

COMMUNION WINE

At this time the wine is being served in **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!



Served Every Sunday after the service.



TODAY'S READINGS:

Psalm 112:1-9

Isaiah 58:1-9a

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

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(Page numbers for the pew Bibles)

BIBLE SENTENCE FOR TODAY:

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

PRAYER FOR TODAY

We praise you, God,
that the light of Christ shines in our darkness and is never overcome;
show us the way we must go to eternal day;
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.

In a tasteless and a dark world, let us be salt and light.-



Jo Little, Dawn Littlefield, Pat Hoyle,
Sylvia Gudsell, Lesley Bruce-Brand
Let us share your celebrations - please tell us when it's your birthday or anniversary!



Please pray for
our church and
our parish family

Please pray for those who are ill, lonely or in need of healing and loving care.

Please ring/email the office (554-0747) to have your name included on the KIT-sheet prayer list.



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

If you know of anyone who is sick at home or in hospital or if you would like healing prayer for any need: spiritual, physical or emotional; please speak to **Anne Aspden, our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator**.

KEEPING OUR PEOPLE IN TOUCH

Please take a copy of this news sheet to anyone not at church this morning - let them know we missed them.

FEELING CHILLY? The air-con in the church is set to fresh air, which is the recommended setting to prevent the spread of airborne viruses. There are wraps at the back of the church for you to use if you are feeling cold.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm 119:1-8

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

SHORT TERM MISSION CHANCES

SOMA (Short Term Missionaries Abroad) is leading 3 Mission trips this year, and St Stephen's is participating in 2 of these.

Vanuatu 1-15 March

Purpose: The bishop has asked for a team to help bring spiritual renewal and focusing on training in healing ministry and overcoming witchcraft.

Programme: Consists of a 3-day diocesan conference for 500 attendees followed by three x 3-day village ministry training visits.

Team: The team members must be fit, willing to step out in faith, be flexible, able to pray with people, and have a testimony to share.

Cost: Last year St Stephen's received a bequest to be used for mission, expenses will be covered by this fund.

TIME IS SHORT! REGISTER THIS WEEK!

Kondoa (Tanzania) August

Bishop Given Gaula has requested another visit. Details to follow.

VIDEO NOTICE: The 10am service is being videoed and live-streamed. The congregation are not seen in the video, and serving of communion is not included. If there are concerns about this, please see the priest. Videos are made available on our website & facebook pages.

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN

Sadly our children were not able to start the school year as expected last week. We ask God's blessing on our children and young people, their teachers and all who make schools a place of community as they begin another year.

PREPARING FOR LENT

We are now less than a fortnight away from **Ash Wednesday** which marks the beginning of **Lent**. Traditionally thought of as a time of "giving up" something - but what are we giving up, and why? Is it just to prove to ourselves that we can give something up, or is it to be replaced by something more meaningful? Perhaps for us in New Zealand a more meaningful word would be **rāhui** - restriction for replenishment & renewal.

It takes 3 weeks to form a new habit, a further 3 weeks to embed it into our daily routine. Rather than wait for Ash Wednesday to decide how you will use the 6 week period of Lent, now is a good time to start thinking about it.

If you don't already have a daily Bible reading habit, how about starting this? There are some really easily accessed guides to do this, such as Radio Rhema's The Word for Today which can be accessed online at rhema.co.nz/the-word-for-today or through their app, or how about trying the new Tuia app which you can access at tuia.app - you can access both these links through our online Kit-sheet at ststephenswgp.org.nz/news-sheet.html.

TUIA

Gathering people in prayer

A new prayer app has been released as a free app on Google Play and the Apple App Store. While a wide range of daily prayer apps have been developed the 'Tuia' app has been designed specifically for Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Funded by St John's College Trust, Rev Stephen Black who led the design team says *"Through Tuia any one of us will be able connect with our Anglican tradition, our tikanga, and our missional aspirations wherever we go. Tuia not only helps us develop our relationship with God through prayer and Scripture-reading, but also connects us to Christian community through shared prayer features."*

There are five visual 'themes' Kaitiaki-Guardian (of Creation), Kaiwhakatere - Wayfinder (toward justice), Pononga - Servant, Kaikauhau i te Rongopai - Evangelist, and Kaiwhakaako - Teacher. Taking their inspiration from the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission. It adds in prayers on social justice and mission themes and content from 'For All the Saints' too.

Tuia provides reflections and prayers based on the daily readings from the lectionary which we use in our weekly services, as well as the option to use "Examen", night prayer, space for your own prayer notes, and the ability to share with others.

Easy to use with everything at your fingertips, why not try it? You have nothing to lose and a lot to gain.

REGULAR EVENTS

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Holy Communion
10:00am: Family Communion

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*)
2:00pm- 4:00pm Matakatia Group
Anne Aspden 414 3693

Wednesday

9:30-11:30am mainly music (*in school term*)
7:00pm: 2 Wednesdays/month
Study on Acts led by the Lloyds (428 0464)

Thursday

2:30pm: Knitters, Creators & Chatters
in the foyer (in school term)
7:30pm: Orewa Group Fortnightly
Gill Henderson 027 428 1248

Friday

9:30am-12noon: Selwyn Centre

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Rest Home Ministries

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Selwyn Centre Co-ordinator:

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'SECOND CHANCE' CHURCH OP SHOP

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

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Your name	Giving number	Offertory

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Your name	Giving number	Specific mission

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