

# Commemorations

## Farewell Edna

Long serving and much-loved member of St James Church, Edna Joyce Morris passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> May and was farewelled at St James on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Edna was an elder at St James who actively participated in the life of St James for many years. She will be greatly missed!



## New Members:

Ben, Rachele, Eli Androustos,  
Teresa, Amy, Cooper Manu  
Andy, Beth, Maggie Grace, Ella Savage  
Janice Wilson

## Weddings:

Neil and Caroline Hooker

## Funerals:

Edna Joyce Morris

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# St James Newsletter

## June - July 2018



## New Members at St James!

During our worship service on April 8<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed some wonderful people into membership of St James Church: It is so wonderful to have their presence amongst us, and we have already seen each of them offer their gifts and talents in the life of our church. We pray that St James may be a place where they may they grow in their faith, grow great friendships here and grow their passion for serving God.



**Andy, Beth, Maggie Grace & Ella** immigrated to NZ in 2017 and moved into Young St in September. Their work is both work and a hobby! They import and sell the SylvanSport GO pop up campers. Andy also has a full-time job at the YMCA managing after school programs in the Central region and also manages Camp Raukawa. Andy and Beth loved immediately that St. James is the community that welcomed them in. 'Not just a few people, but everyone young and old made us feel like we belonged at St. James. We were also inspired with the participation from everyone to make St. James be the community it is.'



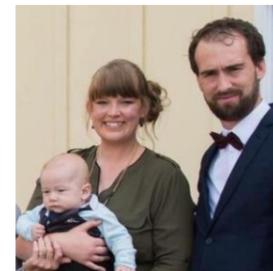
Married to Doug, **Janice Wilson** lives at Summerset Resthome. During the membership service she said that 'coming to St James feels like coming home'.

# St James Rosters June - July

## 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
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queen's Bday	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton		Kirk, Pam	Ben
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Mo Morgan	Team	Andy Savage	C Teutscher	Tess, Maureen	Ben
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Neil Hooker	Liz Newton	E Waters	R Fox	Felicity, Heather	Richard
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Mo Morgan	Team	Raewyn Daley	R Jackson	Felicity, Heather	Ben
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Communion	Mo Morgan	Andy Savage		Kath, Pam	Ben
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Kid/Youth led Service	Team			-	-
15 <sup>th</sup> July	School Holidays	John Peill	E Peill	E Peill	-	-
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Neil Hooker	Liz Newton	C Teutscher	Felicity, Maureen	
29 <sup>th</sup> July		Mo Morgan	Team	R Jackson	Kath	Ben



**Ben, Rochelle and Eli** live in Whanganui East. As well as Ben starting up our intermediate youth ministry at St James this year, Ben is a youth worker at YMCA. Rochelle is an early education teacher. Eli is about to become a big brother as the Androustos family welcome a new addition later this year!



After being away in Melbourne for almost 4 years, **Teresa Manu** returned back last September to make Whanganui our home. Amy, who's 6, is settling in well at school and Cooper, who's 2, keeps me busy with his groups and activities. Teresa began this year as the new administrator in the St James office.

## 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
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	A Campbell, C Wakelin	A Campbell, C Wakelin	M Missen, J Kempfers
10 <sup>th</sup> June	B Simpson, A Jackson	B Simpson, A Jackson	C Wakelin, J Hughson
17 <sup>th</sup> June	C Hooker, Ian Taylor	C Hooker, I Taylor	A Campbell, R Daley
24 <sup>th</sup> June	M Missen, K Morgan	M Missen, K Sims	N & C Hooker
1 <sup>st</sup> July	E Waters, R Daley	E Waters, I Taylor	K & M Sims
8 <sup>th</sup> July	C Wakelin, G Marryatt	C Wakelin, G Marryatt	B Simpson, A Savage
15 <sup>th</sup> July	A Campbell, J Kempfers	A Campbell, J Kempfers	B Simpson, J Wilson
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	C Teutscher, M Missen	C Teutscher, M Missen	C Wakelin, K Amand
29 <sup>th</sup> July	E Waters, R Daley	E Waters, C Wakelin	A Campbell, A Jackson
5 <sup>th</sup> August	B & A Maher	B & A Maher	K & M Sims

## Working Bee for Raukawa

After the wonderful hospitality Camp Raukawa showed us at our church family camp earlier this year, we wanted to give something back, so straight after our worship service on May 27<sup>th</sup>, a group of people went up the Pararaha's to get stuck in and do some practical tasks for the camp. Together with Lily, Josh and Robin from Camp Raukawa they spent the afternoon painting, cleaning, landscaping and repairs. So good work together to make a difference for our friends up at Camp Raukawa!



## Wedding bells

During our worship service on April 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the wedding of Neil Hooker and Caroline Goodgame. A special service followed by a lovely morning tea to celebrate a wonderful, much-loved couple in our church family!



## Good Companions

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



### Thursday 7th June

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



### Thursday 5th July

Margi Keys will share about a "Heritage Expedition to the Kermadec Islands."



### Thursday 2nd August

Lynne Flett has recently returned from Costa Rica where she was part of a mission aid programme. She will share about her experience.

For more info, contact Elizabeth Peill  
021 343 0009; johnelizabeth@slingshot.co.nz

## 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

## Te Awa Kids Choir

Te Awa Kids choir started practices again this term on Tuesdays at 3:30pm at St James. We are a choir for primary school aged kids who sing to make a difference! This term Te Awa Kids Choir will perform at The Masonic Resthome on Tuesday June 19th at 3:30pm. If you know of primary aged school children who love to sing, we'd love to meet them! \$10 for the term plus a packet of biscuits. More info: Beth Savage 021384255



## Meet'n'Eat

Join us for a lunch out on the second Wednesday of every month at The Brick House at 11:45. All welcome, please put your name on the list in the church foyer. More info: Betty Simpson 343 7317  
Next lunches: June 13th and July 11th

## 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 people who pray for the church & 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: m.a.missenbrown@gmail.com ph 343 5665  
Prayer concerns are collated and distributed to the St James Prayer network each Wednesday.

## 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

## 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.

## Archives volunteer wanted

We're looking for someone who would like to organize our archive material so our story can be preserved for years to come. If you're interested, please be in contact with Christine Wakelin 0276179745

## St James Kids!

This term on Sundays we're talking about some of the amazing things Jesus did in his ministry – healing people, telling amazing stories, and calming storms!

### Stuff to know for this term:

- ❖ Our memory verse challenge for this term is: Luke 11:9
- ❖ Our big event for the term is... Kids/Youth led Service 8th July

St James Kids and Youth will take a break on the middle week of the school holidays – that's Sunday 15th July. There will be in-church activities available for the kids that day.

### 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

Term two has started well, with the focus this term on serving. How can the Youth Group Serve the church and community. On the 18th of May, we put the words into action and collected Fire Wood for St James member Betty. The youth saw the importance of helping an older member of the congregation as they spent the night collecting and stacking firewood.

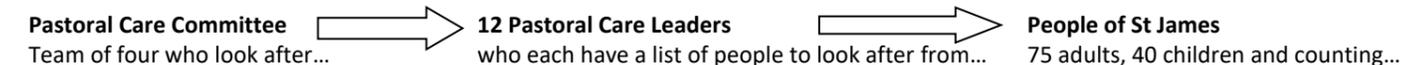
The Sunday Youth group have found a name: Ablaze. They are stoked with their new room and currently thinking of ways to improve the look of it.

Friday Night Youth will take a break in the school holidays

First Friday Night Youth for Term 3: Friday 27th July @ 7pm

## Pastoral Care Committee Update

The Pastoral Care Committee has recently reorganised how we care for people who belong to St James Church. Here's a diagram to illustrate how it works:



You can expect your Pastoral Care Leader to check in to see that all is well with you every 2 months either in person at St James, by phone, or by popping in to see them at home with newsletter. Your Pastoral Care leader will also see that the St James newsletter (which come out every two months) reaches you. You may be happy to pick up your newsletter on a Sunday morning or you may appreciate receiving it with a pastoral visit at home. If you have a preference please let your pastoral care leader know! Things happen, people's lives change. If there are pastoral concerns we should know about or peoples details have changed, or you're not sure who your pastoral care leader is, please be in touch with one of the Pastoral Care Committee members: Betty Simpson, Mo Morgan, Christine Wakelin, Caroline Hooker

## Parish Council Update

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.

As we move towards 30 June and the end of our financial year we are in better position than originally thought. However, when I say better this means that our projected overspend for the year looks like being \$28625 as opposed to the budgeted overspend of \$36788 that we voted on at last years the AGM. But as with all the best laid plans the unexpected can often arise. You may have noticed the big hole outside the lounge window, this resulted from a what we thought was a relatively simple fix of added a few more barrels to the storm water soak hole. However, the amount of water is too great for the system so we now need to pipe the storm water to the curb at a cost of \$3000. While at present we have cash reserves to help with such unexpected costs and to cover budget deficits, long term we do need to work at increasing our income.

We will soon be starting work on preparing next year's budget for your consideration and approval at the September AGM. The challenge remains trying to work towards a balanced budget and as there is limited savings we can achieve and still maintain our current level of services the focus will inevitably have to be on ways we can increase our income.

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.