

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:

Colossians 4:2-6 p 1149
Mark 4:26-29 p 972
(Page numbers for the pew Bibles)

Sanctuary Tea & Coffee

Join us in the hall for great conversation!
Served Every Sunday after the service.



BIBLE SENTENCE FOR TODAY:

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4: 6



Today 4-6pm Messy Church
New Life

Wed 2 Oct School Holiday Craft morning

Sun 6 Oct 10am Blessing of Animals
Archdeacon visit

Sun 13 Oct 10am
Intergenerational Service

Sat 20 Oct 12-4pm ACM Open Day

PRAYER FOR TODAY

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.

IN NEED OF PRAYER?

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

Life's Little
CELEBRATIONS
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 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 Jon & Gill Henderson, Keizia Stephens-Cross John & Kristina Qbei, Lisa Webb, and Iris Bale.

Give thanks for

The rich heritage of our land, its trees and birds, rivers and beaches, its ability to grow plentiful crops and other food.

Those who are finding new ways to care for our planet



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

Pastoral Care.

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.**

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER HUMANITY SUNDAY

Psalms 8

Genesis 1:26-28

Philippians 2:1-8

Mark 10:41-45

(Links to the readings can be found on the website)



The Ripple Effect programme introduced by Julie-ann Laird this morning aims to help us connect with others in a non-threatening way, in particular about our faith. It is the first significant, parish-wide step in our journey to revitalize our Church.

For many, talking to non-church family and friends about faith is daunting so this 8 week course is designed to give a quiet confidence to have these conversations when the time is right.

We encourage everyone not already in a group to join a small group of 6—8 people to think about and develop the skills needed. There are sign up sheets on the foyer table with options for you to identify times that would work for you, and also whether you could host a small group—this does not mean you would need to lead a group, just that you have the space in your home for people to meet.

Growing in faith, love and mission

RE-VISION

On Friday and Saturday Vestry and lay leaders met together with Cameron Munro to review our vision and consider the things we want to focus on for the next 7 years and in particular setting mid and short term goals.

“BEYOND THE HORIZON” VISION:

For the next 7 years, St Stephen’s Whangaparaoa focus is on increasingly forming a community whose deepening knowledge and experience of the goodness and beauty of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will be seen in radically transformed lives of its members individually, and in the life of the congregation. Through these transformed lives the power and presence of God will overflow out to bless our communities and draw others to know, love and serve Him.

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the



Next week pets are invited to church for a blessing - recognising the pets we have that give us so much love. Small animals welcome to attend!

All animals attending the service must be on a lead or in a suitable cage for their own and others’ safety. Bring a photo of your pet if they can’t come to church, or if you want to remember a pet who is no longer here.



To mark the 35 years since Mainly Music first started, a special age relatable children’s Bible will be printed at a cost of \$22. Our Mainly Music teams hope to give 1 to each MM family in 2025—approximately 50. If you would like to help them please make a donation either directly into our bank account as follows:

Payee:

StStephens ASB 12-3084-0097535-07

Particulars| Code | Reference
Your name| Giving number | MM

Or by using one of the envelopes at the welcome table—please be sure to mark MM on the envelope and your giving



**School Holiday Craft Morning
Wednesday 2nd 10am—12-30**

Free! Includes light lunch!

Children must be accompanied by an adult

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:00pm: Study on Acts 2nd & 4th Thursdays
Led by the Lloyds

Thursday cont'd

7:00pm Hobbs Bay Group
Andrew Bruce-Brand
7:30pm: Orewa Group 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Gill Henderson

Friday

9:30am-12noon: Selwyn Centre
Julie Taylor
4pm Youth Band practice
Michael Ng

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Rest Home Ministries

Peninsula Club Ian Hardcastle
Northhaven Ian Hardcastle & Anne Aspden
Beachfront Toni Wentworth
& Halldene

mainly music:

Tuesday: Sue Harper
Wed: Gill Cranch

Selwyn Centre Co-ordinator:

Julie Taylor

'SECOND CHANCE' CHURCH OP SHOP

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Online regular giving:

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

Particulars	Code	Reference
Your name	Giving number	Offertory

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