

# KIT Sheet

SUNDAY 16 MAY

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

TE RĀTAPU TUAWHITU O TE ARANGA

TODAY'S READINGS:

[Psalm 98] (p 581)

Acts 10:44-48 (p 1069)

1 John 5:1-6 (p 1196)

John 15:9-17 (p 1048)

(Page numbers for pew Bibles)

**BIBLE SENTENCE FOR TODAY:**

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' John 15:16

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Almighty God,  
you teach us in your word that love is  
the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with all  
our heart  
and our neighbor as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER?**

If you would like prayer, please come to the altar rail at the end of the 10am service and our prayer team will pray for you.

Prayer Team for today:

Anne Aspden & Robyn Denize

 Jean Webb, Barbara Jones

Please tell us when it's your birthday!



## St Stephen's

Anglican Church, Whangaparaoa

### COMMUNION WINE

For those who prefer, the second chalice bearer offers **individual cups of wine or grape juice.**



Bowls are on both sides at the front to receive used cups.

If you prefer **Gluten free wafers**, please speak to the priest before the service.

### Sanctuary Tea & Coffee

Join us in the hall for great conversation!



**Giving Envelopes** available on the foyer table now!

22 May 10am Justice Conference

We encourage use of the NZ Covid tracer app.

You can scan the app here.



**Hand sanitiser** for use after the peace or before communion is available at the back of the church beside each door.

**Growing in faith, love and mission**

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS



### OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for those who are ill, lonely or in need of healing and loving care, especially: Beverly Lord, Peter Sass, Les Lloyd, Matthew Wright, David & Lisa Webb, Danny Lissington

*Please ring Belinda in the office (554-0747) to have your name included on the KITsheet prayer list.*

### Give thanks for:

**Our Op-shop Volunteers** for the gift of their time and energy which makes such a difference to all who visit the shop, the outreach we can do and the charities we can support.

### Pray for:

**Our new Vestry members** as they take up their areas of responsibility and work together to bring the gospel to our community.

**Peace to come to Israel and Palestine** that the leaders will be blessed with the humility needed to work together to find ways to live in harmony.

## PRAYER CHAIN



Our **Prayer Chain** people can offer focussed, confidential prayer at a distance. To be included, contact **Anne Aspden** **Prayer Chain leader** (424 3693)

## KEEPING OUR PEOPLE IN TOUCH

Please take a copy of this news sheet to anyone not at church this morning. If you know of anyone who is sick at home or in hospital please let **Anne Aspden** (424 3693) know.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY 23 MAY DAY OF PENTECOST TE RĀ O TE PETEKOHA

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*(In the online version of the KITsheet click on the reading to access NIV version)*

## SERVICE TIMES SURVEY

Thank you for taking part in the recent survey to consider a change in service times. There were 59 households who took part, representing 78 people. For those who did not respond, we presume they were neutral about the idea.

Vestry took time during their retreat last weekend to consider the responses. Overall it was decided that the negative impacts on some people outweighed the benefits.

For this reason the trial will not go ahead. There were a couple of alternative ideas put forward which would benefit from further consideration, and conversations will take place with each congregation over the next several weeks to explore these options further.

# Thank You!

FOR YOUR DONATION

**DONATION RECEIPTS** are prepared by the Diocesan Accountants in accordance with requirements of the Charities Commission. The Parish office is not involved in this work, please remember that the Diocesan office is in the process of preparing receipts for the whole of the Auckland Diocese. They are usually available towards the end of May. **We will be sure to let you know as soon as they are available**, both by email and in the KITsheet.



## THE JUSTICE CONFERENCE

A global conference exploring the life of Jesus and biblical narrative of justice in our society. 11 Countries, 24 hours, 1 conference. Drawing upon the distinct and intentional physical movements of Jesus in his ministry, we will explore his pursuit of justice for the most vulnerable and hurting, and challenge one another to consider a deeper imitation of Him, guided by globally recognised Christian leaders.

This is a unique opportunity to join in with Christians across the world as we gather together to listen to the voices that need to be heard in this pivotal moment in our global history.

**Saturday May 22 10am**  
**Meeting Room, St Stephens**  
**Bring your own lunch, tea & coffee provided**

**Sign up sheet on the foyer table.**

## THY KINGDOM COME



**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*

*Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

To quote Nicky Gumbel, who began the Alpha programme, *“The Kingdom of God is God’s rule and reign in people’s hearts ... and that’s what we’re praying for. .... we’re praying that more people will encounter Jesus. .... lives will be changed, that churches will be revitalised and that society will be transformed because those together... .. is all about God’s kingdom coming.”*

You can follow this on facebook, or there are resources on the foyer table (more can be printed). There is a Novena for praying the psalms, and a Prayer Journal. This is also available in large print - just contact the office to have one printed for you.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Sunday

8:00am: Holy Communion  
 10:00am: Family Communion  
*with Adventurers Programme for children.*

#### Thursday

10.00am: Holy Communion

#### Wednesday

11:00am **Parish Prayer Meeting**  
*Focused prayer for the parish and beyond.*

#### Last Sunday of the month

4-6pm **Messy Church**—Free Dinner incl  
*For all age kids & their families*

#### Tuesday

9:30-11:30am mainly music *(in school terms)*

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 7:00pm: 2 Wednesdays/month as arranged  
*Study on Acts led by the Lloyds (428 0464)*

#### Thursday

2:30pm: Knitters, Creators & Chatters  
*in the foyer (in school term)*

#### Thursday (cont'd)

7:30pm: Orewa Group Fortnightly as  
 arranged  
*Gill Henderson 027 428 1248*

#### Friday

9:30am-12noon: Selwyn Centre

#### 1st Saturday of the month

5pm-7pm: Youth Group  
*Ages 9yrs and up*

## DIRECTORY

**Vicar:** The Revd. Ian Hardcastle 424 0939  
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#### Rest Home Ministries

**Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:**  
 The Revd Anne Aspden 424 3693  
**Sacristan:** Christina Jensen 424 0642

**Rest Home Ministries**  
**Beachfront** Rev Pam Cunningham 09 427 0647

#### Rest Home Ministries Cont'd

**Northaven** Ian Hardcastle & Anne Aspden  
**Peninsula Club & Haldene** Ian Hardcastle  
**mainly music:** Tuesday: Sue Kroger 027 547 8324  
 Wed: Kathy Anderson 424 7657

**Selwyn Centre Co-ordinator:**  
 Julie Taylor 021 0278 3751

#### 'SECOND CHANCE' CHURCH OP SHOP

55 Karepiro Drive 424 3717  
 Mon - Fri: 10am - 4:00pm; Sat: 10am - 3pm  
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**KITsheet Items** to office by Thursday 10am

**Office hours:** Mon-Fri 9am-11.30am

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#### Online regular giving:

Payee: **StStephens ASB 12-3084-0097535-04**  

Particulars	Code	Reference
Your name	Giving number	Offertory

#### Online missions giving:

Payee: **StStephens ASB 12-3084-0097535-07**  

Particulars	Code	Reference
Your name	Giving number	Specific mission

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