

A new banner Commemorations Key Contacts

While at Camp we began making a banner inspired by Psalm 23 – it needs a bit of work to complete so on **Sunday 29th April after church**, if you would like to add something to the scene or you are good with a needle and thread and would like to help with the finishing bits, please stay on after the service and help. Soup lunch provided!



Con Bevan celebrates 104 years!
It was wonderful to see St James member Con Bevan honoured in the Whanganui Chronicle this week for celebrating her 104th birthday!



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St James Newsletter



April - May 2018

THEY WILL
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CHRISTIANS
BY OUR LOVE

Do you remember singing these words on our Good Friday Pilgrimage?
They come from a song written by Peter Scholtes in the 1960s based on John 13:35. Look up youtube and you'll see that the song has been covered by various Christian musical artists in recent years.

During Lent we talked about how **we are a 'sent people'**. This song reminds us that when we go, the greatest gift we take with us and offer to the world is LOVE. As we go head into term 2, I encourage you to consider how you will show love to the people you encounter and engage with each day. For they will know we are Christians by our love...

God bless and Arohanui,
Mo Morgan - Minister, St James Church

St James Rosters April - May

Worship Leaders

Note: if you swap with someone on the worship roster, you must let the worship leader of that service know!

Date	Leader	Musicians	Bible Reader	Prayers	St James Kids	Youth
1 st April	Easter Day!	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton	Rick Fox	Felicity	Ben
8 th April		Mo Morgan	Andy Savage		Felicity	Ben
15 th April	Wedding	Mo Morgan	C Wakelin	John Peill		
22 nd April		John Peill	Betty Simpson	C Teutscher	<i>School holiday break</i>	
29 th April		Mo Morgan	E Waters		Felicity, Pam	Ben
			A Campbell			
6 th May	Jamie Allen	Mo Morgan	Andy Savage	Mo Morgan	Kath, Caroline	Ben
13 th May	Mothers Day	Mo Morgan	Raewyn Daley	Beth Savage	Felicity, Pam	Ben
20 th May		Mo Morgan	Team	R Jackson	Felicity, Pam	Ben
27 th May		t.b.c.	Carolyn McIntyre			
3 rd June	Queen's Bday	t.b.c.				

Sunday Hospitality

Note: if you swap with someone on the hospitality roster, you must write up the change on the roster in the foyer!

Date	Door Duty	Counting	Morning Tea
1 st April	C Goodgame, I Taylor	C Goodgame, I Taylor	B Simpson, A Campbell
8 th April	M Missen, J Kempfers	M Missen, J Kempfers	K & M Sims
15 th April	B Simpson, A Jackson	B Simpson, A Jackson	C Wakelin, I Snoek
22 nd April	E Waters, R Daley	E Waters, K Sims	B Simpson, J Hughson
29 th April	C Wakelin, G Marryatt	C Wakelin, G Marryatt	A Campbell, J Kempfers
6 th May	M Missen, C Teutscher	M Missen, C Teutscher	N & C Hooker
13 th May	J & E Peill	K & M Sims	I Snoek, R Daley
20 th May	B Simpson, A Jackson	B Simpson, A Jackson	K & M Sims
27 th May	E Waters, R Daley	E Waters, C Teutscher	C Wakelin, R Daley
3 rd June	A Campbell, C Wakelin	A Campbell, C Wakelin	M Missen, J Kempfers

Coming up in term 2...

some ways for us to work together to bring love to our community this term

St James Kids Foodbank Visit - Friday 20th April

A picnic together at Moutoa Gardens then a trip to the City Mission Foodbank where we'll hear how our food donations make a difference to people in our community. More information: Contact Kath 0211294177



Jamie Allen Speaking - Sunday Worship 6th May, 9:30am

Our friend and mentor, Jamie Allen from Tearfund and The Taranaki Retreat will speak to us during the service about why and how we are called to respond to people affected by natural disasters and conflict. After the service he will meet with the Catalyst group to explore ways we can respond together and in our daily lives – if you would like to be involved with this group you'd be so welcome, please be in touch with Kath.



Market Stall fundraising for Tonga - Saturday morning 12th May

Come and be part of a team running a stall and sausage sizzle to raise money for people recovering from the Cyclone in Tonga earlier this year. If you're keen to be involved, please contact Kath 0211294177

St James Meal Makers

One of the ways we show love to people is by making meals when they have a new baby, surgery/an accident, or when life is just a bit too full on. If you would like to be one of our meal makers we'd love to have you on the list! And if you know of someone who needs a meal, please contact meal maker coordinator Beth Savage beth.laninga@gmail.com, 021384255

Term 2 Study: RESTORING HOPE!

Term 2's study 'Restoring Hope' will follow a guide produced by Tearfund which looks at how we can respond and 'bring the love' to natural disasters, conflict situations and peace-making, it will also challenge you to personally act.

Six Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm from 9th May - 6th June



Good Companions

Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Dearlove Lounge.



Thursday 3rd May

We will have a time of sharing memories together with input from members of the Good Companions group.

Thursday 7th June

To celebrate our 24th Anniversary will have a 'Musical' afternoon with some surprise guests! Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.



For more info, contact Elizabeth Peill
Ph 343 8639; johnelizabeth@slingshot.co.nz

St James Goals for 2018

The St James Parish Council has identified the following key focuses for 2018 at St James: *Growing our capacity for hospitality, keeping our intentional focus on ministry to children & youth, providing for the pastoral needs for all ages - being Intergenerational, Being Community Facing, growing our Prayer life as a church and improving our finances.*

Property and Finance Update

At last year's AGM held in September we made the positive decision to invest in growth when setting a budget of \$107613 to deliver our programmes and services over the next 12 months. When you consider all the activities that we undertake this was a lean and efficient budget that the congregation voted on however it was \$36,000 more than our projected income for the year.

We are able to manage because we have some cash reserves to get us through while we look at ways to balance the budget. So how are we progressing? For the first eight months to the end of February we have managed to reduce the projected deficit by \$9000, meaning that we are looking at having to use \$27,000 rather than the projected \$36,000 from our reserves to meet the full years running costs. This is a positive start but we still have some way to go.

Talking about money can be awkward! but all the money that helps keep St James and the community initiatives that happen here running comes from the people – i.e. you! If you believe in what happens at St James, are not yet a regular giver and would like to become one, here's how:

How can I give?

By cash: on Sundays during the offering

By envelope: contact Sue Hodson: sue.kaczon@gmail.com

By automatic payment: Set up with your online banking, then email sue.kaczon@gmail.com to get an ID number to receive your rebate

Our church bank account number is: ANZ 06 0793 0004094 02

NB: If you give by AP or envelope, you can claim a rebate of 33% of your charitable donation.

Mainly Music

Music and Movement session for pre-schoolers and their caregivers. Thursday mornings @ 10am in the hall. \$2 Morning tea included. All welcome!
More info: Sue Hodson 343 2080

Meet'n'Eat

Join us for a lunch out on the first Wednesday of every month. All welcome, please put your name on the list in the church foyer. More info: Betty Simpson 343 7317

April 11th @ 11:45am

Lunch at The Brick House

May 9th @ 11:45am

Lunch at The Cossie Club

500 Cards

On the last Friday of the month at 7pm in the Church Lounge. All abilities welcome! More info: Christine Wakelin 0276179745

Prayer Network

St James has a network of pray-ers who pray for the church and community each week. If you would like prayer for yourself or a particular situation, or, if you would like to join the network of pray-ers, contact Maureen Missen: missen29@clear.net.nz; ph 343 5665
Prayer concerns are collated and distributed to the St James Prayer network each Wednesday.

Need a ride to church?



...or are you able to give someone else a ride?

If you, or someone you know of, needs a ride to church on Sunday mornings, please be in touch with Christine Wakelin, phone 027 6179745. She will coordinate those who are able with those who need a ride to church on Sunday mornings.



Sunday Worship at Camp Raukawa

Kia ora kids!

What a big term we've had – highlights have to be Camp at Camp Raukawa and all the great things we did at Easter. I hope you have a great end to the term. Here's a picture of a bunch of kids at the Easter Art Installation on Cook Street:



Some Dates for the Diary:

St James Kids will take a break on the middle week of the school holidays – that's Sunday 22nd April. There will be in church activities available for the kids that day.

Whanganui Foodbank Visit – Friday 20th April

A picnic together at Moutoa Gardens then a trip to the City Mission Foodbank where we'll hear how our food donations make a difference to people in our community. Please try to bring some of the following items on the day to donate (we'll be asking the whole church to donate as well) Peanut butter, toothpaste, toddler size nappies, tinned tuna, UHT milk, coffee, canned food/fruit, tin tomatoes, cheese, soap powder.

Little lights Morning Tea - Tuesday 8th May 10am

Venue to be confirmed – put the date in your diary now though!

Some Reminders for Sundays:

Little Lights Parents:

Please remember you need to pick your children up from the Little Lights room after the service BEFORE you get a cup of tea!

All St James Kids Parents:

Before and after the service your children are your responsibility. It's really great if a parent or two can drink their cuppa in the hall after the service to keep an eye on the kids – please can you take your turn to do this from time to time!

Friday Night Youth has started!

So far we've had two Friday youth group nights – at the last one there were 17 kids! The group is in a forming stage and we have been going through some leadership games and talking about what qualities make a good leader.

St James Youth are also meeting on Sunday mornings at the same time as St James Kids. One of the challenges that has come up has been that the lounge isn't the best place for us to meet as it is set up for morning tea. This problem has been solved, and as of term 2 we are going to start using the back resource room. Hopefully with our own space, the youth will be able to focus more!

Overall this term has been fun, and it's amazing seeing the youth group grow. Many thanks to Mo and Richard for their help this term. Here's some dates for the diary:

St James Youth will take a break on the middle week of the school holidays – that's Sunday 22nd April. There will be in church activities available for the kids that day.

First Friday Night Youth for Term 2: Friday 4th May at 7pm

If you ever have questions or want to chat about anything to do with St James Youth, please be in touch!
God bless, Benjamin Androutsos



ST JAMES CHURCH FAMILY CAMP



On the 23rd-25th of February St James held its first family camp for many years at Camp Raukawa. We had 15 families (62 people) stay the whole weekend, and then 10 members of the parish drove up for a worship service and lunch at the camp on Sunday. The theme for the weekend was Psalm 23. It was a wonderful weekend filled with fun, worship, camp activities, singing, craft, games, soccer, walks to the waterfall and so much more. We're so grateful for people coming, those who donated money for others to come, the staff at Raukawa and the team who organised the weekend – particularly Andy for his coordination and Teresa for her administration! Feedback from people who attended was decidedly positive, and we hope to make it happen again next year!