

April/May 2024

CROSSTRAX

St MJ's Church

St Martin's St James

Riccarton Spreydon Ōtautahi Christchurch NZ

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome in Christ's name.

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.

We have had several joyful celebrations and shared together along with the whānua ora nights and other events such as High Tea, Quiz night, Woman's Day outing, Church Fair, Baptism Celebrations, Men's Camp at Mt White, Fair Fundraiser, Fishing Retreats Twizel and the list keeps going.

Our vision here at St MJ's is to 'Cultivate a Culture of Discipleship, Mission and Regeneration'. This is, and continues to be, all about growth in both numbers of people attending our gatherings and growing in faith as disciples of Jesus. If you would like our church to continue to grow and regenerate in the future, please read, digest and consider below our strategic and prayerful plans for growth in the next few years.

We are a growing church. When we set out to prayerfully and regularly talk about growth then a culture of growth will push its way to the surface. When this discussion is shared with the everyone then the vision, hope and desire for growth will become normative to the on-going life of our church. Here at St MJ's it is exciting to see new people visiting and being part of the church, along with people growing in faith.

'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Matthew 28:19).

HIGHLIGHTS

Every year we review our sense of what, why, and where God is calling us to. We are always giving thanks for Gods goodness and faithfulness. Our why question is always, 'what does it mean for us as a church to follow Gods call of discipleship, mission and regeneration?' Not just for ourselves personally but as a church community. Discipleship, mission and regeneration is at the heart of Christian life as we transition from old to new growing in faith. We believe vibrant community is the best space to grow as disciples. Seeing this kind of shift take place always starts in the formation process of our own faith and growth. Are we following the person and pattern of Jesus in our everyday lives? Are we helping others to do this too? We need to continue recapturing the way of Jesus and once again become familiar with how he lived and led, so that we can empower those around us to do the same. Our core biblical vision remains central to all that we do.

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 and ministries. This year our theme for 2024 is the 'Year of Growth'.

Late last year we began with creating a prayerful culture of growth, intentionally praying for growth in our gatherings and services, in prayer meetings, staff/leaders meetings and vestry. Postcards with the prayer for growth are available for everyone and anyone. We have updated for 2024 three focused

prayers. Our staff/leadership/vestry met on retreat at Love Riccarton to pray and plan how to work through this material and implementing it over this one to three years of growth. We are currently putting a group together to support the progress implementing the following:

1. We are making a clear pathway for seekers (and parishioners) to grow as disciples by:

- We will research other church pathways in order to finalise ours, collecting data to measure success.
- Rebrand. Signage, online, print and other media, clearly and succinctly using the acronym StMJ's
- Clearly know and communicate why we want to grow by making a pathway for seekers to become disciples

2. We will develop engaging worship (our gatherings, facilities, music worship) by:

- We will develop a fivefold biblical gifting course (discovering your God given gifts)
- Identify, train and commission gifted new and existing newcomers
- Produce a 'Newcomers pack' introducing our growing church community.
- Refresh some of our tired and cluttered facilities by scoping, costing refurbishing over three years, prioritising work within budget and on time.
- We will identify strengths and talents of prospective and upcoming musicians
- Disciple a community of musicians who are learning to lead in Holy

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- Update music set lists in both English and Te Reo Māori
- Communicate 'Why' we want to grow by developing engaging worship in gatherings, facilities, music

reflection, and – most importantly – action. We will endeavour to update everyone via our publications, at our services, online, email out, celebration, and Q&A's. If you would like to know more please speak to me or our wardens Nigel or Sue.

The next months will prompt valuable discussion with, preaching series,

Sampson



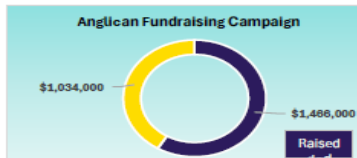
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April 2024

Dear Parishioners

A heartfelt thank you to those who have responded so generously to my letter distributed at services throughout the Diocese after the launch of the Anglican Campaign in February. I am encouraged that since our launch at St Mary's, Timaru and at the Transitional Cathedral in Christchurch we have raised \$466,000 taking us to \$1.466M of our \$2.5M target.



Thank you for the commitment and leadership shown through your giving. This is vital as we ask Anglicans to demonstrate to the wider community of current and potential donors that we are visibly seen to be contributing to 'our' Cathedral.

'Our' Cathedral is known as an icon of the city and a focal point of gatherings of many kinds, whether inside, on its steps or at its entrance. As Anglicans we have been guardians (kaitiaki) of a taonga for the whole community. We have been proud to have this role and look forward to renewing it.

The Anglican Campaign is first and foremost an appeal to individual Anglicans to show their support. We welcome contributions of any amount, whether on a one-off basis or on an ongoing basis. Teresa and I have set an ambitious target for our own giving which we could not reach in one year but are confident we can reach in five years. I encourage others to do the same.

To show your support please visit [our website](https://christchurchcathedral.org.nz/support-us). <https://christchurchcathedral.org.nz/support-us>
Or for more information on how you might support please contact:

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Arohanui

Peter Christchurch
Rt Revd Dr Peter Carrell
Bishop of Christchurch



DEVOTION—RETREAT

When Sampson asked me to get up and say a few words about how I found the Vestry Retreat in January, I figured he needed a little more than I simply opening Google Maps and typing in the address...

Prior to the Retreat, we were told to read the book of Nehemiah who was the king's cupbearer. Chapter 1 starts when Nehemiah hears of the fallen walls of Jerusalem and the troubles of the people who remained there. Nehemiah was very upset and he took his grief to God. He fasted, prayed and repented for the sins of his family and his people. He prayed for success and believed that God would soften the King's heart..

When the King asked Nehemiah why he was sad, instead of saying "it's nothing" or "I'm fine" Nehemiah told the king about Jerusalem's plight—the broken walls, the desolation of his people and then came the most audacious request: "Send me to rebuild". Imagine the faith he had - Nehemiah wasn't just asking for a bit of time off and a few bricks; he asked for effectively a passport to cross countries, an army, tools and raw materials. He asked for a mission that would change lives and the history of the Jewish nation. With God by his side, Nehemiah withstood ridicule,



opposition, death threats and active plots to kill him.

At the retreat, we could see parallels with Nehemiah's quest to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem with our desire to see growth in the church. It requires passion – fervent prayer and absolute faith in God. It also required a willingness to change – a "do what it takes" attitude.

We were all asked how did we see God work in 2023 in your own life. I was enormously encouraged by our year of prayer last year when I saw how God was faithful in answering our prayers and rewarding our working bees with the successful tenancies at St James and the relief that gave to the Church's finances. We also joined in prayer with Ajit and Lorna Das with Cyclone Mocha which was headed straight for a huge refugee camp at Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. God heard our prayers and Cyclone Mocha did not make landfall at the refugee camp as

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predicted and there was not one reported death there.

Now we also see the start of the Good Dirt mission at Love Riccarton which is a fulfilment of many years of prayers. Personally I also saw God's hand in the recovery of my father from sepsis. It was wonderful that he was there to share in another year's Christmas celebrations – when we really didn't know if he would. It was a reminder that we serve a powerful God who is able and willing to do great things.

We then focussed on ways that we could help grow - grow in faith, spiritual commitment and service as well as to grow the church in numbers by disciples making disciples. We recognised that all growth comes from reading God's word and prayer. Last year we have had a year of prayer and that isn't stopping – we are now however also intentionally asking God for growth.

With growth there is always a level of discomfort, change requires us to go outside of our comfort zone – in order to grow and regenerate. If anyone is unhappy about changes being made, there are reasons behind them, please do speak to anyone on Vestry or the Wardens as well as Sampson. Our AGM is coming up in April and that will also give everyone the chance to raise any concerns and for Vestry to communicate plans for growth.

As I look out at the congregation, I am happy to see every one of you here, I am also sad for the people who are

missing... the people in my family, our families, our communities as well as for younger generations who do not yet believe. Jesus calls us to preach the gospel. May we also be like Nehemiah and fervently pray and repent. Let us also make audacious requests of God, knowing that he is able faithful, his love is unailing.

By turning our hearts towards God, we too can ask God for big things – for the Holy Spirit to bring revival to us, to our church, to our city. To grow our church and to have a deeper relationship with him. To ask God “send us / send me”.

Thank you.

I felt that I had gone on too long and so didn't use the prayer....

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, thank you for today. Thank you that we get another day to come together to praise you and give you thanks for all the blessings in our lives. Thank you Father for your unailing love, for the cross and that you loved us so much that you made a way for us to be with you forever. Thank you Jesus for your love and sacrifice for us.

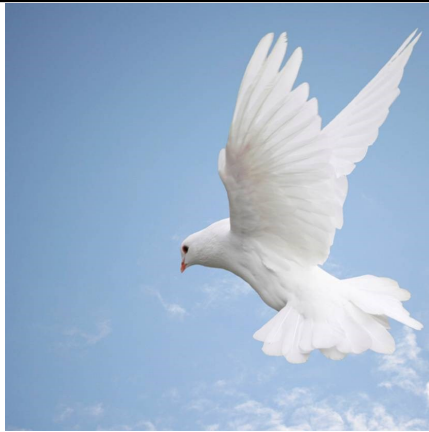
Thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. During this upcoming period of Lent, please come, revive us and revive our church, so that we are able to fully repent and to grow deeper in you and to be unafraid and unashamed to speak your truth to others.

Amen.

Wendy Goodbrand

THERE CAME A MAN

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:6-8



for us to be sent today. Since we are his body, we are 'in Christ', and we go into the world to do the kinds of things that he did: to acknowledge the marginalised, bring hope to those in despair, encourage the disheartened,

Few people in the Bible were so clearly sent as John the Baptist. Born after an angelic vision to an elderly father and apparently barren mother, he was destined from birth to be 'great in the sight of the Lord... filled with the Holy Spirit', who would 'make ready a people prepared for the Lord' (Luke 1:15-17).

It would be presumptuous indeed for us to claim to be sent like John, or like Abraham, Moses or Isaiah – all of whom were specially commissioned to fulfil critical roles in the history of God's people. Still less for us to claim to be sent like Jesus – whom God sent into the world to bring life to the dead.

Yet, didn't Jesus say to his disciples, 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you' (John 20:21)? He had already warned them that he was sending them 'like sheep among wolves' (Matthew 10:16), but they would be going in his authority, to do the kinds of things that he did.

That is one of the keys to what it means

witness to everyone of the love and grace of God – seeking to be channels for the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

But there is a second key: God sent Jesus to take on himself the nature and limitations of physical humanity. As Eugene Peterson paraphrases John 1:14 in *The Message*, 'the Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood'. He identified himself with us, bearing our grief and carrying our sorrows. And that, in turn, is what he sends us to do.

Perhaps we don't feel sent when we leave the house in the morning, when we arrive at work, when we take the children to the playground, when we visit a lonely neighbour. But wherever we go – feeling often in a hostile or indifferent world like sheep among wolves – we may bring the sweet fragrance of Christ, like the sudden scent of a rose in a urban hedge.

Helen Parry –LICC

WORD FOR TODAY: FAITH THAT BRINGS RESULTS

'Believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who... seek him.'
Hebrews 11:6 NKJV



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Immediately, they could see. Jesus knew he was able to heal them, but he wanted them to know he was able. Until you

Here are three truths from Scripture that establish your faith; First, *believe that God is*. The force of the language used here is much more than a vague acknowledgment of God's existence. Mankind claims scores of gods, but the God of the Bible is not one of them—or even the best of them. He is the *only* true God! This Scripture says he is uniquely, genuinely, permanently present and active.

Second, *believe that God is able*. When two blind men approached Jesus seeking healing, he asked, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you" (Matthew

believe in God's ability to meet your need, you have no ground on which to base your confidence and prayers.

Third, *believe that God is willing*. After knowing he is able, you must take a step of belief, A leper approached Jesus saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus Touched him "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy' (Matthew 8:2-3 NIV). Is God willing? Consider his claim: he—not we—goes on record as being 'a rewarder of those who ... seek him'. That leaves no room for doubt.

Today, God is not only able but willing to meet your need.

AAW

Our next meeting for the AAW will be held on the 11th April at 7pm in the Thompson Lounge.



We are planning an evening where we will be guessing the Bride.

If there are no wedding photos perhaps there may be another formal occasion you dressed up for.

It should be fun..... "oh to see how we have changed!"

—Sue Phillips



DEVOTION—FAITHFULNESS

'The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.' Lamentations 3:22-23

One of my all-time favourite hymns is "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" where we sing 'all I have needed thy hand has provided, great is thy faithfulness to me'.

I have seen God's faithfulness at St MJ's in answering our prayers with the tenancies at St James and the relief that that has given to the Church's finances as well as the successful start of the Good Dirt Mission at Love Riccarton. We are praying for growth in the church and we must be prepared for the same as we serve a powerful God who is able and willing to do great things.

I have been thinking a lot about God's faithfulness.

In the original language of the Old Testament, the word faithfulness means to be steady or steadfast. It's good to have something steady to hold onto; when life unexpectedly turns and shifts, it is good to be able to count in the faithfulness of God. He is our rock, our foundation.

God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He is always there, faithful and able to guide us if we will keep our eyes on Him.

Hebrews 10:23 'But if we freely admit our sins when his light uncovers them, he will be faithful to forgive us every time. God is just to forgive us our sins because of Christ, and he will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Just like the North Star in the sea of

turbulence, God remains steadfast and unwavering. His love is our constant. His mercies are new every morning. Let us remember the enduring faithfulness of God, who is able to forgive us of our sins through Jesus's perfect sacrifice on the cross. As we saw in our year of prayer last year, God was faithful and answered our prayers, and I believe he will be faithful to answer our prayers for growth.

Let us pray... Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, thank you for today. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you that we get another day to come together as a Vestry where we praise you and give you thanks for all the blessings in our lives and in the life of the Church.

Thank you for your unfailing love, for the cross and for the fact that even whilst we were so underserving, that you loved us so much that you made a way for us to be with you forever.

Thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. Please pour out your Holy Spirit on the Church, revive us, revive our church, so that we are able to fully repent, to grow deeper in you and to be unafraid and unashamed to speak the truth of the cross to others that they may also come to know you.

As a church we want to grow, in faith and in numbers. Please hear the prayers of the Church.

As a Vestry tonight, please let us know your will, give us direction and wisdom so that we can make the right decision which brings glory to Your name.

We ask all this in Jesus' precious name. **Amen.**

Vestry Devotion: Wendy Goodbrand

PARISH LIFE



FOODBANK

St MARTIN'S & St JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

If you, your family, friends, or neighbours are struggling do advise them of our Foodbank.

St MARTIN'S & St JAMES CHURCH

50 Lincoln Rd
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Foodbank open

Wednesday 9.30-11am

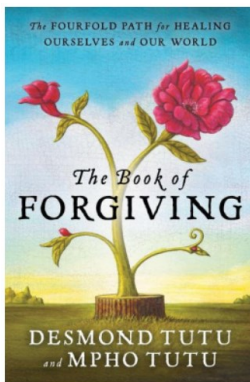
Donations of non perishable food items would be gratefully received so we can help more members of our community thrive and not just survive.

UNDERSTANDING FORGIVENESS—PART 11

Bishop Desmond Tutu writes about how forgiveness healed a whole country. The country was Rwanda. Bishop Tutu writes about this in “The World of Forgiveness”, the tenth and final chapter in “The Book of Forgiving”. Hutu extremists planned a campaign of mass murder of the Tutsies in 1994.

Nearly a million Tutsies were slaughtered.

Rwanda, the Holocaust and other genocides show how capable we are of committing extreme and violent evils. Yet, “our ability to forgive and heal shows that we are not made for evil but for goodness”, says Bishop Tutu. An exceptional example of this is the community courts that were established in Rwanda, soon after it was actively involved in genocidal violence. This nation decided to heal itself through forgiveness and reconciliation. Over 12,000 community-based courts tried over 1.2 million cases throughout the country. The justice they sought was restorative, rather than retributive. Those who had planned and stirred up the violence were punished. But those who had allowed themselves to be swept along by it were punished less severely, especially if they were repentant and sought reconciliation with the community. The goal was to rebuild the communities and the country, to heal and prevent further revenge and violence. This, says Bishop Tutu, “is an



example of how forgiveness can heal a country”.

We must always strive not to hurt each other with our words and actions. When we assault someone’s humanity we assault our own. Violence, whether in words or actions, only leads to more violence. Bishop Tutu says that he

always prays for violent people, that they will find compassion and recognize the humanity they share with people they hate. We are created for fellowship, to form human family. We are not made to function on our own but interdependently. We need to take care of our world by taking care of each other.

We care for each other by cultivating our practice of forgiveness. Forgiveness, along with attributes, such as, compassion, kindness and generosity, need to be developed and become part of our everyday living.

When we develop a mindset of forgiveness, we choose not to develop a mindset of grievance. If our focus is on grievance, we look at the world and criticize it for its failings. But with a forgiveness mindset, we purposefully look at the world through gratitude to see what is right. We look for opportunities for forgiveness and love.

When we cultivate forgiveness in our everyday lives, we are preparing for when a much larger act of forgiveness will be asked of us. Most of us

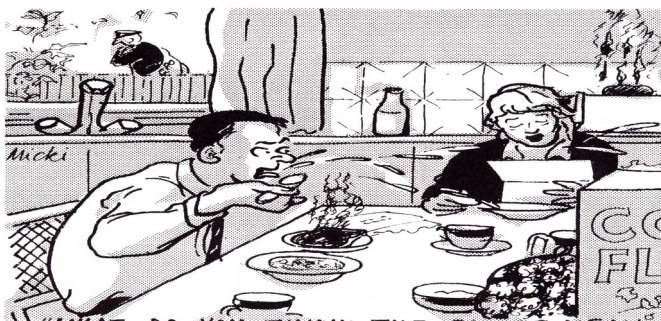
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experience tragedy, disappointment, betrayal and heartbreak. But each of us has a powerful skill, forgiveness, that can lessen and even change the nature and form of pain. This skill can, says Bishop Tutu, “when given a chance, to win over an enemy, heal a marriage, even end a war. Each of us can do our small part to effect change. We change the world when we choose to create a world of forgiveness in our own hearts and minds”.

Many people have found a way to make meaning of their suffering and have been transformed by it. Bishop Tutu names Kia Scherr as an example. Kia Scherr found a way to be transformed by forgiveness when she lost her husband and daughter. They were

killed in a terrorist attack. She says, “if we continue to love in the face of terrorism, we disempower the terrorist and the terrorist ceases to terrorize”. Our suffering begins to transform when we reach out and connect with each other. We tell the story, name the hurt, grant forgiveness and renew or release the relationship. We do not need to bind ourselves to our pain and losses. When we forgive we set ourselves free from the pain of our losses and hurts. We evolve into more spiritual people. Bishop Tutu says, “it is true that when we harm others we harm ourselves. But it is just as true that when we help others, we also help ourselves”.

—Kay Knowles



"WHAT DO YOU THINK THE PASTOR MEANS WHEN HE SAYS WE'VE BEEN APPOINTED LEADERS OF THE YOUNG TEENS GROUP AND WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE IN 25 YEARS?"

"It is good to know you are not under life sentence in the job you have agreed to do." (B3.3)

FOOD BANK—ST MARTIN'S

Non perishable food items can be left in the Food bank basket at the back of St Martin's Church. We are currently in need of the following items: breakfast cereals, sugar (500g), sandwich spreads, soups, tins of baked beans, tins of spaghetti, pasta, and pasta sauces, tins of vegetables, tins of fruit, and tea bags (30s). All donations are gratefully received.



MISSION

As our overseas Mission Partners settle into another year doing the Lord's work around the world we continue to uphold them in prayer.

Ajit & Lorna DAS have returned to **BANGLADESH** to finish up their mission outreach commitment to the fishermen families there. Following their time spent in NZ for Ajit's health treatments they are planning to retire back to NZ after this time to complete their mission. Lorna has overseen the sponsorships for the children's schooling and the Women's groups which meet at Jibon. After 33 years of giving to the people in Bangladesh the time has come for Ajit and Lorna to hand over and look after their own health back here in NZ. They will also be able to foster more family time with their own two children –son Bejoy (Andrew) and his family in Australia, and daughter Sarita in Auckland. Such a lifetime of service to the people of Bangladesh – *'well done good and faithful servants of the Lord'*.

Elaine ROBSON continues to complete translation of scripture passages to Asia. She is currently visiting NZ and we are hoping to have her in our parish on 5 May to share with us from her lifetime's work in translation. She first went to India with CMS in 1966 (wow, over 57 years on the Mission field).

The **MUNYUKU SECONDARY SCHOOL** in **ZIMBABWE** is giving to the youth the opportunity to gain an education to get qualifications which will

enable them to obtain work and contribute back. The current building of a staff administration block is progressing as funds are contributed. Robson Munyuku keeps us up to date on progress and sends photos which you can view on the church noticeboard.

The **DUNBAR** family – **Neil & Rebekah** and children Jonathan, Aaron & Emily continue their mission commitment to Church planting in **CAMBODIA**.

We also have covered the **EMPOWER ASIA** Mission with prayer as we learn more from Jamie & Lily Somerville about the work undertaken with the young people in working with them providing safe lodgings and Christian learning to enable them to have a flourishing life. Jamie & Lily plan to return to this mission field with CMS.

Unfortunately 2023 commenced with our buildings in Riccarton still unrented and with the reduced funds our tithed giving to overseas Mission work continued to be withheld. Thank you to those parishioners who gave to the Mission Appeal in Nov/Dec which will enable some funds contributed to be distributed. Please pray both for the work our Mission Partners undertake and for the provision of funds so that we can also help them with our committed financial giving again.

Blessings

Sharon Rees, Missions Co-Ordinator
-as reported



The Christian holy day of Pentecost. The name comes from the Greek word *pentekoste* which means fiftieth, Pentecost is also called Whitsun, White Sunday, Whitsunday, or Whit Sunday.

The holiday is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter hence the name Pentecost, it is also the 10th day after Ascension Thursday.

Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast, that is, the date is not fixed. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. This important event in the Christian faith is described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31), the fifth book of the New Testament of the

Bible. Where about 3,000 people were baptized that day, which to many, makes it the real start of the Christian Church.

In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, Pentecost can refer to the entire fifty days of Easter through Pentecost. In the United Kingdom, traditionally, the next day, Whit Monday, was also a public holiday.

In Germany, Pentecost is called "*Pfingsten*" and often coincides with the beginning of many outdoor and springtime activities. These include festivals and organized outdoor activities by youth organizations. The Monday after Pentecost is a legal holiday in many European nations.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES APRIL 2024

Sunday April 7		Easter
8.30am	Traditional Service with HC	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133
10.30am	Family Service	1 John 1:1-2:2
10.30am	Kids' Church:	John 20:19-31
Sunday April 14		Easter
8.30am	Traditional Service with HC	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4
10.30am	Family Service with HC	1 John 3:1-7
10.30am	Kids' Church:	Luke 24:36b-48
Sunday April 21		Easter
8.30am	Traditional Service with HC	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23
10.30am	Family Service	1 John 3:16-24
10.30am	Kids' Church:	John 10:11-18
Sunday April 28		Easter
8.30am	Traditional Service with HC	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31
10.30am	Family Service with HC	1 John 4:7-21
10.30am	Kids' Church:	John 15:1-8



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES MAY 2024

Sunday May 5		Easter
8.30am	Traditional Service with HC	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98
10.30am	Family Service	1 John 5:1-6
10.30am	Kids' Church:	John 15:9-17
Sunday May 12		Easter
8.30am	Traditional Service with HC	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1
10.30am	Family Service with HC	1 John 5:9-13
10.30am	Kids' Church:	John 17:6-19
Sunday May 19		Pentecost (Whitsunday)
8.30am	Traditional Service with HC	Acts 2:1-21
10.30am	Family Service	Psalm 104:25-35, 36b
10.30am	Kids' Church:	Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
Sunday May 26		Trinity Sunday
8.30am	Traditional Service with HC	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29
10.30am	Family Service with HC	Romans 8:12-17
10.30am	Kids' Church:	John 3:1-17

- **Mondays—Prayer Meeting:** 4-5pm, Neave Room, St Martin's. This is a time of pray and praying for prayer requests. Term time
 - **Night prayers on Zoom:** Tuesday only, 9.15pm For a new login: email C h r i s T h o r n e a t billchris54@gmail.com or follow the following link: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81387080736?pwd=NFNs70NSZp3kdwmPom3tZUIwWRIhyf.1> Meeting ID: 813 8708 0736 Passcode: jX3m77
 - **Morning devotion:** Focused prayer, Tuesdays at 9am, Neave Room. Term time.
 - **Thursday 11 April—AAW Meeting:** 7pm in the Thompson Lounge.
 - **Parish AGM—Sunday 14 April** at 12.30pm in the Neave Room.
 - **Working Bees 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.
- GROUPS & ACTIVITIES**
- **Mondays—Strengthen and Stretch Exercise Class:** A Low Impact class, 6.00-6.30pm. General exercise class at 6.30-7.15pm on Monday nights, school terms. St Martin's gym. \$5 per session or \$45 per term. All welcome. Contact: the physio team at TuneUp Physio Village Health 338 8595 or visit www.tuneupphysio.nz.
 - **School of Good Soil:** Disciple training: See Sampson.
 - **Wednesday mornings—Foodbank:** 9.30-11am: Joan 339 7135.
 - **Friday mornings—school term time: St Martin's Playgroup:** Any enquires to Azaria 0204026 1160 or via the facebook page.
 - **Harvest Rangatahi (Youth):** <https://stmartinsstjames.church/youth>—Term time
 - Harvest Stags (Basketball) – Gym: Seniors: Wednesday 3:30pm-6pm, Juniors: Thursday 4-5:30pm TBA
 - Harvest Thursday – 7-9pm: The Loft

Street Prayers

For the month of April in our personal prayers can we pray for all those who live on Lyttelton Street

Proverbs 28:25

The greedy stir up conflict,
but those who trust in the Lord will prosper. (NIV)

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