

## **Advent and Christmas services for the website**

**Sunday 29 November 9:30 am**

**Advent 1 theme: Hope**

A non-communion service with 'break-out' groups for the children.

As we begin our journey to Christmas we hear the story of the Hebrew Patriarchs.

**Sunday 6 December 9:30 am**

**Advent 2 theme: Peace**

A communion service with 'break-out' groups for the children.

We continue our Christmas preparations by hearing what the Old Testament Prophets had to say.

A visiting youth worship band from Holy Trinity, Stratford, will be helping to lead worship.

**Sunday 13 December 9:30 am**

**Advent 3 theme: Joy**

A non-communion service

While the joy of the coming Christmas season breaks through our preparations, we celebrate our children and the year of children's ministry. We also discover what John the Baptist has to say about preparing ourselves for the coming Saviour.

**Sunday 20 December 9:30 am**

**Advent 4 theme: Love**

A communion service with 'break-out' groups for the children.

Christmas is nearly upon us as we learn of Mary's faithfulness as she prepares for the birth of the Christ-child.

**Thursday 24 December 6:30 pm**

**Christingle**

This is a service for all, but with special appeal for children, where we make Christingles while hearing the Christmas story. Don't know what a Christingle is? Then come along and find out!

**Thursday 24 December 11:15pm**

**Christmas Communion**

A wonderful service, where we welcome in Christmas and the birth of the Christ-child. This service includes the singing of Christmas Carols and the celebration of Communion.

**Friday 25 December 9:30 am**

**Family communion**

What better way is there for Christians to celebrate the birth of our Saviour than through worship together! During this family service we will listen again to the Christmas story and celebrate communion together.

**Sunday 27 December 9:30 am**

**Combined Church's Celebration**

This year St Mary's plays host to North Porirua Baptist and Whitby Anchor churches as we gather to celebrate together.