



Sunday 26 June 2022

FOCUS NEWS

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

Together cultivating a culture of discipleship, mission & regeneration

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

Welcome, if you are a regular, new or visiting today. 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. If you would like to know more about following Jesus, being baptised or would like a visit from one of our clergy/pastoral care team, please ask our welcomers at the front entrance. Baby change tables and quiet parent children spaces are available, please ask. You will find the notices, sermons and teaching series on our website.

Prayer & Praise Service: This Sunday is our third service of Prayer & Praise led by the Holy Spirit. An informal and organic gathering together to see where the Holy Spirit leads us. This will be held in the Neave Room Sunday 26 June 5-6pm. Come as you are.

Pie and Pint: with the Sumner Mesopotamia Gents. Redcliff's at St Andrews Church \$10. Friday, 1 July, 7:00 – 7:30pm. Speaker: Bruce Lamb who is a dog handler. Pies from Bridge St Bakery South Brighton. Two Thumbs beer. See Sampson for car pooling and details.

Coming up for Young People:

Cathedral (Youth) Worship Night: Transitional Cathedral: Earlier time aimed for youth, but young adults are still welcome. Pizza will be provided. Sunday 12th June 7pm, <https://fb.me/e/kOvQeWet4>

World Vision 40 Hour Famine 1-3 July 2022: World Vision New Zealand. "I encourage each and every one of you to take part in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. In the scheme of things, 40 hours isn't a very long time, yet the impact we can make for children is massive," says Caleb, who grew up on the west side of Auckland. www.worldvision.org.nz

Xtend Leadership Camp — CYS: Registration Information: Living Springs Conference Centre Sunday 11th - Wednesday 14th July 2021 Cost: \$180pp (Special dietary requirements may require an extra cost, further details available

Our Purpose . . . To make Christ known

on the registration form). www.cys.org.nz

Bible Study

This passage contains some very harsh statements. Jesus' response to the first would-be follower is that – before deciding to follow Jesus – he should first count the cost. The closing sentence is even harder, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This is a Jesus who leaves no room for compromise. Not only must we follow Jesus, whatever the cost, but we must do it immediately and wholeheartedly.

Questions:

- Read Luke 9:51-62. Read it slowly three times. The first time listen/look for a word, verse, or phrase that jumps off the page. Who do you most identify within the story?"
- John started his message connecting and comparing Jesus to the Old Testament person of Elijah. What did you learn that was new? How did it impact your view of Jesus?
- Jesus rebuked James and John when they wanted to call down fire on the Samaritans. What does this teach us about how we should respond to those who reject us? How do you often want to respond to those who oppose you or reject you?
- As Jesus started His journey to Jerusalem, He encountered three people who wanted to follow Him. Each person represents a different barrier to fully following Jesus.
- Why is it hard to say no to different things? Have you ever looked to your past thinking it was better before following Christ? Why is it easy to romanticise the way life used to be? What is God inviting me into through this passage? What do you feel like God has been saying to you throughout.

Women's Day Out: To Akaroa on Saturday 2nd of July starting 9am. If you missed out on registering please ask our welcomers at Church.

Christchurch Town Hall: The 6th August the **Easter Camp Team** are bringing the big top rally to the Town Hall. Open to all ages from year 8 years up. Guest speaker: Ben MacGregor from Grace Vineyard. Please see Byron or Sampson to register tickets \$12 each, 2000 tickets available.

Youth Bible Studies: Watch this space for our Youth Bible Studies starting soon!

BIBLE READINGS:

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

SENTENCE:

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence (Psalm 16:11)

COLLECT PRAYER: FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sovereign God, we have no good apart from you; gladden our hearts in following your radical call so that in your presence we may find the fullness of joy; 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 Church 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
 - 10.30am Family Service
 - 10.30am Kid's Church
- **Monday Prayers:** 4-5pm. Neave Room
- **AAW—Social Concern & Overseas and Outreach:** Monday, 27 June, 10:00am - 1:00pm. Speakers: Rev Mike Baker from Petersgate Counselling Service, and Rebekah Dunbar, our Overseas & Outreach. Place: St Barnabas Church, (Tui Room), 8 Tui Street, Fendalton. A Koha appreciated, to help cover costs. Contacts: Conveners: Patricia Owen, Social Concerns ph: 328-8182 and Judy Palmer, Overseas & Outreach ph: 420-0923
- **Tuesday 28 June—Crosstrax deadline:** 10am.
- **Wednesday 29 June—Vestry Meeting:** 7.30pm Neave Room
- **Saturday 2 July—Women's Day Out:** See Sampson and Sue to register.

GIVE THANKS FOR .

- Our dedicated Kids' Church teachers, Youth Leaders and volunteers.

PRAY FOR

- Parishioners with special concerns: Avril & Alan Harper, Gwen Ragg, Lorraine Bennett and Matthew, Ron Chapman, Terry James, Victoria Sullivan.
- School of Good Soil: Discipleship Training Groups—Tuesday & Thursday.
- Our Mission Partners and Projects: Ajit & Lorna Das (Bangladesh)

NOTICES

Church Keys: If you are a holder of a church key please contact Catharine with the colour and key number you have. Also if you no longer need a key please return it to Catharine. **Amenities cleaner needed:** to help another person every 4-5 weeks, please see or contact Bev (338 4985 or 027 8285312).

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 RESTRICTIONS APPLY: GROUPS & REGULAR ACTIVITIES:** **Monday: Strength and Stretch Classes:** Term time: \$5.00 per class. St Martin's Gym. Contact: TuneUp Physio, Village Health 338 8595 or visit www.tuneupphysio.nz **Tuesday's: Craft Group:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. Contact Helen Williams 3389336. **Wednesdays: Foodbank:** is open from 9.30 to 11am. Regular items in need: sugar (500g), tea bags (30's or similar), cereals, soup, pasta sauce. A full list is in the Crosstrax magazine. St Martin's Church Office. **Fridays during term time—Church of St Martin's Playgroup:** 9.30-12pm. Enquires to Azaria or via the facebook page.

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twitter.com/stmartinstjames **Bible resources:** rightnowmedia.org

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday service times

- 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 AP #.

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