

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

14 October 2018
28th 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

TODAY'S SERMON

The Christ, the Christian &
the Cross

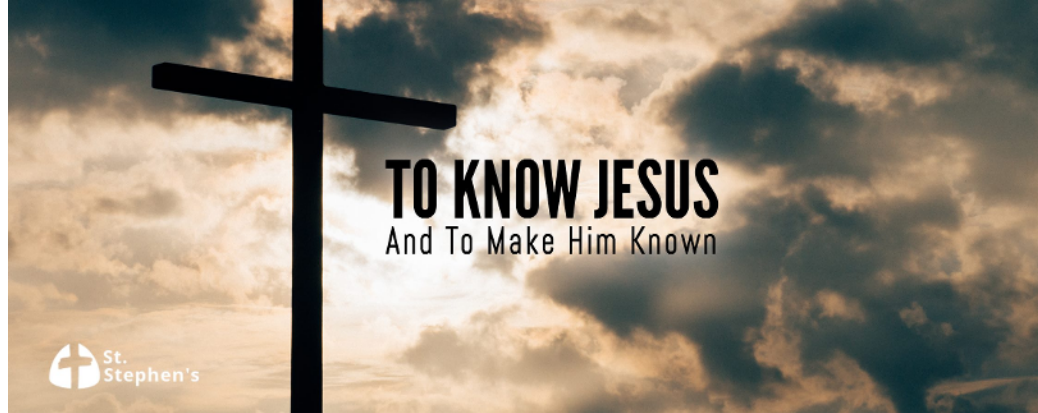
Mark 8:27-38

Jay Behan

FOCUS VERSE

Then he called the crowd to
him along with his disciples
and said: "If anyone would
come after me, he must
deny himself and take up his
cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34



Weekly Word by Miriam Crowther...

'Family Church Camp' February
Fellowship - Fun - Feeding

After much deliberation from our Camp Committee, it has been decided that St Stephen's will be having a 'Family Church Camp' in the summer of 2019!

In the past, we have aimed to have a camp every second year. However, for the past two years, it has served us well through some difficult times to go away together as a Church family. In light of this, it seems more fitting than ever to carry on this trend as we navigate through some potentially tricky waters in the upcoming months: what better way to begin our new Church than with a weekend away in **Fellowship, Fun, and Feeding** on God's Word as we hear from a guest preacher!

Thankfully, the team at 'Woodend Christian Camp' have kindly pulled some strings in order to make camp more accessible to our congregation. Hallelujah! So we are all booked in for a weekend away on **Friday the 1st of February, to Sunday the 3rd of February.**

Why Go? I know that camps can be daunting, exhausting, and difficult for some. However, we would love for as many of our church family to attend as possible so that we can mutually encourage one another, build each other up, deepen relationships, and sit side-by-side as we worship our Lord, and are edified by His Word.

Obstacles? If you have any obstacles that are preventing you from coming, please do chat to someone on our camp committee

and we would be delighted to help in any way that we can. Perhaps you have food allergies, physical needs that make camps more challenging, get anxious in large crowds, or are new to St Stephen's and don't know anyone! We'd love to make camp as easy as possible for you - we'd hate for anyone to not be able to go!

Or, perhaps you are wanting to come to camp but money is tight, please don't hesitate to speak to someone on our committee as we have set aside money for subsidies to help - First in, First Served!

Camp Committee:

Miriam Crowther, Hannah Tasker, Ian Preston, Darren Leigh & Will Thew.

Signing Up? The easiest way to sign up is using our online forms which will be uploaded to our Church website this week: <https://ststephens.org.nz/>.

Otherwise, there are hard copy forms at the back of the hall which will be topped up each week! *If you are wanting more information about camp, please read over the forms, or, feel free to chat to someone on the committee if you have any questions.*

Finally... Camp is simply stupendous. Whether you are single, retired, newlyweds (I believe this will be a few more couples by February!), have kids, or are unique in every way... camp is designed to be a welcoming and fun environment for all.

Hope to see you there!

Miriam Crowther

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 service.

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.

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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

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 or phone the office.

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

GIVING ELECTRONICALLY

Please see details on flyer enclosed or phone the office 980 0929

PRAYER

TODAY'S Prayer Team: Heather Rush & Margaret Naismith

SUNDAY: We pray that God would help us to gain a greater understanding of His perfect perspective in our lives and that he would give us patience in all our adversities and help us to recognise His guiding hand and His loving patience towards us.

MONDAY: Please pray for the Shirley Community Trust Board Meeting today that as they make plans for their programmes etc, they would seek God's wisdom, guidance and help to carry things through as they reach out to the Shirley community.

TUESDAY: Phil & Chris Carr (Bible Translators in PNG) ask us to join with them in praying that the airstrip will be open and in a good condition to allow a plane to land on today to pick up Adau, Domai and Betty for the first batch of Bamu audio scripture recordings.

WEDNESDAY: We give thanks for the great service last Sunday, for the obvious enjoyment the children had at the Holiday club and for all the leaders and volunteers who made it happen.

THURSDAY: We give thanks for the group of mums who meet each Thursday morning at Mums n' Muffins and pray that as they they gather around the Word of God, they would be encouraged in their Christian walk and that God would fill their hearts with grace and love and endue them with strength, patience, wisdom and joy as they bring up their families.

FRIDAY: We give thanks for the fun time had at the Men's Event last Saturday evening and for the fellowship they had over playing Flag 500, eating supper together and listening to a couple of the men talk about their lives.

SATURDAY: We pray that we will not be overwhelmed or overcome by life's difficulties, but would use each one to teach us more of God's character, love and grace – and make us increasingly willing to be changed into the person He would have us be.



HOLIDAY CLUB

JAM DROPS Genesis 6-9

Noah and the Flood

God can't ignore sin, He has to punish it.
But God is kind and rescues people.





Happy
95th
Birthday

to... RAE ALLPRESS
with all our love &
sending you God's
richest blessings

Key Dates...

THURSDAY 18 OCT
CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED COURSE
BEGINS



SUNDAY 14 NOV
NEWCOMERS LUNCH

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.



The **AAW Fellowship Luncheon** will be held at
noon on **Tuesday 16th October** at
Valerie Percy's home, 2 Oakmont Green,
Fairway Park. Please bring a plate of finger food
to share and enjoy a time of fellowship

OUR NEXT MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICE will
be held this **WEDNESDAY 17th OCT**
starting at 10AM AT WINDSORCARE
ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG



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.



Our next 6 week **Christianity Explored**
Course begins on Thursday evening
18th October. Please pray about who you
could invite along to this excellent course
or whether you might even attend!

RSVP to Kris or Jay - 980 0929
admin@ststephens.org.nz or
vicar@ststephens.org.nz



DUNBAR'S DIARY

*If you'd like to be on the Dunbar's mailing list for
their updates please contact:*
neilldunbar@gmail.com - AND/OR join their family
Facebook page "Dunbars Abroad"

**14" TV AND FREEVIEW BOX IN GOOD WORKING ORDER TO GIVE
AWAY. PHONE OR TEXT ROSEMARY WHITE ON 027 432 4961.**



SCT's next Foot Clinic will be held on
16 October, from 1.30-3.30pm.
If you or anybody you know would like to
access this service, please contact **Sharyn**
on **022 621 8269**.

SERMON NOTES...

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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

TBA

Geoff Robson

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www.ststephens.org.nz

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET is also available
via email and on our website.

Please send requests to:

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