



Sunday 7 July 2024

FOCUS NEWS



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

Together cultivating a culture of discipleship, mission & regeneration

Nau mai, haere mai, Winter Welcome to St MJ's Anglican 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 who attend our various events, gatherings and ministries.

St MJ's (St Martin St James) 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.

Visiting

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 Isolated Parents Group: Every second Thursday contact Jess May on 0275852447 for more information



This Sunday the Spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola

Theologian, Teacher, Pastor Rev Sampson Knight speaking on Ignatian spirituality.
StMJ's Anglican Sunday 7 July 10.30am 50 Lincoln Road Spreydon Ōtautahi

Spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola

A practice of prayer based on the spiritual exercises created by St Ignatius in the 1500s. Imagination in prayer was really important to Ignatius, and he encouraged the use of all of our senses, allowing for a creatively deep moment with Jesus through scriptures story of God. Part of this practice is reviewing your day by noticing where God was moving and active in all things. Stilling or centering yourself for prayer is also hugely valuable, to help you get settled into a time with God.

Bible Readings:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-6

Sentence:

I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Corinthians 12:10)

Collect Prayer:

Christ of the new covenant, give us the happiness to share, with full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, all that you give us. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen

Proverbs 10:4: Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. (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 Gatherings:** 10.30am Communion, Thompson Lounge
- **The Care team meetings:** First Thursday of the month at 1.30pm.
- **Winter Sunday Lunches:** sign up on the clipboard in the church. 7 July Hosted by Jules May and the May Whānau, 14 July hosted by the Phillip's.
- **Thursday 11 July —AAW meeting:** High tea at 1.30pm in the Thompson Lounge.
- **Saturday 20 July—High Tea—fundraiser.** See Catharine for details.
- **Sunday 21 July—Parish Breakfast:** between morning services/

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 login code: email Chris Thorne at billchris54@gmail.com

All Service information is available on www.stmartinsstjames.church

GIVE THANKS FOR . . .

- For the organisers and drivers for the **Women's Day Out** to Amberley.

PRAY FOR . . .

- **Parishioners with special concerns:** Avril and Alan Harper.
- **Our Mission Partners and Projects:** Aranui—Wainoni Mission Parish
- **Street Prayers** For the month of July in our personal prayers can we pray for all those who live in Dundee Place

NOTICES

Spring bulbs to give away, please see Kaye for more details. **Situations Vacant: Drivers— Wednesday or Sunday Services:** Can you offer a parishioner a lift to Church for our services? Please contact Sue Phillips if you can help on 029 776 1782.

Playgroup: Can you help our Playgroup team clean up after the end of our

sessions? It will involve packing up and vacuuming out the Neave Room. If you could come around 11.30 am that would be such a great help for this important ministry. Please contact Sue Phillips on 029 776 1782

Cleaners: If you have a calling for Church cleaning pleased contact Bev on 338 4895 if you can help. **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/>. **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.

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CHURCH SERVICES: Regular Sunday services:

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YOUNG ADULTS: contact Jamie Somerville for more details.

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

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

BIBLE MONTH RESOURCE: Bible studies, simple and deep

This is a simple step by step guide to studying the bible together. It is important to own a Study Bible that includes introductions and commentary notes. These can be purchased new and are also for sale much cheaper at places like trade me or amazon. God bless you in hearing a fresh from God through the bible.

1. Context is King

Read a study bible introduction to the chapter you will be studying together. Look for key themes and timelines. This is not needed for every study but only once or twice for review. Look in the study notes for a short summary pretext of what verses you are studying?

1. Prayer is priority

- Give thanks
- Pray: Thank you Lord Jesus, that you hear our prayers
- Speak to me/us, through your word

Amen

2. Reading & retelling

Restful, Reflective, reading of scripture

- Read the passage from your bible
- Read The Message or NLT (another person)
- 3-Paraphrase (retell the passage from memory)

3. Questions. Get curious asking open ended q's

Make up your own open-ended questions or.....

- Imagine you are in a character in the scene? Who? What, feelings? Thoughts? What do you see?
- What does this say about God?
- What does this say about us?
- What is God saying to you?

4. Commit

Think about what your own commitment is to whatever God is saying to you.

- Or in a group ask people:
- "What are you going to do?"
- "Who are you going to tell?"

5. Thanks giving prayers

Give thanks to God together.

Sunday 7 July BIBLE MONTH Pretext

Today Sunday 7th July we will be modelling a bible study based on Ignatian spirituality. What is Ignatian spirituality? A practice of prayer based on the spiritual exercises created by St Ignatius of Loyola in the 1500's. Imagination in prayer was really important to Ignatius, and he encouraged the use of all of our senses, allowing for a creatively deep moment with Jesus through the scriptures.

For those wanting to dig deeper here is some notes around context for you to pre read before the teaching today. During the teaching please have your bible open to Mark Chapter 6:1-6. Also it will be helpful for you to sit with a couple of others for discussion (3 people together).

STYLE:

Mark's Greek is lively but not very polished, in the style of the popular storyteller, rather than the sophisticated prose (natural flow of speech) of a professional writer. Mark often strings sentences together with simple 'and', so that the story rattles quite jerkily along. He likes moving the action on with 'immediately' (11 times in chapter 1) English translations ration the word. Mark is def an exciting read

THEME:

The ultimate purpose for Mark is to present & defend Jesus' universal call to discipleship. Mark's outline is to narrate the identity & teaching of Jesus. Discipleship for Mark is essentially a relationship with Jesus, not simply following code of conduct.

COMMENTARY:

6:1-6: Rejection at Nazareth. The story closes the larger section with this theme of rejection. Where Jesus is not accepted in his hometown.

6:1-2: Jesus goes to his hometown of Nazareth despite tensions with his family. As is often the case Jesus begins to teach in the synagogue. Jesus was most likely to give a message on the scriptures of the day. Many who heard him were astonished.

Where did this man get these things? Until he began his ministry, his deity was hidden that even people in his hometown, who had known him since childhood, had no idea that he was fully God.

6:3 The questions of verse 2 are followed by sceptical, derogatory questions: Is not Jesus a simple **carpenter**, the **son of Mary**? Because of the tension between Jesus' obvious wisdom and power and his simple beginnings, the people take **offence at him**.

6:4 Like other prophets before him Jesus is not honoured by his own family and his hometown. This rejection foreshadows Jesus' ultimate rejection in Jerusalem.

6:5-6: With some exceptions Jesus could do no miracles there. Jesus will not force miracles on a hostile sceptical audience, Jesus nevertheless continues to teach.