

Parish Council Commemorations Key Contacts

If you have any questions or concerns or contributions to make about anything happening in the life of St James Church, our Parish Council members would love to hear from you!

Our Parish Council members for 2019/2020 are:

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

Parish Council meets on 4th Thursday of each month at 7:15pm

Funerals

Catherine Scrimgeour
14th November 2019

Ngaio Rita Bridger
11th December 2019

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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	Bible Reader	Prayers	Special
2 nd February	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton	Felicity Spencer		Communion
9 th February	Mo Morgan, Tess Marrayatt	Mo Morgan	Meghan Brotherton	Mo Morgan	
16 th February	Mo Morgan		Elizabeth Peill	John Peill	
23 rd February	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton	Andy Savage		
1 st March	Church Camp – Service at Camp Raukawa at 10am				
8 th March	Neil Hooker	Carolyn McIntyre	C Wakelin	C Teutscher	
15 th March	Mo Morgan		I Snoek	A Campbell	
22 nd March	Mo Morgan	Liz Newton	E Waters		
29 th March	Mo Morgan		P Gilmour	B & A Maher	
5 th April	Mo Morgan				

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
2 nd February	Spencer Family	A Stratton, P Gilmour	K Barrett, R Androutsos	B Androutsos
9 th February	Brotherton Family	I Snoek, M Missen	F Spencer, H Fox	B Androutsos
16 th February	E & J Peill	C Wakelin, A Holdem	K Barrett, R Androutsos	K Morgan
23 rd February	C Hooker, C Teutscher	B Simpson, A Savage	K Barrett, R Androutsos	B Androutsos
1 st March	Church Camp			
8 th March	B Simpson, R Daley	C Wakelin, A Jackson		
15 th March	A & A Campbell	I Snoek, C Teutscher		
22 nd March	E & J Peill	H Gribble, A Holdem		
29 th March	C Wakelin, M Brotherton	P Gilmour, B Simpson		
5 th April	R Daley, I Taylor	A Savage, A Jackson		

St James Newsletter

February- March 2020



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St James Family Camp!

Friday 28th Feb – Sunday 1 March 2020



This is our third camp together in recent years at Camp Raukawa. It has been such a great time for us to be and grow together as a church family, we hope you will make it a priority to be there. Some of the things to look forward to include:
+ Great activities for all ages + Great Food! + Great times singing and worshipping together
+ A special service on Sunday morning with those who have travelled up for the day.

This year we're stoked to have Hadleigh Reid join us. Hadleigh is a Whanganui District Councillor, a Dentist and an entrepreneur. He is a committed follower of Jesus who cares about his community and does a lot to invest in it. Hadleigh also regularly serves overseas with Marine Reach, providing dental care for remote communities in third world countries. We look forward to having him with us for the weekend.



There are two options for coming to camp:

- 1) Come for the whole weekend
- 2) Come for Sunday morning – worship service followed by lunch together

We need people to register by Sunday 16th February, so please get your form in asap!
NOTE: OUR WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY 1ST MARCH WILL BE AT CAMP RAUKAWA.

Any questions, please contact Andy Savage: andy@ymca.org.nz or Heather Fox: office@stjameswhanganui.nz

Lent Study 2020

Each year at St James we create space during the six weeks of Lent for small groups to meet and journey through a Lenten study together. This year, once again, we are using a Lenten resource produced by the Anglican Wellington Diocese. The theme is 'Stories of Freedom' and the study will journey through six different areas of God's freedom. We don't always live as if we have been created for a life of freedom. This year, our Lenten study will encourage us to journey together more fully into the freedom God offers us in love.

Join one of our Lenten study groups this year:

One group will meet on Monday mornings starting 2nd March.
Another group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm starting 4th March.

If you would like to organize a group meeting at another time, please be in contact with me. I encourage you to get involved, dig deep and be encouraged by our Lenten journey together this year.

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



Good Companions

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

Thursday 5th March

We have a presentation regarding the Christian World Service Appeal by St James for water tanks in Uganda.

Thursday 2nd April

The programme is still to be arranged. However, whatever it is it will be informative and interesting!

For more info, contact Elizabeth Peill
Ph 343 8639; johnelizabethpeill@gmail.com

Parish Council Update

Parish council met for a barbeque and first meeting for the year on Thursday 30th January. Key points from that meeting include:

- Camp is coming up fast – Parish Council are keen for all to feel welcome to attend for the weekend or for the day. We received a grant for camp so if people need help attending please see Andy.
- During Advent, the money collected at the koha produce table in the lounge after church on Sundays has gone towards the CWS Christmas Appeal. This term, the Parish Council agreed that koha received would be donated to Whanganui East school for children who need assistance buying school supplies for the new year.
- The playground to be installed in the carpark area will proceed once council consent has been obtained.
- The Parish Council will meet later in the month to pray and prioritise for the life and work of St James for 2020.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE:

After 2 years of adopting a deficit budget, at the AGM in September 2019, the St James congregation voted to grow our giving by \$15,000 above what is already received so that we can continue to support the great ministries we are involved in with and for our community. To meet this goal, monthly giving needs to reach \$5800. The Parish Council also agreed at the AGM to give the congregation more regular updates about the church's finances. With this in mind, the giving totals from the last four months are as follows: September: 5855.82, October: \$6715.95, November: 5324.83, December: 4671.17

So after an initial increase, giving has decreased a little since December. In response, we hope people will consider the following:
+ The 'cup of coffee' challenge presented at the AGM - we hope people will consider if they are able to increase their regular giving. Together our contributions can make a difference!
+ Giving by automatic payment. When people make regular contributions, it allows us to plan better what we have the capacity to do as we seek to love and serve our community in the name of Christ.

For more information email Russell Spencer: lowtus@hotmail.com
St James Church bank account number: 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

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 Marryatt 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*

February 12th @ 11:45am

at The Brick House

March 11th @ 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: m.a.missenbrown@gmail.com 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 11th 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*



CWS Christmas Appeal GIVE WATER GIVE LIFE

During Advent and Christmas in 2019 we focused as a church and provided opportunities for our community to give to those who really need it by raising money for water tanks for communities in Uganda. Various groups got organised and raised money for the cause including:

- + Whanganui Brass Concert at St James (over \$700 raised!)
- + Koha table after church selling produce
- + Mainly Music clothing stall
- + Te Awa Kids Choir singing at the market
- + St James sausage sizzle and stall at the river market
- + Good Companions collection
- + Christmas day offering
- + Various donations from generous individuals!

Thanks so much for all who gave to this worthwhile cause. Money is still coming in, but so far **together we have raised over \$2200** which will be sent to CWS to go towards water tanks in Uganda for communities who don't have access to fresh water!



Donald Gordon ordained

A group from St James went down on Thursday 23rd January to support Donald Gordon, his wife Angela and their children Eloise and Daniel as Donald was ordained and inducted as minister of Wadestown Presbyterian Church in Wellington. The Gordon family were members at St James between 2014-2017. We wish them well!



St James Kids is...

A space for the children of St James to learn Bible stories, journey together in their faith and have some fun doing it! We read the bible, pray together, play games, sing songs, enjoy art and craft and enjoy each others company.

If you are new please feel free to come out with your children to help settle them in. We have three age groups which divide off after we have prayed together and shared our news.

Remember, you are welcome to use our Family room if your child needs space during the service. This is located to the left as you enter the church. Please remember to pick up your children from their programme BEFORE you go to morning tea!

Our key leaders, Kath, Ben & Rochelle are always happy to catch up if you have any questions

Sunday groups:

Little Lights - Pre-school age children

Led by Rochelle Androutsos 0273797887

Ignite - Children aged 5 -10 years

Led by Kath Barrett 0211294177

Ablaze - Youth aged 10+

Led by Ben Androutsos 0279393774

Coming up this term...

We'll be working through the new testament book of Matthew during February then going on a Lent journey to Easter during March/April.

Little Lights morning tea... date to be confirmed

Ignite outing - If you have cool idea for an outing let Kath know!

St James Camp at Raukawa! Fri 28th Feb - Sun 1st March, get a flyer, and get signed up!



Friday nights 6:30-8pm

We've got a great Friday night programme lined up for term one starting 31st January then every two weeks til Easter. Topics include: the internet, the amazing race and being awesome at being team. If you're 10 and older, we hope to see you at Ablaze on Friday nights!

Please be in touch if you have anything you want to talk about!

God bless,
Ben Androutsos 0279393774