

# ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

21 October 2018  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We welcome you to  
St. Stephen's Anglican  
Church in Shirley  
meeting at the Shirley  
Intermediate School Hall  
each Sunday  
@ 10.30am

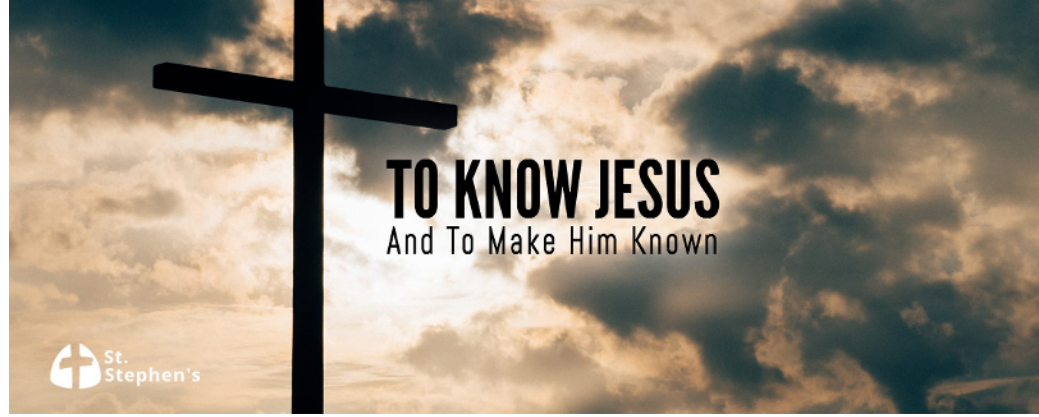
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## TODAY'S SERMON

The Foolishness of God  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Geoff Robson

## FOCUS VERSE

For the message of the  
cross is foolishness to  
those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being  
saved it is the power of  
God.  
1 Cor 1:18



## Weekly Word by Geoff Robson...

This past week, I was fortunate to be able to attend the Latimer Retreat – a short, three-day conference mostly (but not exclusively) for people working in vocational gospel ministry, organised by the Latimer Fellowship. Most of those who attended are involved in Anglican ministry around the country, and it was wonderful to meet a range of people who are seeking to honour Christ and make him known in their local churches, especially during these challenging times.

If you're not familiar with the work of the Latimer Fellowship, let me encourage you to find out more about them and consider becoming a member. It exists to promote and uphold evangelical Anglicanism throughout New Zealand, and it's a terrific way to express partnership with like-minded Anglican Christians around the country – whether it's those who, like St Stephen's, have recently disaffiliated from ACANZP, or those who are remaining within existing structures for the sake of the gospel.

The main speaker at the Retreat was Phillip Jensen. In my view, Phillip has been the most influential Christian leader in Australia in the last 50 years (yes, he's Australian – please don't hold that against him).

Liz and I both grew up sitting under Phillip's teaching and being shaped by his ministry and his theological thinking, and it was a joy to hear him speaking again. I'd highly recommend his website, [phillipjensen.com](http://phillipjensen.com) which has an enormous collection of free resources from Philip's 40+ years of gospel ministry.

Phillip made many important points in his talks, but perhaps the one that struck me the most was this: as churches like ours look to the future, we must be primarily defined by what we are *for*, not by what we are *against*. We mustn't spend our time focusing on the negative side of what has happened within our old denominational structures. Rather, our focus should be on the positive: namely, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and fulfilling our mission to know Jesus and to make him known.

Obviously, with our new structures in place, there is an enormous amount of work to do. But it's also a tremendously exciting time as we think about the opportunities before us, the wide network of gospel-minded churches that we still share fellowship with, and the chance we have to be part of what God is doing in our great city.

## HELPFUL INFO...

*We're delighted to have you with us today, especially if you're visiting and we look forward to making you very welcome!*

If you'd like any information about the CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES today or about any of our midweek ministries, please speak to one of our WELCOMERS (Orange nametags) and if you haven't already received a WELCOME PACK please ask for one.

If you're visiting, please don't feel obligated to give financially today.

We hope you can join us for morning tea at the back of the hall after the

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### PRAYER MINISTRY

You are very welcome to join us in a corporate time of prayer at 10am every Sunday before the service - exit from the rear of the hall, turn right then it's down the corridor in an office on the left.

If you would like prayer for anything after the service, look out for the people at the back of the hall wearing BLUE nametags - they would love to pray with you.

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### MIDWEEK SERVICE

On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of the month we hold a Communion Service @ WindsorCare @ 10am. All welcome.

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### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

We have a range of Bible Study groups meeting during the week (day and evening) for all ages. Please contact Logan & Sherilyn Walker if you are interested in joining a group - [sherilyn.walker@gmail.com](mailto:sherilyn.walker@gmail.com) or phone the office.

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### YOUTH GROUPS

JYz (Junior Youth school years 7-9) meet on Friday evenings 7-9pm @ Berwick Street  
Senior Youth (school years 10-13) meet on Sunday evenings 7-9pm @ Berwick Street

For more information please contact: Miriam Crowther 027 206 2824

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### GIVING ELECTRONICALLY

Please see details on flyer on table at back of the hall or phone the office 980 0929



### TODAY'S Prayer Team: Rae Allpress & Rosemary White

**SUNDAY:** We ask that God would teach us His ways; open the eyes of our hearts to understand more of His Word; unblock our ears to hear His voice; and open our eyes to see Jesus in all that we say and do.

**MONDAY:** We give thanks to God along with Phil & Chris Carr (Bible Translators in PNG) that the plane was able to land, albeit at another airstrip, and we can praise God that the recordings have begun! Please pray for these recordings, that they would not be hindered and pray too that the plane will be able to land on the Bamu air strip on 6 Nov.

**TUESDAY:** Loving heavenly Father, we thank You for all the pastoral staff in our church family and for providing us with such a dedicated team of men and women, who work so hard in Your service. We pray for each one – that they would keep You as the focus of their life and that they may be surrendered to You in thought word and deed.

**WEDNESDAY:** We pray for people with family members facing old age and/or sickness - that God would give them words of comfort and encouragement as they seek to advise family members in difficult days that lie ahead. We also ask that God would provide for all their needs, according to His loving-kindness.

**THURSDAY:** We thank God that He has placed us in the family of God and united us together in love and fellowship. May we as part of His universal church, be a force of good in our local community and may we be faithful witnesses to those that are lost.

**FRIDAY:** We lift up all those that are in leadership position in our government, both locally and nationally and ask God that they may they be endowed with wisdom, strength and justice to administer their duties in a manner that is right and pleasing in His sight. We also ask that God would give them the wisdom to rightly and justly administer the law and to carry out their judgments and decisions in the fear of the Lord.

**SATURDAY:** We lift up the many people that have devoted their lives to ministering to men and women in our prisons and pray that God would use their life and witness to draw many into a saving relationship and faith in Jesus Christ.



**JAM CLUB** John 4:43-54

**JAM DROPS** Genesis 11:1-9  
The Tower of Babel

What God wants to happen, always happens.







Happy  
90<sup>th</sup>

ALL OUR  
CONGRATULATIONS, LOVE,  
BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS  
GO TO  
**COLIN WIDGERY**  
ON REACHING THE YOUNG  
AGE OF 90 TODAY

## Key Dates...

**SUNDAY 14 NOV**  
**NEWCOMERS LUNCH**

**THUR 6 DECEMBER**  
**PARISH PRAYER**  
**MEETING**

Mainly Music meet on  
Tuesdays at 10am  
during term time at  
Rutland St Chapel.

For more info Contact  
Vicki Music 383 6448

Mums n' Muffins  
meet for a time of  
fellowship & Bible  
Study every Thursday  
during term time  
9:45-11:30am  
at our Admin Centre  
(6 Emmett Street)  
Creche provided  
For Info Contact:  
Hannah Tasker  
383 8229

### MORNING PRAYER

A little group meets on  
Friday mornings to pray  
for our parish and our  
nation

**7:45-8:15am**  
**at the Admin Centre**

Please feel free to drop in  
for some or all of that  
time before your day  
begins.

**RE M I N D E R...**  
**TO PLEASE TO CANCEL YOUR GIVING TO OUR ASB BANK ACCOUNT**  
**(51 SUFFIX). THIS ACCOUNT HAS NOW BEEN CLOSED.**

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Just letting you know that our annual Commitment  
Sunday will be happening in the New Year.

The next MEGs meeting is Monday, 29th October at **7:15pm** at  
**26 St Paul's Place** and is open to all women.

We will watch the movie "God's not Dead 3 - A light in the  
Darkness." 104 mins.

Bring a friend if you can, and a plate if it suits, for a time of  
fellowship afterwards. (Liz O'Callaghan 3834 809)

### The Leprosy Mission NZ

Thank you very much to all those that support  
the **Leprosy Mission Moneybox Programme**.

If you would like your donations deposited,  
please could you pass your money boxes on  
to me in the next couple of weeks.

I am more than happy to collect them from you,  
if that is more convenient.

If anyone else is interested in joining the **Moneybox**  
**Programme** or would like more information, please phone  
Yolan Collins on 383 3945 or look on their website

[leprosymission.org.nz](http://leprosymission.org.nz)

The Leprosy  
Mission  
New Zealand



**Sat**  
**10th Nov**

Keep free Saturday 10 November for a  
Parish fun evening with our prayer partner  
Jolene.

More details coming soon!!



## DUNBAR'S DIARY

*If you'd like to be on the Dunbar's mailing list for  
their updates please contact:*

[neilldunbar@gmail.com](mailto:neilldunbar@gmail.com) - AND/OR join their family  
Facebook page "Dunbars Abroad"



Our annual **LIGHT** party (31st October) and  
**SHINE** event (3rd Nov) are on again soon!  
Great fun for the family, come along and join  
in. Details in the 'Sunshine in Shirley'  
newsletter at the back of the Church soon.

## SERMON NOTES...

### The Foolishness of God

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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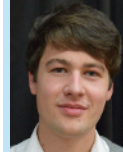


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## NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

A Contagious Conversion

1 Thessalonians 1

Jay Behan

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