



St Stephen's

Anglican Church, Whangaparaoa

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.



TODAY'S READINGS:

[\[Psalm 22:25-31\]](#)

[Acts 8:26-40](#)

p 1066

[1 John 4:7-21](#)

p 1195

[John 15:1-8](#)

p 1048

(Page numbers for the pew Bibles)

Sanctuary Tea & Coffee

Join us in the hall for great conversation!

Served Every Sunday after the service.



Today 4-6pm

Messy Church

May 5 10am

Intergenerational Service

May 7 6:30pm

Alpha begins

Sign-up sheets on the foyer table

May 8 1pm - May 10 1pm

Regen24

See inside for more info

BIBLE SENTENCE FOR TODAY:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:10-11

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Christ of the new covenant,
give us the happiness to share,
with full measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
all that you give us.

Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
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.



David Wallace

Let us share your celebrations - please tell us when it's your birthday or anniversary!

Growing in faith, love and mission



Please pray for
our church and
our parish family

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 Joan Girven, Florence Brown, Aline Lewis, Jean Webb and family.

Give thanks for:

The generous spirit of the people of this parish in providing assistance for Bishop Given, 10 evangelists and famine relief.



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

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.

**READINGS FOR
SUNDAY 4 MAY**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[\[Psalm 98\]](#)
[Acts 10:44-48](#)
[1 John 5:1-6](#)
[John 15:9-17](#)

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.**

SPOT CHECK OFFER

If you have a spot, mole or lesion you are concerned about Skin Institute is offering a free check of 1 spot by a Nurse Dermoscopist to ease your mind or offer advice. See Jenny at Silverdale clinic on the main street next to the hospice and SPCA shops.

ALPHA IS COMING!

Our next Alpha season starts
Tuesday 7 May @ 6:30pm

- Explore life, faith and meaning
 - Revitalise your faith
 - Free dinner
 - Helpers needed
- Sign up sheets on foyer table





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**A CHURCH
FOR FAMILY**

Today 4-6pm

A way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Free meal incl.

Big Story of God continues

This month:

Rules to Live By

We continue to follow the adventures of Moses and the Israelites as they wander through the desert looking for their new home.

Next week at the Intergenerational Service we ponder the next part of the story of the desert wanderings of the Israelites.

PUZZLE TIME!

Do you enjoy Jigsaw puzzles? We would appreciate your help for our Op-Shop by relaxing with a jigsaw puzzle done to make sure all the pieces are there - and if there is a missing piece take a photo of the completed puzzle so shoppers know which piece is missing. We can print the photo if emailed to the office.

The puzzles are in a container by the foyer table .

KONDOA DIOCESE SUPPORT



Thank you very much for your generous support for the people of Kondoa. We have reached our target for our annual contribution to Bishop Given's stipend and the rent for 10 evangelist which is great news.

Not only have we met this commitment, but we have also been able to provide a further \$3,000 famine relief above the funds sent in December from the Disaster Relief Fund thanks to your support.



Regen Gospel Vision Conference is aimed at inspiring and equipping church members and leaders with a gospel-saturated vision for leadership, mission and discipleship. It is lead by Rev Andrew Katay who is a senior leader of City to City. Go to the online version of the KITsheet and click [here](#) to register or search Regen24.

Dinner available @\$22.

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 (*Term time*)
Anne Aspden 414 3693

Wednesday

9:30-11:30am mainly music (*in school term*)
7:00pm Hobbs Bay Group
Andrew Bruce-Brand 022 0257 3607
7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous in the hall

Thursday

7:00pm: Study on Acts 2nd & 4th Thursdays
Led by the Lloyds (428 0464)
7:30pm: Orewa Group 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Gill Henderson 027 428 1248

Friday

9:30am-12noon: Selwyn Centre
Julie Taylor 021 027 8375
4pm Youth Band practice
Michael Ng 021 335 308

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Rest Home Ministries

Peninsula Club Ian Hardcastle
Northhaven Ian Hardcastle & Anne Aspden
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& Halldene 021 0244 8820

mainly music:

Tuesday: Sue Harper 027 484 8441
Wed: Gill Cranch 021 061 4648

Selwyn Centre Co-ordinator:

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'SECOND CHANCE' CHURCH OP SHOP

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KITsheet Items to office by Thursday 10am

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Your name | Giving number | Offertory

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