

We have an extensive project for trapping to improve wildlife especially (birds and reptiles) and restore native forest and fauna.

May the dawn chorus be of native birds and our night call that of Hine Ruru.



Founded in 1974 by Reverend Clementina Gordon, Saint Isaac's was established in 1982 as an Ecumenical Christian Trust with both the Anglican and Catholic Bishops of Auckland appointing a trustee, Taha Maori is also represented.

Clem left a challenging legacy. Saint Isaac's strives to be at the still centre where you can find peace and tranquility and where the life of prayer for a suffering world finds expression in the 21st century.

There have been many large-hearted people over the years who have served either as Trustee or Kaitiaki. We give thanks to past and present servants of God called to St. Isaac's, for their manaakitanga/care of land and people, their prayer, silence and wairuatanga/spirituality.



Go now, abide in  
my enduring folds of love,  
at rest in your heart



#### What people say about St. Isaac's

*"You arrive and are greeted by Maranú - everything is there for you. Yes, I did take some food for my silly gut, but lots were provided. The cost – koha, what you can afford.*

*Think about having a visit, a time to just be with God - you will be truly blessed".*



There is a 3.5km walk that meanders through native bush, crossing several bridges, places to rest, sit, ponder and reflect before arriving at the Labyrinth. *"Walking the labyrinth barefoot, feet touching the earth, hearing the birds and the silence, and then standing in the palpating centre was an experience of real 'knowing' that there was unity and connection between all things and all people".*

*"Home isn't always somewhere you stay, but it is somewhere you return to".*



*"This time has been so precious in reconnecting at depth with nature & the earth. And also to be enriched by the daily rhythm of prayer which I hope to maintain on my return home".*

Contact the Kaitiaki direct  
if you'd like to arrange to visit with us.

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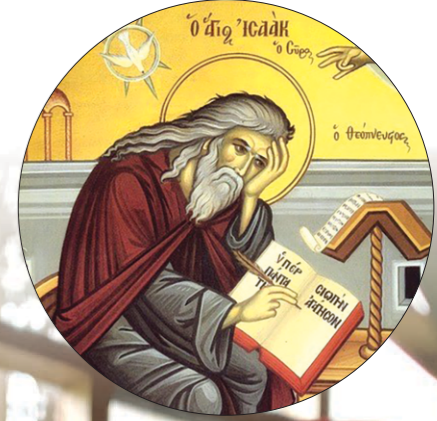
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*"Reflections" from Retreatants*

## Saint Isaac's Retreat House





Guest accommodation is in Gordon House (3 bedrooms) Fellowship House (2 bedrooms) Tārore Bach (1 bedroom). All have a wood burning fire. Some provisions are provided and everything is well appointed to prepare your own kai/food.



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SAINT ISAAC'S is a place of prayer overlooking Hokianga – nui – a – Kupe.

Christ so often searched out a quiet place in whenua/nature and many of his followers have continued this search. Still today, this is the pattern of contemplative prayer in the church and in its deepest sense, the pattern of Saint Isaac's Retreat House.

Morning and Evening prayer are said daily in the chapel and you are welcome to join us at 9.30am and 5.30pm (5.00pm winter).

Following the church lectionary, reading scripture, reciting psalms along with the ancient prayers of the Church in both English and Te Reo.



The prayers of the church are centred on Christ, and always looks towards his sacramental presence in the Eucharist (Holy Communion), which is celebrated on Wednesdays at 9.30am.

This rhythm of prayer alongside our ministry of hospitality welcomes individuals, or groups up to seven to come and join us in the richness of this simple prayer-lifestyle.



The Library, adjacent to the chapel is a place to linger with writings from the early church fathers, medieval mystics, modern and contemporary religious writers. Whether you want to dive into church history, biblical studies, feminist theology, liturgy, poetry, art history or just enjoy a novel. Its all here.



Sr. Anne SLG and Maranú Gascoigne TSSF Kaitiaki live here permanently. We are indebted to our gardener and housekeepers who support us in the practical aspects of managing a Retreat House.



Neighbours harvest firewood and there is a regular exchange of seasonal fruits and vegetables.



The Stations of the Cross located in a more unusual setting of a stand of macrocarpa trees overlooking the Hokianga harbour.