

Giving Commemorations Key Contacts

We know 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! So if you believe in what happens at St James, become a giver!

How can I give?
By cash: on Sundays during the offering
By envelope: 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
 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.

Baptism
 Angie Leesa Holdem
 Sunday 11th November

New Elders
 Allison Campbell
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 Sunday 11th November

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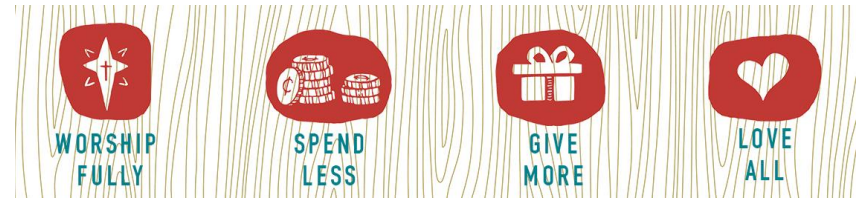
St James Newsletter



December – January 2019

GIVING DIFFERENTLY THIS CHRISTMAS

This week Advent begins. At this time of year there's a lot of pressure to spend & consume. But at our pre-Advent study we have been thinking about how we can GIVE DIFFERENTLY THIS CHRISTMAS. We've been talking about how we can stop, worship more fully and spend less... so that we can give more and love all.



This Advent, I encourage you to talk with your family or a friend and come up with ways that together you can GIVE DIFFERENTLY this Christmas, so that the love of Christ might be shared more fully this Christmas with those who need it most. Imagine if all of us at St James chose one way to give differently this Christmas? What waste would be prevented, what resource could be directed to people who really need it, what hope and joy could that bring for others, what transformation could that bring in our own lives....?

I hope that you experience God's love, hope, peace and joy this Christmas and I pray that God surprises you, inspires you, transforms you, and strengthens you with His love throughout the journey of Advent.

Arohanui
Mo Morgan
 Minister, St James Church

Here's 2 ways to Give Differently this Christmas

GIVE WORDS
 Join in and give words of encouragement to someone at St James this Christmas. Here's how:
 - Write your name on a piece of paper and put it in the box in the church foyer
 - We'll be in touch after December 2nd and give you someone's name - notice that person over the next couple of weeks and write for them a card with words of encouragement of how God loves them and they are a blessing!

GIVE HOPE
 Give to those who really need it this Christmas by giving to Aid Organisation Christian World Service (CWS) Here's how:
 - Check out the CWS tree in the church foyer
 - Make a general donation to their Christmas Appeal OR Choose the gift you want to give (tree, pig, chicken, bees, water etc) Then go to gift.org.nz or fill out the brochure by the tree, and send in your payment to CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch



St James Rosters December - January

Worship Leaders

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

Date	Worship Leader	Musicians	Special	Bible Reader	Prayers
2 nd December	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton	Advent 1		
9 th December	St James Kids Christmas Play!				
16 th December	Mo Morgan	Whanganui Brass	Lessons & Carols		
23 rd December	John Peill	Mo Morgan			
24 th December	Mo Morgan, Kath Barrett	Carla Standen	Christmas Eve		
25 th December	Mo Morgan	Mo Morgan	Christmas Day!		
30 th December	Combined Presbyterian Worship Service at St Andrews Presbyterian Church at 10am				
6 th January	John Peill			Allison Campbell	Elizabeth Peill
13 th January	Neil Hooker	Carolyn McIntyre		Raewyn Daley	Carol Teutscher
20 th January	Mo Morgan	Mo Morgan		E Waters	Annette Maher
27 th January	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton		Chris Malpas	Rick Fox
3 rd February	Mo Morgan		Communion		

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 (helper)	St James Kids
2 nd Dec	Sue Hodson, Ian Taylor	Sue Hodson, Ian Taylor	B Simpson, Angie Holdem	Kath, Ben, Heather
9 th December	A Campbell, Annie Jackson	K & M Sims	M Missen, A Savage, (S Wham)	Whole team for play
16 th December	Brian & Annette Maher	Brian & Annette Maher	C Wakelin, Moira Malpass (F Spencer)	
23 rd December	R Daley, E Waters	E Waters, B Simpson	C Teutscher, I Snoek	
24 th December (eve)	Morgan Family	-	Neil & Caroline Hooker	
25 th December	C Hooker, C Wakelin	C Hooker, C Wakelin	-	
30 th December	Combined Presbyterian Worship Service at St Andrews Presbyterian Church at 10am			
6 th January	A Campbell, I Taylor	A Campbell, I Taylor	B Simpson, M Missen	-
13 th January	C Goodgame, B Simpson	C Goodgame, B Simpson	R Daley, C Wakelin	-
20 st January	Sue Hodson, C Teutscher	Sue Hodson, C Teutscher	B & A Maher	Kirk, Maureen
27 th January	C Wakelin, I Snoek	C Wakelin, I Snoek	A Savage, Moira Malpas (S Wham)	Kath, Ben, Pam
4 th February	J & E Peill	K & M Sims	B Simpson, Janice Wilson (M Missen)	

Ideas to help you buy gifts this more thoughtfully this Christmas:

- Tearfund have a booklet called the Ethical Fashion Guide. we have copies in the foyer.
- The River Traders Market - a lot of the items are locally made or sourced and often from sustainable materials...
- MINZ - a shop full of locally made crated products on the corner of Victoria Ave and Taupo quay.
- Trade Aid - Fairly traded products from around the world. Great for gifts, chocolate

and coffee! There is a stall in Palmerston North and an on-line shop: Tradeaid.org.nz

- Ethique beauty products - zero waste beauty products. Blank canvas in Victoria Ave stock some items and there is also an on-line shop. ethiquebeauty.co.nz

Considerations when buying Skin Care products:
 Do I need it?
 Has it been tested on animals?
 Where has it been manufactured?
 Is the packaging recyclable?
 What are the ingredients?



Good Companions

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



Thursday 7th December

We will meet at the church at 2pm, before going to 'Café 4Forty4' Upokongaro for afternoon tea, and a time of fellowship together.

There will be no Good Companions in January

Thursday 1st February

We will meet at 2pm at Elizabeth & John's home, 30 Patapu Street, for afternoon tea and a beginning of the year programme. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.



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

Parish Council Update

Christmas is coming and the church decorations will be going up soon both inside and outside so keep an eye out for them. Parish council would like to thank those who use their talents to help us celebrate the Christmas season. From our last Parish Council meeting of the year:

- Parish council has approved a new status called 'Elder Emeritus'. From time to time the Presbyterian Church elects Elders to exercise spiritual leadership in mission, pastoral oversight of a congregation, and participates in the government of the Church. At St James we have a number of our folk who have provided faithful service over the years. The Emeritus title allows an elder to retire but keep an honorary title.
- Council has approved the trial of special bins for our recycling to help reduce the waste we produce. Please make use of these so we can help meet our mission of caring for creation.
- Parish Council appointed Allison Campbell to convene the Property and Finance Committee and our thanks to Allison for offering to take on this important role.

It was wonderful to ordain Allison Campbell and Beth Savage as elders in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday November 11th.

Our Parish Council members for 2018/2019 are:

Mo Morgan (Moderator) Neil Hooker (Parish Clerk) Russell Spencer (Treasurer) Allison Campbell, John & Elizabeth Peill, Ingrid Snoek, Maureen Missen, Pam Benseman, Christine Wakelin, Kath Barrett, Felicity Spencer, Beth & Andy Savage, Grant/Tess Marrayatt, Heather/Rick Fox, Sue Hodson

St James Kids

Is very busy preparing for the Christmas play on December 9th – please come and support our kids on this Sunday, they (and the parents and leaders) have put in a lot of work! St James Kids will take a break after Christmas for the first few weeks of January. In-church activities will be available for children during this time. Look for the box on the blue table for fun things to do and make yourself comfortable in the family room! St James Kids starts back again on Sunday January 20th

St James Youth

Has had a great term 3 which has included an evening doing activities at YMCA and a combined games evening with St Andrews junior youth group. St James Youth will take a break after Christmas for the first few weeks, then start back again at the end of January. Ben is currently doing a survey of preferred night for St James Youth for next year – be in touch with him if you want to add your view. He'll be in touch with everyone at the end of January about when Youth kicks off again!

Mainly Music

Last session for 2018 is on Thursday 7th December. Bring a plate for special Christmas morning tea! *More info: Sue Hodson 343 2080*

Te Awa Kids Choir

Performed (so well!) at the Whanganui Cultural festival in October and will perform for the last time for the year as part of the Christmas play at St James on Dec 9th. Choir will take a break over the holidays and start back in February. *More info: Beth Savage 021384255*



Meet'n'Eat

Will take a break during January and meet again on the first Wednesday in February 2019. *More info: Betty Simpson 343 7317*

500 Cards

Will take a break in December and start up again on Friday January 26th 2017. All abilities welcome! *More info: Christine Wakelin 0276179745*

Christmas at St James 2019



Why not bring a friend, neighbor or visiting family member to one of our Christmas services year so they can experience the hope of the Christmas story this year?

Christmas Sticky Fingers

Saturday 24th November, 10am

A crafty morning to celebrate the Christmas story

Nativity Play

Sunday 9th December, 9:30am

The Christmas story as performed by St James Kids - always a heap of fun! Please bring a can for the City Mission foodbank

Lessons & Carols Service

Sunday 16th December, 9:30am

The Christmas Story told in readings and songs accompanied by a group from Whanganui Brass

Christmas Eve

Monday 24th December, 6pm

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, & All age Christmas Fun

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December, 9:30am

A Family Friendly Christmas Day Service

ST JAMES CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th February 2019

Save the Date!

This camp was a tremendous success this year and we look forward to it being a major event on our calendar next year, so please write it in your diaries and keep the dates free to join us! It's a chance to deepen our connections with fantastic activities for the whole family. We will again hold a church service at the camp on Sunday, and provide transport for those coming up just for the day. More details about costs and registration will come in the new year. Any questions, please contact Andy Savage: andy@ymca.org.nz



New Year Dates

Sunday 30th December

Combined Presbyterian Worship at St Andrews Glasgow Street, at 10am
No service at St James this Sunday!

Sunday Worship Services in January

all at 9:30am at St James as usual.

Rev Mo Morgan will be on holiday...

from Boxing Day. Her first Sunday back is Sunday 20th January. While Mo is away, if needed, please contact Parish Clerk Neil Hooker 3432981

January

Morning Teas

Wednesday mornings at 10am at the homes of...

Brian & Annette Maher

Wednesday 9th January, 10am
34 Shakespeare Road, Bastia Hill

Megan & Andy Brotherton

Wednesday 16th January, 10am
1131 No 2 Line, Fordell

Carol & Bruce Shaw

Wednesday 23rd January, 10am
40 Duncan Street, Whanganui East

Kath & Jamie Barrett

Wednesday 30th January, 10am
38 Pauls Road, Whanganui East



All welcome!

Gold coin collection. Bring a small plate if convenient but not essential