



15 DECEMBER 2024



Advent 3

Welcome to church this morning, we hope you enjoy being with us.

Lectionary readings

This week 15 December, 2024

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Next Sunday 22 December, 2024

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

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Next week we will be adding pieces of bark to our Advent Wreath, so we invite you bring in any pieces of bark you may have from native trees growing at home.

Blue Christmas Service

Next Sunday morning we will be holding a Blue Christmas service after our usual service, from 10.30—11.15 in the carpeted area at the back of the church. This service is for any who find Christmas difficult for any reason, and will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection with the opportunity to light a candle for loved ones who are no longer with us.

Retiring Offering for Christmas Bowl Appeal

As we have done for many years, the offering on Christmas Day will go to the Christmas Bowl Appeal, to provide on-going support for the many millions of refugees around our world. If you would like a tax-deductible receipt for your donation, please place it in the envelope from the back table, fill in your details, and place the envelope in the offering bag. You can also donate on line at mycb.link/48489



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God's actions towards those God loves.

This Sunday we will give thanks for the way God acts in our lives. The prophet Zephaniah wrote the following passage describing the actions of God towards humankind. Try counting all the different ways that God acts in the reading.

¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵ The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.
¹⁷ The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."
I will rescue the lame;
I will gather the exiles.
I will give them praise and honour
in every land where they have suffered shame.
²⁰ At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honour and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes
before your very eyes,"
says the Lord.

God's actions towards us are based in love. What do our actions look like if we also base all we do and say in love, including love for ourselves, love for others and love for this beautiful, created world and all living things?

Reflect on this reading as your pre worship homework. During our Family Breakfast Service we will respond to the Zephaniah reading with a Prayer of Confession.