



Pentecost: A Season of Renewal and Hope

There couldn't be a more fitting season to celebrate being together again than the season of Pentecost. This season of the Holy Spirit, is otherwise known as the "birthday of the church" and one of the three most important holidays of the Christian Church. Here's why. Pentecost (or "the 50th day" in ancient Greek) is a holiday of Christianity commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after the resurrection. The season of Pentecost is the longest season in the Christian Church year. It begins the Monday following the Day of Pentecost and lasts until the season of Advent begins.

Why is Pentecost so important for Christians? It is connected to Christianity's central image of God as Trinity. The Spirit represents God as living and active in the world today. It signifies the fact that the Christian faith is not just about events that happened in the past, rather it concerns the present and the future. The Spirit is God's animating presence in the church, and indeed, in life itself. Hence, without its Spirit, the church is dead, and without the Spirit, all that is creative and wonderful in life itself ceases to exist.

Christ promised his disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came on them, and they would be his witnesses across the world. When the Spirit did come to them in tongues of fire, thousands believed in Christ and were saved. That same miracle, that same Spirit, is alive in us today ... so why are so many of us Christian believers so desperate for an intimate encounter with God? Why don't we feel like the new creations we know we are? I believe that the hunger we feel is a desire to understand, know, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Revisiting the biblical texts on this theme I was struck again with a renewed force that there was certainly a vast difference between the biblical and modern understanding of the nature and role of the Holy Spirit. The modern church has often been defective in light of what the scriptures reveal concerning the person and work of the Spirit in the life of the Christian.

The Scripture repeatedly promotes examples of those who sought more knowledge and experience of God, and exhorts us to expect that there is more to know and experience of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Karl Barth said that we must expect more from God and act to receive this. “We ought to apply ourselves with all our strength to expect more from God ... are the springs which might be flowing really flowing so abundantly?”

Again this year we have many opportunities to learn and experience the Holy Spirit a fresh in our own lives, others and the life of the gathered believers (the church).

Firstly we are again partnering with ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray at Pentecost and beyond for more people to come to know Jesus. God has grown ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ from a dream of possibility into a movement. In 2019 Christians from 172 countries took part in praying ‘Come Holy Spirit’, so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to know in Jesus and experience his Kingdom. Jesus teaches us to pray “Thy Kingdom Come” and so we follow his leading, joining with others around the world to:

- Pray for five of our friends or family to come to know Jesus.
- Pray for the world to hear the Good News; to experience God and His Kingdom.
- Ask God to help us speak Good News and live God’s Kingdom way.

Secondly St MJ’s will be teaching on subjects Who is the Holy Spirit, What Does He Do,? and How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit? We hope that this will encourage us all to expect more and seek more of God. By following the biblical paths and patterns we would understand more of what it is to be filled to the fullness of God; the Spirit conforming us into Christ’s image, and the power from on high to be his effective witnesses in our communities and further a field.

Grace and Peace to you from God
Rev. Sampson

VESTRY DEVOTION

Do this in remembrance of me – some thoughts put together after our first full communion after lockdown. Bill Thorne et al.

Memory is a great thing, I like the old saying “The older I get the better I was”. Memory gives meaning to our lives. Think about Anzac Day – “At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them”. This has an impact on today’s generation depending on the generation before handing down the memories of sacrifices made in the wars before.

Do this in remembrance of me - As a devout Jew, Jesus observed the Passover with His disciples each year in Jerusalem. On the night before He was crucified, He sent some of His disciples to make preparations for the Passover feast (Luke 22:7-13). They followed the same rituals of handwashing, ceremonial cups of wine, and foods that symbolized each part of the tale of God’s deliverance and the exodus of Israel from Egypt.

However, Jesus broke from the established traditional order of the meal and added a new teaching.

They came to the point in the meal when every year the Jews would take the bread and say, “This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt”. The Jews weren't remembering the affliction of their fathers in order to dwell on the affliction, but rather to remember how with a mighty hand God delivered them from that affliction! They were remembering God's saving power on their behalf.

Jesus took one of the loaves of unleavened bread and taught His disciples that it would be a new symbol representing His body that would be broken for them (Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:19). Jesus means: remember how God wrought a mighty deliverance for you through the afflictions that I suffered for you.

Next, He took one of the cups of wine and stated that it would forever represent His blood that would be poured out for the forgiveness of sins. This was the third of four cups of wine that Jews drank at the Passover feast - the third cup representing God's redemption of His people, but Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you”. Do this in remembrance of me means to remember how Jesus, on the cross, delivered us from the bondage of our sins.

“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you’” (Luke 22:19-20).

Jesus uses symbols of the old covenant to declare the new covenant. Jesus left us the sacrament of communion as a way of tangibly remembering him.

What are you remembering? Are you just ticking the box or does remembering Jesus’s sacrifice make your faith stronger?

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Do this in remembrance of me reminds us not only of our relationship with Jesus, but of our relationship with each other. Communion reminds us that the ground is level at the cross. We all come on equal footing. We all come to Christ as "have-nots" or we don't come to Christ at all.

Communion is a congregational thing, the first communion was with the 12 apostles, but it was a sacred moment between Jesus and his chosen twelve, his people. Taking communion doesn't make you a Christian. It doesn't save your soul or get you to heaven. In Corinthians (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) Paul gets stuck into the Corinthian church about what is missing, what they're getting wrong. They're faithfully remembering to take communion, but they aren't doing it in remembrance of Christ. It was more of a bun fight than a sacred occasion. God actually warns us about taking communion without considering what it means and why we're doing it. The intent is not for us to mindlessly perform a ritual, but to intentionally set aside time to remember what Jesus has done and why He did it

(1 Corinthians 11:27-31).

As a Christian community we love and accept and embrace one another regardless of differences. We don't just eat and drink communion and then live in a way that contradicts everything that we declare in communion. We remember that Jesus loved his people enough to die for them (that's us) and that leads to our taking action to love each other in that same way. That's truly doing communion in remembrance of Jesus.

So communion is much more than just eating a piece of bread and taking a sip of wine or juice with friends. It is to...

- ✠ Remember Christ our Saviour dying on the cross for the sin of humankind
- ✠ Proclaim his death
- ✠ Give thanks
- ✠ Examine our hearts
- ✠ Commune with God and fellow believers
- ✠ Acknowledge our covenant with him
- ✠ Anticipate his return

Bill Thorne

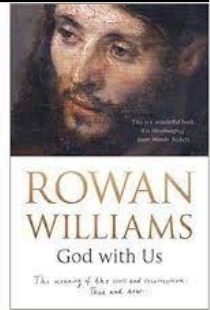
Rowan Williams concludes “God with Us” with an Epilogue in which he discusses an icon pictured on the first page. The icon shows Jesus descending to the dead, taking Adam and Eve by the hand, surrounded by prophets and kings of the Old Covenant. This icon shows the inner story, the background of Jesus’ resurrection. The resurrection is about Jesus remaking creation, beginning with Adam and Eve.

This icon showing Jesus descending to the dead takes us to another frame of reference, another realm. That is the purpose of an icon, to show us the inner story. We know from reading Genesis, that Jesus was with Adam and Eve at the beginning of creation. This icon shows the risen Jesus with them again, but this time, recreating them. The resurrection is not just a happy ending in the life of Jesus, it is the beginning of the new creation. God is calling us back to himself, to recreate our lives.

When we think of the resurrection as God recreating us, it is in the sense that the risen Jesus comes and touches our faces. He will not wipe out our history, loss and failure, but transfigures us, even making us beautiful. God has “wonderfully created us and yet more wonderfully restored us”, quotes Williams from the first Collect after Christmas.

The new beginning of the resurrection is

more wonderful, because it is planting newness and freshness, beauty, vision and hope in our lives and on our faces. God is there with us, and will transform.



The icon shows on the faces of Adam and Eve the lines from their uneven lives, mistakes made. They are old, their faces scarred with the knowledge of good and evil, with life. Adam and Eve mirror our complex lives. The icon shows, that this is where Jesus begins. Williams says that

“God begins with who we are now and what we are now and it is there, now, that life comes from death and light from darkness. We may begin again at every moment by the power and strength of the living Jesus”.

Williams goes on to say, that our new beginnings include all that we have become, along with our present failures, that we move forward with Jesus.

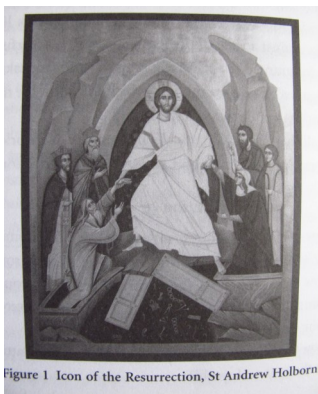


Figure 1 Icon of the Resurrection, St Andrew Holborn

Christ’s resurrection means that we can begin again, that Christ recreates us when we acknowledge him. “Our life”, concludes Williams, “begins again, day by day, because he is, and always will be, God with us”.

Kay Knowles

ICHC—INTERCHURCH COUNCIL FOR HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY



Delivering Healthcare Chaplaincy

The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy (ICHC) is a registered charitable organisation that provides chaplains to Hospital communities in Aotearoa. ICHC walks arm in arm with patients who need prayer and comfort while in hospital. We would not be able to do this without the generous support of our donors, including many churches and individuals.

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Canterbury Youth Services began from Baptist Youth Ministries, an organisation that was set up in 1980 to resource and develop Youth Ministries of Baptist churches throughout New Zealand. BYM expanded as the need and demand for youth work related training and support grew, and in 1995 it became apparent that there was huge demand for similar services across denominations. Under the leadership of Mike Dodge the concept of an organisation serving all local youth ministries was given legs to stand on. So in 1999 Canterbury Youth Services was birthed to serve all youth ministries in the Canterbury Region and has been constantly expanding ever since.

In 1996 Eastercamp was launched with 360 campers, this event has now grown to become the flagship event of CYS. In 2006 Eastercamp numbers surpassed 3000 for the first time and in 2009 registrations exceeded 4000, compiled from the 110 youth ministries from around the South Island. As this has grown and continues to grow so does the impact that CYS has on youth

ministry within New Zealand.

Due to covid cancellation of our 2022 event the Holy Spirit prompted us to fling open the doors for a public Christian evangelistic event for all. Hence the Town Hall Big Top Event was born as a one off to replace Easter Camp at Spencer Park. The Big Top Night is where 2000 young people and old from all over the South Island will gather for one night of; Fun, Giveaways, Visual Arts, LIVE praise & worship with Satellite Band, and hear an inspiring message of hope! This event is open to all ages from year 8 up, families from young to young at heart. The event will be similar to a Big Top night at camp. We will have an extended praise and worship time and a guest speaker (Ben MacGregor from Grace Vineyard) who will share a gospel message with a call to respond to the message.

Please see Byron or Sampson to register your young people and/or as an adult. There are 2000 tickets available. Join us. Tickets \$12.

WOMAN'S DAY OUT



Save The Date

Woman's Day Out

Saturday 2nd of July

In Akaroa

Lunch and Transport is provided

For more info and to RSVP
contact Catharine or Sue

Catharine: 021 0236 5492

Sue: 029 776 1782

Greetings
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May Meeting: This was our first afternoon meeting due to colder and darker evenings. Our speaker was from "Mature Movers". His advice will be useful as people plan to downsize or move into a serviced apartment or a village rest home. This company can help with a little or a lot. They can even prepare your bed in your new home and then clean and garden at your old home ready for sale. Decluttering should be taken on over time if possible, making your own decisions on what to keep, donate to a charity or try to sell. We should all have started yesterday!



At the next meeting of AAW on Thursday 2nd June at 1:30pm in the Thompson Lounge, will involve all our members with discussions and memories around FOOD. Please be ready to bring along a recipe and share why it is a favourite and any special times or people you shared it with.



A copy of the recipe may be helpful to share so please keep it small to copy to share. Afternoon tea will be plain old biscuits, tea and coffee.

Blessings,
Maxine Carlsen

FOOD BANK—S^t MARTIN'S

Non perishable food items can be left in the Breadline basket at the back of the St Martin's Church. We are currently in

need of the following items: breakfast cereals, sugar (500g), sandwich spreads, soups, tins of baked beans, tins of spaghetti, pasta, and pasta sauces, tins of vegetables, tins of fruit, and tea bags (30s). All donations are gratefully received.



FOODBANK

S^t MARTIN'S & S^t JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

If you, your family, friends, or neighbours are struggling do advise them of our Foodbank.

S^t MARTIN'S & S^t JAMES CHURCH

50 Lincoln Rd
Spreydon

Foodbank open

Wednesday 9.30-11am

Donations of non perishable food items would be gratefully received so we can help more members of our community thrive and not just survive.

OLDER DRIVER'S COURSE



Staying Safe

a refresher course for older drivers



This FREE classroom based course will help you re-familiarise yourself with traffic rules and safe driving practices. It will also increase your knowledge about other transport options and help you remain independent for longer.

Grab your friend or partner and join us on Wed 29 June 2022 from 10.00am - 2.00pm, at Arvida Good Friends, 47 Whiteleigh Ave, Addington (a light lunch is provided). RSVP to Maxine Carlsen please phone: 942 9956 before Wed 22 June 2022.

“TO BE OR NOT TO BE?”

“That is the question.”

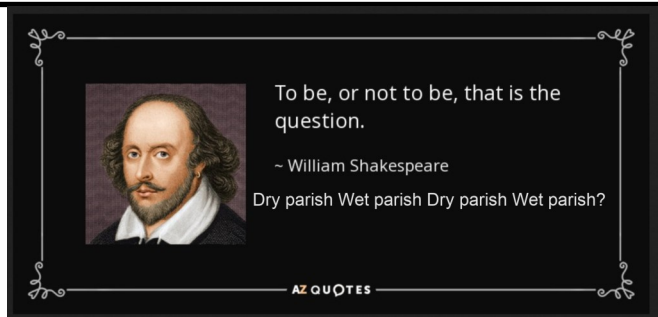
It appears there is some confusion around our Parish being a T-totalling dry parish or not or somewhere in between. From what we have

found out is that St James was not dry and St Martin’s are mainly dry but have various views but we have yet to find any policy around this. So a good place to refer back to is the bible and what it says about alcohol and how we move forward with a clearer guideline on the matter.

Ephesians 5:15-20: Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.¹⁸ *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,*¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Two Ways:

1. God’s New Way: Truth, Holy, New Creation, Love, Seeks Reconciliation, Light, Wise, Discerning and *Filled with The Spirit*
2. The Gentiles Old Way: Ignorance, Deceitful and Immoral, Corrupt



Creation, Bitterness and Greed, Full of Anger and Rage, Darkness, Unwise, Foolish, *Filled with Wine.*

John 2:1-11: Jesus Changes Water Into Wine.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been *invited to the wedding.*³ When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “*They have no more wine.*”.....⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

They did so,⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted *the water that had been turned into wine.* He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, “*Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had*

“TO BE OR NOT TO BE?”

too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Conclusion: Wine is a good thing that gladdens hearts, is part of celebration and is to be received with gratitude. Wine in excess dehumanises and is associated with an environment of degradation, indignity, violence, debauchery, and the wasting of human life and potential; some get dependent on it for a false sense of life, celebration and freedom and some people cannot handle it at all.

Discipleship and holiness is enjoying the good, finding what some search for

in alcohol through renewal and discerning not crossing into what is not beneficial, what masters you and what diminishes the glory of God in your life.

Here at St Martin’s St James we have found there is no policy round this which makes things confusing (if you know of any such policy please let us know). What we have found out is that there is a loose guideline that we generally don’t have alcohol on the premises (except communion wine). However if there is a function or hire that has a seated meal then permission is to be gained from vestry. Any further information you have please let a vestry member know.

Thank you
Rev Sampson

AAW—SOCIAL CONCERN & OVERSEAS AND OUTREACH

You are invited to attend the following: [fill the car, come on a bike, on a bus, on a donkey], but first **pray** for the day:



Monday, 27 June
10:00am - 1:00pm

Place: St Barnabas Church
(Tui Room)
8 Tui Street, Fendalton

10am meet *Rev Mike Baker* from Petersgate Counselling Service, Christchurch. Mike has a background in pastoral ministry, military chaplaincy and working in social services.

Quick 10 minute tea break: 11:10am meet *Rebekah Dunbar*, our Overseas & Outreach.. Speaker. Rebekah, who grew up in Christchurch, and her

husband Neil have been working with a new church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. They are highly regarded by the Church Missionary Society in New Zealand.

12 noon to 1pm: finger food lunch, fellowship and an opportunity to meet your Diocesan AAW President / NZAAW Overseas & Outreach Convener, Raewyn Dawson.

A Koha appreciated, to help cover costs.

Conveners: Patricia Owen, Social Concerns ph: 328-8182
Judy Palmer, Overseas & Outreach ph: 420-0923

Let’s Refresh, Renew and Rejoice.

MISSIONS need constant prayer support and we appreciate that many parishioners uphold in prayer our mission partners who serve the Lord overseas and dedicate their time to helping those in many poor countries.

As with last month's report, we have two of our four overseas missionary partnerships at present on furlough time in New Zealand spending some much needed and appreciated time in home land and spending time with family and friends and having health breaks to recharge before returning to the workloads they will find once back on the mission field overseas.

Lorna & Ajit DAS remain in the Auckland area as Ajit continues to recuperate from his health treatments. They have spent time with both their children, with Bejoy and Rachel bringing their little son over from Australia for a visit. Daughter Sarita has also spent time with her parents and for Lorna and Ajit seeing their children now that they are grown up and living away from them is precious time spent.

Looking after the Jibon outreach in **Bangladesh** continues but there is much for Lorna & Ajit to do with the people there once they return and can fulfil their outreach, care, teachings, prayers and love for the people.

Neill & Rebekah DUNBAR and their children – Jonathan, Aaron and Emily, continue their time in NZ and travelling around sharing their work with the link support churches and

groups who send funds to CMS to help with their work in **Cambodia**.

It was great to have **Robson and Ndana Munyuku** join us at Church recently as they came to Chch for a wedding so were able to visit our parishioners as well. Robson reports that the work at **Munyuku Secondary School in Zimbabwe** continues as the youth and the villagers each contribute to helping the school teachers' block get built and the school teaching the pupils well for their futures.

Elaine Robson continues to complete the translation work to have transcripts printed in the dialect of areas into which Christian publications are being distributed.

Also back at home here we continue to pray for **Maddie Collins** as her health issues are a huge undertaking and of concern to her, her family, and the many people who treat her, as well as many of our parishioners who have watched and prayed for her since she was a cute little pre-schooler at St Martin's before the family moved to live at West Melton. Continued contact with her family has kept us updated on what is happening for Maddie, especially with her grandmother Elaine Manson being a member of our parish Tuesday home group where our ladies uphold all who need much prayer in their lives.

As always thank you and please continue praying for the health and wellbeing of all our Mission outreach situations and the people involved.

MISSIONS

Our mission support team are planning a meeting during June. Please make contact (Sharon Rees 3383296) if you would like to join us as we discuss and pray for those on the mission field both

here and overseas.

Blessings, Sharon Rees, Missions Co-Ordinator: *As reported.*



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES JUNE 2022

Sunday June 5	Pentecost
8.30am Traditional Service with HC 10.30am Family Service with HC 10.30am Kids' Church:	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
Sunday June 12	Pentecost
8.30am Traditional Service with HC 10.30am Family Service 10.30am Kids' Church:	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
Sunday June 19	Pentecost
8.30am Traditional Service with HC Breakfast: 10.30am Family Service with HC 10.30am Kids' Church:	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 & 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
Sunday June 26	Pentecost
8.30am Traditional Service with HC 10.30am Family Service 10.30am Kids' Church:	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

Prayer is the breath of faith.
Prayer meetings are the lungs of the church. *C.H. Spurgeon.*

Prayer Meeting
Monday at 4-5pm, Neave Room—St Martin's Church

Pease check with group leaders what Covid 19 level regulations are in force.

- **Mondays—Prayer Meeting:** 4-5pm, Neave Room, St Martin's. This is a time of pray and praying for prayer requests.
- **Wednesdays—Service of Holy Communion:** 11am in the Thompson Lounge, St Martin's. Morning tea at 10.30am.
- **Thursday 2 June—AAW Meeting:** 1:30pm, in the Thompson Lounge. Discussions and memories around FOOD
- **Friday 24 June—Church Whanau Fun Event:** Dessert and Games Night: 5-8pm Neave Room
- **Saturday 2 July—Women's Day Out:** Destination Akaroa

Martin's gym. \$5 per session or \$45 per ten week term. All welcome. Contact: the physio team at TuneUp Physio Village Health 338 8595 or visit www.tuneupphysio.nz.

- **Tuesday's—Craft Group:** 1.30-3.30pm, 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month. Neave Room, St Martin's Church. Helen Williams 338 9336.
- **Tuesday & Thursday—School of Good Soil:** Disciple training: 2.30pm & 7pm
- **Wednesday mornings—Foodbank:** 9.30-11am: Helen Williams 338 9336 or Joan 339 7135.
- **Friday mornings—school term time: St Martin's Playgroup:** Any enquires to Azaria 0204026 1160 or via the facebook page.
- **Harvest Rangatahi (Youth):** <https://stmartinsstjames.church/youth>

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

- **Mondays—Strengthen and Stretch Exercise Class:** A Low Impact class, 6.00-6.30pm. General exercise class at 6.30-7.15pm on Monday nights, school terms. St



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

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This month we have seen growth in our Thursday Afternoon Junior Stags group which is fantastic! It has been really great having the two huddles providing a sausage sizzle every second week for the youth who attend.

This term for Kids Church, we are looking at the Biblical Judges, how God worked through them, and what we can learn from their stories.

This coming month we are having a Matariki Dessert and Games Night! This past month we had a leaf fight planned at Hagley Park but due to the weather, we gathered in the Neave Room instead for some board games.

Prayer Requests:


- A growth in families/children in our Sunday Kids program.

- Connections with our wider community through our Church Whanau group.
- A deepening in the faith of our Children and Leaders.
- Strengthening of our families and peace in this time of fear and anxiety.

Question to ask yourself:

- Is there anyone/family I know who isn't part of a church?
- What would it look like to be praying that God show's me who they are?
- What would it look like for me to invite them along to ?

Ngā mihi
–Azaria Peach



June 24th
5pm-8pm

Matariki Dessert & Games Night

Bring your favourite game and wintry dessert to share! Tea, coffee and hot chocolate provided.

@ 50 Lincoln Road in the Neave Room