

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.



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St James Newsletter



April - May 2019

Sharing God's Amazing Grace

Throughout Lent on Sundays and at our weekly studies we have been reflecting on GRACE - how God's grace transforms us and how we are called to share God's grace with others.

Our world needs Grace more than ever before. So this Easter, let us be known for the way we bring Grace to our community. Let us live out our calling to share God's grace to each other, to our neighbours, in our work places, to those who wrong or hurt us.

God bless and Arohanui, Mo
 Rev Mo Morgan, Minister St James Church. mo@stjameswhanganui.nz Phone: 021905552

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	Worship Leader	Musicians	Special	Bible Reader	Prayers
7 th April	Mo Morgan, Robert McLay	Mo Morgan	Communion	Allison Campbell	Holdem Family
14 th April	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton	Palm Sunday	Christine Wakelin	
21 st April	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton	Easter Day!	Andy Savage	Beth Savage
28 th April	Neil Hooker	Carolyn McInyre		Elizabeth Peill	Carol Teutscher
5 th May	Mo Morgan		Communion	Raewyn Daley	Rick Fox
12 th May	Mo Morgan		Mothers Day	Enid Waters	Marryatt Family
19 th May	Mo Morgan	Carla Standen		Carla Standen	Annette Maher
26 th May	Mo Morgan			Megan Brotherton	

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
7 th April	I Snoek, A Campbell	M Missen, A & S Jackson	Kath, Heather	Ben
14 th April	C Hooker, Christine Wakelin	Ablaze Youth	Felicity, Rochelle	Ben
21 st April	Savage Family	N & C Hooker	Family Service	Ben
28 th April	J & E Peill	B & A Maher	-	-
5 th May	Spencer Family	I Snoek, A Campbell	Kath, Heather	Ben
12 th May	B Simpson, R Daley	C Teutscher, Stephanie Wham		
19 th May	B & A Maher	B Simpson, A Savage		
26 th May	Brotherton Family	M Missen, A Holdem		
2 nd June	A & A Campbell	C Wakelin, Janice Wilson		

Join us for Easter at St James 2019

Easter Sticky Fingers

Saturday 13th April, 10am-12noon
 Come and be a part of experiencing the Easter Story creatively together!
 \$2 per child, morning tea included.

Palm Sunday

Sunday 9th April at 9:30am

Holy Week Services

The Presbyterian Churches of Whanganui invite you to share in our Holy week 30 minute services
Monday 15th April, 12noon St Paul's St Mark's Church - 112 Guyton street, City
Tuesday 16th April, 7pm Westmere Memorial - Great North Road, Westmere
Wednesday 17th April, 7pm St Andrew's Church - 42 Glasgow street, Aramoho
Thursday 18th April, 7pm St James Church - 42 Helmore Street, Whanganui East

Good Friday Pilgrimage

Friday 30th March, 9am-11am
 Travel between the Whanganui East churches experiencing a part of the Easter story at each church, starting at St James, travelling to All Saints Anglican, St Anne's, finishing at Whanganui East Baptist with a cuppa & a hot cross bun.

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday 1st April, 9:30am at St James
 A family friendly Easter Service – all welcome!



Plastic-Less Lent

This lent season some of us have chosen to use less plastic. We showed the film 'Plastic ocean' which is hard-hitting to watch and very motivating to make changes in how much plastic we use and then throw away. NZ may be perceived as clean and green by the rest of the world, but in New Zealand we discard 15.5 million tonnes of waste each year. That is 3,200kg for every kiwi! Right now we only recycle 28% of this waste.

Here's some things we can do to respond:

- Watch 'Plastic Ocean' on Netflix and get informed!
 - Like the Plastic-less FB page to learn and get ideas: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/148636355799566/>
 - Make your own bread/baking - Each loaf of bread is another plastic bag!
 - Buy meat from the butcher. The Whanganui east butcher will let you bring your own containers to buy your meat.
 - Go to 'Bin Inn' for grocery items. You can take your own containers there too. I use old take away containers.
 - Try to buy products in glass jars rather than plastic containers.
 - Buy ethical cleaning products
- These are small things but if we all make small changes a step at a time, we could really change our mind-sets and habits for the better for the next generation!

More info: Kath Barrett 0211294177

Good Companions

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



Thursday 2nd May

Our speaker is Cherie Novis whose daughter travelled to Russia for Stem Cell treatment for Multiple Sclerosis. Cherie will tell us Briar's story and then share with us what it was like living in Moscow.



Thursday 6th June 2019

We will celebrate the Good Companions 25th Anniversary. How we will celebrate it has yet to be decided.

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

Parish Council Update

Parish council met on 28th March. Key points from that meeting include:

- We received a report from Andy Savage about our camp at Raukawa – again, a very successful event. A decision was made to have a camp next year on the weekend of 28 Feb to 1 March.
- Following the Christchurch Mosque attack we sent a letter to our local mosque expressing our condolences and support, with prayers created during our service on Sunday 17th March. Last week we received a visit from the local community police offering advice on security. In response parish council decided to adopt their recommendations to install a door alarm, and anyone in the church building by themselves during the day ensure they have a phone with them and if you are in the building at night by yourself please ensure the doors are locked.
- In response to requests for a special prayer space we are looking to offer prayer after services, and create prayer spaces. Anyone interested in these things, please be in touch with John Peill, or Mo Morgan

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

New Administrator

Nadine McLeay had started in the role as Office Administrator working Tuesday and Friday mornings, Nadine is an experienced graphic designer and PA so is well qualified for the position. Nadine and her family have enjoyed getting to know people on Sundays this year.



Mainly Music

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 or Tess Marrayatt 0221657461

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*

April 10th @ 11:45am

at The Brick House

May 14th @ 11:45am

at The Brick House.

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

This term Te Awa Kids Choir sang as part of a combined choir with children from schools across Whanganui for the re-opening of the Whanganui museum – it was a great thing to be a part of!



Practices in term two start on Tues April 30th 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*

Kia ora kids!

This term we have been journeying through Lent. We have been learning about GRACE and also thinking about how we can 'Reduce, reuse and recycle' more. We had a great time on Shrove Tuesday making pancakes which we shared with everyone at morning tea!



Our Memory Verse for the term has been 1 Corinthians

13:4-8. Love is Patient, Love is Kind... We will be asking the kids to see how much they can remember on the first week back after the holidays, so get practicing!

Things coming up...

Easter Sticky Fingers: Saturday the 13th April, 10.00am – 12pm

Little Lights morning tea: 9.30am – Tuesday 7th May at Beth's place (we'll send out a reminder closer to the time!)

ST JAMES FAMILY CAMP @ RAUKAWA

St James' 'second annual' church camp at Raukawa was a wonderful success! We were blessed with fine weather, intergenerational mingling, great worship, the roasting of marshmallows as well as working on jigsaw puzzles with our church family aged from 3 years to 85+! Gathering together at camp away from the everyday distractions is such a wonderful way for us to come closer as a 'family'.

Comments from those who attended included:

'I enjoy getting to know our church family better, Camp is a great place for that'
'Wuality time with people we normally see for only an hour or two on Sundays'
'I like getting away from the usual routine on the weekend and hanging out with my church peeps' *'A great place to build memories with our church family'*



Term 1, here it comes.....and its gone. Wow that went quick! As many of you know, I have been hobbling about, big thanks to those who have helped run Ablaze this term on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings.

Thursday night youth group have been fun. We have had three meetings where in which we were arty and designed flags, played football at Kowhai Park and had a Gameshow night at church. Each Thursday we have done a message which ties into what the church is learning on Sundays. I think it's important to be apart of the wider church, and not make youth group to be its own separate fun club.

The overall goal is to help the youth find their own relationship with Jesus Christ. The first step is establishing a good routine of bible reading and quiet time. Each Thursday youth group night, the youth will take homework home, that encourages them to get into the bible, ask questions and open up some family discussions.

Ablaze on Thursdays – 6pm-7:30pm

In term 2, youth group will be every Thursday from 6 – 7:30pm!

God bless, Ben Androutsos 0279393774



Sunday 26th May

after the Sunday morning service

Sign up to share lunch after the Sunday morning service with a bunch of different St James people at different homes. Always a lot of fun and a great way to get to know people!

Working Bee for Camp Raukawa

Sunday 5th May straight after church

Sign up for this chance to bless Camp Raukawa! We'll head up the Parapara's straight after church, have lunch then pitch in for the afternoon and get some jobs done for them. Any questions, contact Andy Savage 021384211