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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.



**St James Online:**  
www.stjameswhanganui.nz  
<https://www.facebook.com/stjameswhanganuieast/>

**Funerals**

John Lyne  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Sybil Black  
Friday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

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**St James Newsletter**

February - March 2019



St James  
Whanganui East  
Presbyterian Church

**LENT 2019**

Grace. A word we use so often, but what does it actually mean? This is what we will be reflecting on during Lent this year at St James.

What comes to mind for you when you hear that word *Grace*? Some words from the study material we will be using this year: *'Grace is God's unmerited favour, predisposed goodness. A giving of mercy are all part of the definition, yet short. It is something we can discuss, even wrestle with, but it hits much closer to home in giving it when there is deep hurt and loss. It's almost as hard to receive it from another. It's most difficult to give to ourselves.'*

*Grace means accepting the hurt and loss; giving mercy, forgiving, releasing debt, and even turning to favour and love towards another who is hurt. Yet, if we do not give that grace, we become a prisoner. This impacts everyone.'*

Join us as we journey through Lent and wrestle with grace on Sunday mornings, and through our Lenten study. Together we will listen to stories of Grace and digging deep into Scripture, in the hope that in our understanding and growing we will cross over from just hearing into transformation, becoming more like Jesus than before.

**Lent Study Groups**

All are welcome to our Lent study series for 2019 which will follow 'A Pilgrimage of Grace', a Lent study series produced by the Wellington Anglican Diocese. These are a wonderful way for us to grow together in our relationships with each other and our relationship with God.

**There will be 2 study groups this year**

One group will meet on Monday mornings at 10am led by John and Elizabeth Peill starting 4<sup>th</sup> March, and another on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm led by Mo Morgan, starting 6<sup>th</sup> March.

I encourage you to get involved, dig deep and be enriched by our Lenten journey together this year.

**God bless and arohanui**  
Rev Mo Morgan  
Minister, St James Church



**St James Rosters February - March**

**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         |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  | Mo Morgan   | Liz Newton       | Communion     | Neil Hooker      | Carol Teutscher |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February | Mo Morgan, Kath Barrett   | Mo Morgan        | Kath speaking | Andy Savage      | Mo Morgan       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February | Mo Morgan   | Carla Standen    |               | Chris Malpas     | Neil Hooker     |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Worship will be at Camp Raukawa at 9:30am, no service at St James |                  |               |                  |                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | Mo Morgan   | Mo Morgan        | Communion     | Allison Campbell |                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March    | Neil Hooker   | Carolyn McIntyre | Lent 1        | Raewyn Daley     | Carol Teutscher |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March    | Mo Morgan   | Carla Standen    |               | Carla Standen    | Rick Fox        |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March    | Mo Morgan   | Mo Morgan        |               | Elizabeth Peill  | Annette Maher   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March    | Mo Morgan   | Liz Newton       |               | Russell Spencer  | Neil Hooker     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April     | Mo Morgan, Robert McLay   |                  |               |                  |                 |

**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   | Morning Tea (helper)      | St James Kids      | Ablaze Youth |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> February  | M Missen, A Campbell  | B Simpson, Janice Wilson  | Kath, Pam          | Kirk         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February | C Hooker, A Campbell  | C Wakelin, M Missen       | Tess, Heather      | In church    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February | Brotherton Family   | C Teutscher, M Malpas     | Kath, Tess,        | Kirk         |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Worship will be at Camp Raukawa at 9:30am, no service at St James |                           |                    |              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | Spencer Family  | I Snoek, A Campbell       | Kath, Heather      | Ben          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March    | R Daley, C Teutscher  | B & A Maher               | Tess, Rochelle     | Ben          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March    | C Wakelin, A Jackson  | A Savage, B Simpson       | Kath, Pam          | Ben          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March    | J & E Peill   | N & C Hooker              | Kath, Heather      | Kirk         |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March    | Brotherton Family   | C Teutscher, Angie Holdem | Felicity, Rochelle | Ben          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April     | A Campbell, I Snoek   | C Wakelin, M Missen       | Kath, Pam          | Ben          |

**Lent Events 2019**

**Plastic Free Lent**

This year following the example of the UK Anglican Church, we will be encouraging each other to reduce our actions which damage God's Creation. Over 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic have been produced since the 1950s. Just 9% was recycled.

We are all called to Care for God's creation and we hope you will jump on board and consider how you can reduce the plastic you use at home, when you travel, in your food, drink, and clothing. We'll be talking more about how we can encourage each other to do this in all our activities at St James during Lent.

**Easter Sticky Fingers**

A creative engagement with the Easter Story for families in the community. More info overleaf.

**Presbyterian Services**

**During Holy Week**

As we did last year, there will be evening services during Holy Week at each of the Whanganui Presbyterian Churches. More info to come.

**Good Friday Pilgrimage**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Once again we will join with Whanganui East churches on our annual Good Friday pilgrimage. More info to come.

## Good Companions

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



### Thursday 7th March

Our speaker this month is our friend Ingrid Snoek who was born in Holland and will share about some of her life experiences.

### Thursday 4th April

Kath & Jamie Barrett and their family have recently been in Vanuatu assisting local Dentist Hadleigh Reid in his Dental help for local people. Kath will share about their experiences there this summer.



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

## Parish Council Update

Parish council held its first meeting for the year on 24<sup>th</sup> January with a good turn out and plenty of energy to face the coming years adventures. As a lot of things are still gearing up there were not many activity/committee reports but a few key points are:

- We were fortunate to be offered free of charge surplus playground equipment from the Baptist Kindergarten providing we disassembled the equipment and removed it. A good team managed to complete this on a Saturday morning before Christmas and the gear is now sitting in the corner of the old tennis court ready for stage two.
- With the camp and Lent being two big up-coming events Andy and Mo lead discussions on important planning for these events.
- Russell has been very busy coming to grips with his new role of church treasurer and arranging things like moving to on-line banking to pay all our bills, also the church address should now be the only one used for all accounts etc. On Russell's recommendation council approved the move to adopting the Xero account system to standardise our reporting and help meet our taxation and GST requirements.
- On a sadder note the meeting received the resignation letter from Teresa Manu who is stepping down from her role as office administrator, Teresa has kindly given us six weeks' notice while we look for a suitable replacement.

#### 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

## Mainly Music

Mainly Music has started for 2019! Mainly Music is a Music and Movement session for pre-schoolers and their caregivers on Thursday mornings @ 10am in the hall. \$2 Morning tea included. All welcome! If you would like to join the wonderful team who lead this important ministry, please be in touch with Pam Benseman: 3438609

## Meet'n'Eat

Join us for a lunch out on the second Wednesday of every month at The Brick House. All welcome, please put your name on the list in the church foyer in the week prior. *More info: Betty Simpson 343 7317*

**February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am**  
at The Brick House  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am**  
venue t.b.c.

## 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.**

## Te Awa Kids Choir

A choir for school aged kids who sing to make a difference! Choir practices start back on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30-4:10pm. 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*



Te Awa Kids Choir sing in the St James Christmas Play 2018

## Kia ora kids!

Welcome back! We're looking forward to seeing you back and hearing about your holidays on Sundays for Little Lights (pre-schoolers) and Ignite (primary-aged).

### Our Memory Verse for the term is Corinthians 13: 4 - 7

*Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fails.*

### What are your favourite worship songs?

Let us know as we want to put together a play list for St James Kids.

### Coming up....

**St James Camp!** This will be a great time to spend time together and have some fun! Talk to your parents about coming along!  
**Easter:** Lent begins at the beginning of March. We'll be talking about Grace, being plastic-free during Lent, and make sure you put Easter Sticky Fingers in your diary, it's always a great time!



## At Easter!

Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> @10am

Come and be a part of experiencing the Easter Story creatively together!  
\$2, morning tea included.

# ST JAMES CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019



### Come for the weekend

Travel up on Friday evening for a weekend of activities, devotions, free time and fun together in a beautiful place.

#### Accommodation options

Cabins with 4-8 beds for families, individual cabins or shared cabins. Alternatively you are welcome to bring your own tent.

**Prices** – includes food & accommodation

Individual: \$75

Family: \$250 (2 adults/2 children)

additional children \$50, pre-schoolers free)

Registrations due Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

For more info, please contact Teresa 3439746



Ablaze Youth is back for another year of fun, friendship and growing in our faith! Here's some important things to know for term 1:

### Ablaze on Sundays is back already!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at church and hearing about your holidays. Are there some things you want to do this year? We want to hear all about it!

### Ablaze on Fridays is back in March

After a long wait, I've finally had surgery on my ankle. It's going to take a while to heal so we decided to start Friday nights again in March when I'll be fitter and stronger. Thanks for your prayers (keep praying!) and thanks for the meals, it's made a big difference!

### Ablaze at Camp

Make sure you talk to your parents about coming to Church Camp at Raukawa – it's going to be great! If you've got ideas of things you want to do while we're there, be in touch!

### Ablaze Survey

I've sent out a survey to parents to make sure Friday night Ablaze – time, day, activities – is working for people. If you haven't received it, please be in touch and I'll send it through!

God bless, Ben Androutsos 0279393774

### Come for Sunday morning

Meet at St James at 9am and be driven up to Camp Raukawa for a worship service at 10am followed by lunch. Cost is \$10. Carpooling will be coordinated by Neil Hooker 343 2981.

If you would like to be driven or are available to drive, please indicate when you sign up.

**Note: there will be no worship service at St James on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**