

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.



PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give:
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship, and
Power to our witness.
Help our church to grow:
In numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you and
In service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Amen.



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

KIT Sheet

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY
THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TE RĀTAPU TUARIMA
O HE WĀ NOA



TODAY'S READINGS:

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Isaiah 40:21-31

p 698

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

p 1113

Mark 1:29-39

p 969

(Page numbers for the pew Bibles)

BIBLE SENTENCE FOR TODAY:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Isaiah 40:31

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
you have called us to serve you,
yet without your grace
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.



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

Please pray for:

For those who are ill, lonely or in need of healing and loving care, especially Aline Lewis, Jean Webb and family

The celebrations of Waitangi Day that they are a celebration of hope and harmony for all people living here in Aotearoa New Zealand

Wisdom and tolerance for all world leaders that they will be quick to listen and slow to anger, and make decisions that will lead to lasting peace

Our schools, students and teachers as they begin the new academic year.

Give thanks for:

The Treaty of Waitangi, and the people who brought it into being for their wisdom in that decision.



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

**READINGS FOR
SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY
THE 6TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

[Psalm 30]

2 Kings 5:1-14

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1: 40-45

KEEPING CONNECTED



With the Annual General meeting due in March it is timely to update the Parish Roll information. **Have you changed** your email? Your address? Your phone number? Maybe you have had your landline disconnected - do we have your mobile number? If you haven't already let us know, tell the office of any changes - by email if possible with your name in the subject line to office@ststephenswgp.org.nz.

We will aim to print the **Parish Directory 2024 Edition** at the end of March

VESTRY 2024

AGM will be held 17 March, please give thought to who you would like to represent you on Vestry. Remember to talk to them about it so you are ready when nomination forms become available.

**KEEPING OUR PEOPLE IN TOUCH
(KIT)**

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

THANK YOU FROM BISHOP GIVEN

Bishop Given has written thanking you for your response to the famine appeal. There were 2 other churches that responded to his call and in short they used the combined money to buy food for 127 families with around 889 people which provided food for three weeks. He writes: "At Itolwa one old Muslim Lady who was helped with food (we provided food without discrimination of one's belief). She said "Christian religion is the only true religion, you see we don't give any help to Christians when we, Muslims distribute food we only give amongst ourselves muslims inside the mosque." There is so many good story at Kisaki and Kikore because of the support. I have a letter from a Muslim leader thanking me for providing food to people without discrimination.Thank you much for giving us the good news. We thank God for bringing you into our lives! Thank you so much for sharing the gospel with us in this way. God bless you so much!"

MAINLY MUSIC

This fun ministry focussing on meeting the needs of young families, will be starting soon, on 13th Feb for Tuesdays and 14th for Wednesday sessions. It is a crucial part of our outreach , but is in need of others to join the teams - especially the Wednesday team. Talk to Gill Cranch or Toni Wentworth, or even just come along at 9.20 to observe and see if it is something you would like to be a part of.

February EVENTS

FEB 11TH:

CTC survey begins. This builds on the findings of the Church Life Survey done last year and will help guide decision making. All are encouraged to participate - whether you have been a member of many years or whether you have visited once or twice. We really want your feedback!

FEB 13TH:

Mainly music begins for 2024

FEB 14TH

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm
(NB change of time)

FEB 18TH:

Last day for CTC survey

Jonathan and Michele Pound visit

Jonathan and Michele spoke to us in August 2021 - just before the big Auckland lockdown, and leaving for South Sudan with Mission Aviation Fellowship. They will be coming to give us an update on their experiences.

FEB 23RD:

Visit of Cameron Munro CTC Lead Consultant begins

Feb 25th:

Baptism of Lucas Ng
First Messy Church of 2024

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*)
2:30pm: Knitters, Creators & Chatters
Anne Aspden 414 3693

Wednesday

9:30-11:30am mainly music (*in school term*)
7pm Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the hall

Thursday

7:00pm: Study on Acts alternate Thursdays
Led by the Lloyds (428 0464)
7:30pm: Orewa Group Fortnightly
Gill Henderson 027 428 1248

Friday

9:30am-12noon: Selwyn Centre

DIRECTORY

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Rest Home Ministries
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mainly music:
Tuesday: Sue Harper 027 484 8441
Wed: Gill Cranch 021 061 4648

Selwyn Centre Co-ordinator:
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KITsheet Items to office by Thursday 10am

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