who are in conflict and the people as live each day with the decisions their leaders make.
- The people who have been laid off – and the pressure on them as we move towards summer
- for drivers on our roads to be aware of other drivers and drive with respect and care to arrive at their destinations safely.
- for those who aren't well, especially Pat, Fran M, Sarah-Anne, Bob, John, Maureen M, Elaine, Robert and others we may know.
- for all families mourning the death or anniversary of a loved one.

GIVE THANKS

- for the help that comes from friends and family when things are tough.
- for advent and the beginning of the Church year.
- For many people happy to help with the Messy Church celebration
- The successful trip by Selwyn Centre to the goat farm and Woodlands
- for the help that comes from friends and family when things are tough.

8th December 2024. 8.30am and 10am - Wednesday 10am

Advent 2

Readings – Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

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| 8th Dec | Sides person Greer, Meg & Macey | Welcomer Jacky | Data Rodney | MOW Margie | Bible Reader Lynette & Vince | Prayers Margie | Chalice Lynne | Morning Tea Rodney & Lynnley |
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**Opp Shop will be open
Devonshire Teas also**

Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve 11pm Carols and 11.30pm Communion service
Christmas Day 9am Service**

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