

Parish News This Week 5 –10 December

Monday 5 St Johns Walking Group 9 am
Inner Wheel 9am parish lounge

Tuesday 6 Morning Prayer 7.45 am
ST NICHOLAS DAY 9.45am Children's service

Wednesday 7 Morning prayer 7.45
Eucharist 10am parish lounge
Golden Age Christmas Function 2pm parish lounge
Music Group practise 4pm Church
Vestry meeting 4.30pm parish lounge

Thursday 8 7.45 Eucharist Chapel

The **Toybox** is open every **Thursday** and **Friday** 9.30 - 11.30 and **Wednesday** 6.30-8.30pm

Playgroup is every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** 9.15-11.30



Next Sunday ADVENT THREE December 11

Readings: Isaiah 61:1- 4,8-11 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28

Looking Ahead

December 13 **AAW** Christmas Lunch 11.30am

Deidre Freemans place

December 19 Children decorate the Christmas tree
3.30 pm

December 24 5pm Community Carols

10.30pm Christmas Eve Carols

11.30pm **THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS**

CHRIST EUCHARIST with Blessing of the Crib.



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Welcome! Haeremai! Malo e lelei! Talofa! Namaste! Bula!

St Johns Anglican Church Otumoetai



ADVENT TWO

Sunday 4 December 2011

Presider: PRESIDER/PREACHER: Vicar Erice Fairbrother

Liturgy- Thanksgiving of the people of God p.404

Sentence

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Lighting of the second candle for Advent (*in place of the Gloria which is omitted during Advent*)

We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Collect

Blessed are you, God of justice and truth
Your prophet John the Baptist witnessed to the truth of your Word coming on earth;
May we your people so witness to your truth in our lives,
that all may know the joy of your kingdom
And look for the coming of Jesus in glory
With hopeful and open hearts. **Amen.**



Waiapu Diocese Mission Statement: Knowing Jesus; making Jesus known