



Sunday 24 October 2021

Day of Giving

FOCUS NEWS

St Martin's & St James Anglican Church stmartinsstjames.church

Together cultivating a culture of discipleship, mission & regeneration

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to St Martin's St James.

Please abide by Covid Restrictions.

Welcome, we're glad you are here as we worship together. This week we gather as a community in worship, adoration and praise to God giving thanks for God's goodness in both the good and not so good times. Then as a "sent" people we go "out" to love and to serve the Lord. As a Parish we have spent the last few weeks in a time of prayer and fasting regarding new tenants for both 67 and 200 Riccarton Road properties. Along with this we are praying for healing for those God has put on our hearts. We have extended this time until the end of October or to when our prayers are answered so please in faith join us at 12 pm each day and all day Wednesday. Thank you.

Day of Giving: Today (and over the week) we are wanting in faith to raise \$6000 toward the new and more efficient heating system for the church. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would lead you to an amount in faith you can give. There are a number of ways to give; Pledge card, online to 'Riccarton Spreydon Parish' Bank Account #02-0820-0264343-000 reference 'day of giving + name), eftpos available at the church services along with envelopes.

"Each give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".

"The Lord said, see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."



Covid Level 2 Responsibility:

Yes we are praying that our country and the world will be free from covid sooner rather than later. In the mean time it is essential that we keep up our

responsibilities of keeping people safe by lessening the chances of catching the virus. In the first instance we can gracefully promote the importance of being vaccinated. Secondly, we need to manage ourselves and our gathering spaces in order that people are safe.

From today we have made a change of how we enter and exit the premises (car parking remains the same). We also want to continue communicating our responsibilities below.

- Please enter through the front main double doors of the church.
- Sign in or scan in and sterilize
- If using a prayer book 8.30am please take it home and use it again each Sunday.
- Please wear a mask
- Pews: please leave every 2nd pew empty (marked with carpet cross and sign).
- Communion will be wafer only. We will bring it to you.
- Please enjoy worshipping together
- Please leave the church by 12pm (When the next congregation arrives) via tea/coffee in the Thompson Lounge
- Please lend a hand to spray surfaces/door handles/taps etc when people have exited. There is a cleaning bucket is now in most spaces. Church, Thompson Lounge, Loft, Neave Room.
- Morning Tea is available: Please wear masks when possible and appropriate distancing.
- Exit through the foyer and double doors onto the rear carpark area.

Accessibility Review: Vestry are currently reviewing how the entrance/exit flow around the back of the church could be more accessible and welcoming. As a trial this would require relocating the sound desk (which when originally installed took over a part of the parent children space), tidying and reorganizing space and relocating some pews. We have had some discussion about this at the Q & A last Sunday. If you would like to be part of that discussion please let the wardens know. Thank you.

Fair November: After consultation with the Bishop's office and our leadership team, we are changing the shape of the fair to reduce the numbers of those visiting our site. The fair will now be on the Sunday morning 14 November on the front lawn. Music, Coffee, Cars Wash (drive through), Plant Sale, Bouncy Castle and other covid appropriate fun events. Set up from 8am. The Sunday 8.30am Communion Service will run as normal. There will be no 10.30am Service in the church building on the Sunday 14 November. All invited to come, serve, bring family friends to the fair. Starts 10.00am.

Gardening Bee at St Martins - 30 October spruce up. Come and join the fun.

Light jobs, heavier jobs, espresso coffee and Tea. Please bring some morning tea to share. Saturday 9am to 12pm 50 Lincoln Road

Fair - Catharine will be having 2 meetings after the 8.30am and 10.30am Services (in the church) with regard to what you can contribute to the 'Fundraiser' Fair. Lets pull together and look forward to a great morning with the community (of under 100 people at a time).

Come to the Braai church whānau – everyone is welcome to come to the Grobblers 6 O'Halloran Drive, Halswell for a braai (bbq) from 5pm – 9pm Saturday 30 October. Please bring something for the braai and a salad. We'll eat at 6pm.

Bible Study:

We see in the reading from Genesis 3 that the consequence of the Fall was that tilling the land became hard work. It would be easy to think that this's just how it is – work is meant to be hard! But is this what God intended for us? We see in Genesis 1:28 that God gives the task of looking after the world to humans and that it was only after the humans rebelled that it became hard toil.

On Monday we celebrate the success of the campaign for worker's rights which saw the introduction of the eight-hour working day. The campaign was led by Samuel Parnell who was an English carpenter who on arrival in New Zealand in 1840 insisted when negotiating the terms of his work that he would only work eight-hour days.

Because there was a shortage of skilled tradesmen, Parnell had a strong bargaining position. When other employers tried to increase working hours he organized the workers to only work eight hour days so that none of the other tradesmen or labourers could be exploited. The Labour Day Act of 1899 gave us the statutory holiday that we still enjoy today, but it took further campaigning for us to achieve the legal protections for workers that we have today.

As we enjoy our long weekend, let's remember Samuel Parnell and the others who were willing to stand up to those in positions of power to protect those who worked in unpleasant and dangerous conditions. Our society has come a long way since then in terms of worker's rights, but there are still areas that need improvement. Let's be mindful of those in other countries who are used as slave labour with no regulation of hours or conditions, often making products that we buy in our local shops.

Some questions for us to ponder:

- 1: What is work?
- 2: How does our work define our sense of self-worth?
- 3: What is our role as Christians in the workplace?

morning

BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Genesis 3:16-19

Hebrews 7:23-28

Matthew 5:13-16

today's

SENTENCE

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and tongue with shouts of joy (Psalm 126:1-2)

today's

COLLECT - Prayer:

Listening God, you show us mercy and ask us what we need. May we seek those things which increase our faith, and further your reign on earth as in heaven, so that we may follow you more closely. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

COMMUNION and PRAYER

All are welcome around the table to receive Communion. If you would like prayer or ministry, people will be available at the front of the Church (after Covid restrictions are lifted) during and after Communion to pray with you.

COMING UP

- **Prayer Rhythms:** Please continue to pray. Prayers can be found on <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> or the NZ Prayer book is a good resource.
- **Sunday Services**
 - 8.30am Traditional Anglican Communion—with covid restrictions
 - 10.30am Family Service—with covid restrictions
 - 10.30am Kid's Church
- **Monday Prayers:** 4-5pm. Neave Room
- **Wednesday Communion Service:** 11am in the Thompson Lounge.
- **Saturday—High Tea Fundraiser: TBC:** 2-4 pm, Thompson Lounge, please contact Catharine for tickets and ways to help.
- **Sunday 24 October - Day of Giving.**
- **Tuesday 26 October—Magazine submission deadline:** 10am.
- **Wednesday 27 October—Vestry Meeting:** 7.30pm Neave Room.
- **Saturday 30 October—Gardening Bee:** at St Martins spruce up. Come and join the fun. Light jobs, heavier jobs, espresso coffee and Tea. Please bring some morning tea to share. Saturday 9am to 12pm 50 Lincoln Road
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- **Sunday 14 November —Parish Fun–Fair:**10am-1pm, Set up: 8am. 8.30am Service as usual, no 10.30am service but bring family and friends to enjoy the fair. Fair - Catharine will be having 2 meetings after the 8.30am and 10.30am Services with regard to what you can contribute to the Fundraiser Fair. This will be in the church building. Lets pull together and look forward to a great morning with the community (of under 100 people at a time).

GIVE THANKS FOR

- For our many Volunteers who faithfully use their talents and time in ministry at St Martin's and St James.

PRAY FOR

- Parishioners with special concerns: Avril & Alan Harper, Gwen Ragg, Lorraine Bennett and Matthew, Mary Rowe, Ron Chapman, Ruth Dickison, Terry James, Victor Foster, Victoria Sullivan, Victoria and Anne Askin.
- School of Good Soil: Discipleship Training Groups—Tuesdays
- Our Mission Partners and Projects: The Dunbar Family (Cambodia)

NOTICES

Amenities cleaner needed: to help another person every 4-5 weeks, please see or contact Bev (338 4985 or 027 8285312) if you can help.

Prayer Ministry & Prayer Requests: Prayer requests can be left in the prayer box in the church or sent or text to the confidential prayer chain on 029 776 1782 or stjimschurch@gmail.com.

E-life: see the Anglican e-life at: <http://anglicanlife.org.nz/publications/e-life/>.

PLEASE CONTACT GROUP LEADERS IF COVID 19 LEVEL RESTRICTIONS APPLY: GROUPS & REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Strength and Stretch Classes: A Low Impact 6.00-6.30 General exercise class at 6.30- 7.15 on Monday nights, school terms. First class free, \$5.00 per class. St Martins Church hall. Contact: TuneUp Physio, Village Health 338 8595 or visit www.tuneupphysio.nz

Tuesday's: Craft Group: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. 1.30-3pm, Neave Room. Contact Helen Williams 3389336.

Wednesdays: Breadline: Foodbank is open from 9.30 to 11am. Items in need: sugar (500g), tea bags (30's or similar), cereals, soup, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce. A full list is in the Crosstrax magazine. St Martin's Church Office.

Wednesday Playgroup: Term time 9.30am, Neave Room. Contact Ted or Jenny 03 322 9541.

Fridays during term time—Church of St Martin's Playgroup: 9.30-12pm. Enquires to Cindy or via the facebook page.

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Bible resources: rightnowmedia.org

CHURCH SERVICES: Sunday service times without Covid restrictions

- 8.30am Traditional Anglican Communion
- 10.30am Family Service
- 10.30am Kid's Church

YOUNG ADULTS: contact Victoria for more details.

HARVEST RANGATAHI (YOUTH): <https://stmartinsstjames.church/youth>

- **Harvest Stags** (Basketball) – Gym: Seniors - Wednesday 3:30pm-6pm,
Juniors - Thursday 4-5:30pm,
- **Harvest Thursdays** – 7-9pm: Thursday: The Loft

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: *Account Name:* Riccarton Spreydon
Anglican Parish. *Account Number:* 02-0820-0264343-000 *Reference:* Name
and envelope or AP number

CYPSO (Children and Young Persons Safety Officer): Please advise Patrick
Baker (021 0263 6939) **Police Vetting:** Chris Thorne (021 239 4091). **Health and
Safety:** Nigel Pugh (022 311 2431)