



Sunday 7 April 2024

FOCUS NEWS

St Martin's & St James Anglican Church stmartinsstjames.church

Together cultivating a culture of discipleship, mission & regeneration

Nau mai, haere mai, A very warm welcome to St Martin's St James Church

Our Vision is to:

"To Cultivate an all age culture of Discipleship, Mission and Regeneration".

Our Mission is to: Love God (Worship), Love one another (Whānau) and Love our neighbours (Mission).

Year of Growth: As a church, discipleship is important to us in that we grow not only in faith but also in numbers of people that attend our various events, gatherings and ministries. This year's theme is "A Year of Growth" Many of us have continued to be discipled in a number of different ways. It's encouraging to see people experiencing a deeper faith in Jesus.

If you are a regular, new or visiting, you will find the notices, sermons and teaching series on our website. We love kids so please know that you are welcome. Baby change tables off the foyer and parent children spaces are available if needed at the back of the church or other spaces (kid's church) if needed, please ask. Register now for our weekly What's coming up email. Ask at the desk.

The season leading up to a Parish Annual General Meeting is always a time to take stock, pause and be thankful for God's faithfulness and goodness. I want to begin by giving a huge thank you to everyone who has, contributed and is contributing to the life of our Parish. After a number of years preparing the soil and sowing ministry seeds we are seeing growth in a number of areas which is very exciting. Over this last year I am particularly encouraged in the way you, the church, has pulled closer together as a family of God to love and care for those amongst us and in our community. Thank you to all of you who give of yourselves to the mission and ministry of the church and helped us navigate the financial and practical challenges of leasing out the Riccarton St James site.

Sunday Sermon: This Sunday Rev Jonathan Carson will be preaching.

Following Jesus and belonging to a thriving faith community is an adventure filled with hope and servant-hood. If you have questions and/or made a decision to follow Jesus (or are wanting to) or encountered God in some way, we encourage you to contact one of our staff or leadership team to talk about next steps.

Grace and Peace. Sampson

Bible Readings:

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

Sentence:

But God raised Jesus up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held by in its power. (Acts 2:24)

Collect Prayer:

God you are the first light cutting through the void. You are the final light which we shall enjoy forever. Help us to welcome the light and walk in it always. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

Proverbs 27:19: As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart. (NIV)

COMMUNION and PRAYER

All are welcome around the table to receive Communion. If you would like prayer or ministry, people will be available at the Church during and after Communion to pray with you.

COMING UP

- **Prayer Rhythms:** Please continue to pray. Prayers can be found on <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> or the NZ Prayer book is a good resource.
- **Regular Sunday Services**
 - 8.30am Traditional Anglican Communion
 - 10.30am Family Service (2nd and 4th Sunday with HC),
 - 10.30am Kid's Church
- **Wednesday Service:** Service starts at 10.30am in the Thompson Lounge, *Term time only.*
- **The Care team meetings:** First Thursday of the month at 1.30pm.
- **Thursday 11 April—AAW meeting:** 7pm in the Thompson Lounge
- **Working Bee Thompson Lounge:** Calling all DIY'ers on **Saturday the 13th of April** we will be clearing the Thompson lounge ready for painting, carpeting refurbish. If you are a handy painter, Baker, Coffee drinker or maker, encourager, please see Sampson or Rick Turner to register.

Year of Prayer & Growth

- **Daily Devotions:** Tuesdays 9am to 9.20am. Neave Room—during term time
- **Prayer for the church and the world giving thanks:** Monday 4pm Neave Room. Term time
- **Night prayers on Zoom:** Tuesday only, 9.15pm For a new login: email Chris Thorne at billchris54@gmail.com or follow the following link:
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81387080736?pwd=NFNs7oNSZp3kdwmPom3tZUlwWRIhyf.1> Meeting ID: 813 8708 0736
Passcode: jX3m77

All Service information is available on www.stmartinsstjames.church

GIVE THANKS FOR . . .

- The folks who prepare and produce our Rosters. Without you, we would be really lost!

PRAY FOR . . .

- Parishioners with special concerns: Avril and Alan Harper, Gwen Ragg, Jan Poulsen, Pauline Leslie, Victor and Julie Foster.
- Our Mission Partners and Projects: Love Riccarton
- Prison Team members Bill Thorne and others as they prepare for ministry in the Men's Prison.
- **Street Prayers** For the month of April in our personal prayers can we pray for all those who live on Lyttelton Street

NOTICES

Drivers wanted: For mid week—Wednesday 10.30am Service. To pick up and drop of parishioners. Please see Sampson if you can help. **Cleaners:** I am making up a new list for Church cleaning, if you have a calling I would be pleased to put you on the roster. Please contact Bev on 338 4895 if you can help. **Notice of Intent—Parish AGM:** Sunday 14 April 2024. Dated 3 March 2024 'Notice is hereby given that there will be an Annual General Meeting of the Riccarton-Spreydon Anglican Parish on Sunday 14 April 2024 at 12.30pm in the Neave Room.' *Signed: Nigel Pugh, Vicar's Warden. Sue Phillips, People's Warden.* **AGM Reports: If you are responsible for a ministry unit please send your report to adm1_sprang@xtra.co.nz before 27 March 2024 if you missed this date please send ASAP.**

Prayer Ministry & Prayer Requests: Prayer requests can be left in the prayer box in the church or sent or texted to the confidential prayer chain on 029 776 1782 or stjimschurch@gmail.com. **E-life:** see the Anglican e-life at: <http://anglicanlife.org.nz/publications/e-life/>. **Cathedral Site Tours:** When – 3 pm, each Wednesday from 13 March – 24 April Where: Meet at the Chalice outside

the Cathedral at 2.55 pm. Guides: Jenny May and Peter Beck will alternate as our guides. Booking by e-mailing Jill at jill.robinson@ccrl.org.nz with your time, e-mail and phone number.

GROUPS & REGULAR ACTIVITIES: **Monday: Strength and Stretch Classes:** Contact: TuneUp Physio, Village Health 338 8595 or visit www.tuneupphysio.nz. **Wednesdays: Foodbank:** is open from 9.30 to 11am. Currently need: Cereals, Sugar (500gm), Pasta, tin spaghetti. A full list is in the Crosstrax magazine. St Martin's Church Office. **Fridays during term time—Church of St Martin's Playgroup:** 9.30-12pm. Enquires to Azaria or via the facebook page.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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YOUNG ADULTS: contact Jamie Somerville for more details.

HARVEST RANGATAHI (YOUTH): <https://stmartinsstjames.church/youth>

Harvest Stags (Basketball) – Gym: Seniors - Wednesday 3:30pm-6pm,

Harvest Thursdays – 7-9pm: Thursday: The Loft

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: *Account Name:* Riccarton Spreydon Anglican Parish. *Account Number:* 02-0820-0264343-000 *Reference:* Name and AP #.

CYPSO (Children and Young Persons Safety Officer): Wendy Goodbrand **Police Vetting:** Chris Thorne (021 239 4091). **Health and Safety:** Wendy Goodbrand