

# ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

4 November 2018

All Saints Day

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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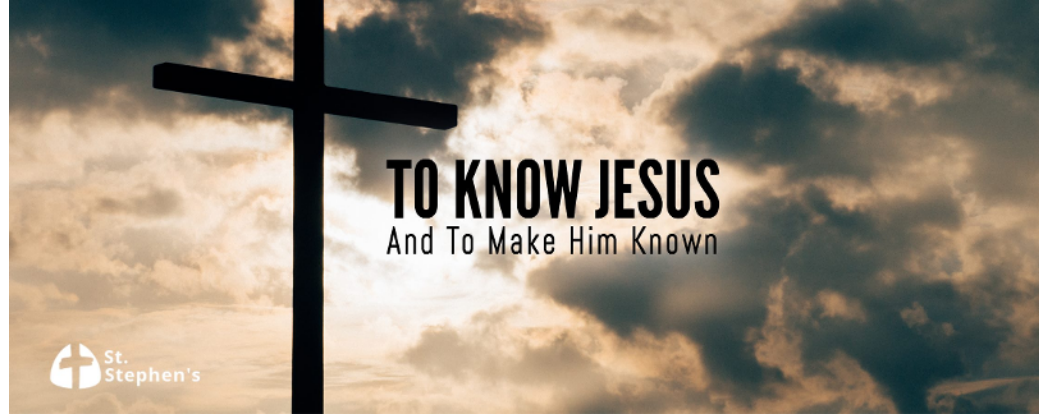
## TODAY'S SERMON

Genuine Christian Ministry  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-16  
James Ballinger

## FOCUS VERSE

And we also thank God  
continually because, when  
you received the word of  
God, which you heard from  
us, you accepted it not as  
the word of men, but as it  
actually is, the word of God  
which is at work in you who  
believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13



## Weekly Word by Oli Preston ...

### ANNUAL LIGHT PARTY

Halloween is not a time many look forward to at St. Stephen's. Malls are sprinkled with plastic red tridents and an inordinate amount of assorted skulls populate the shelves of many stores.

Whatever your thoughts are on Halloween, I think there is one thing we can all agree on. There is no gospel message implicit in this celebration: fancy dress and goody-bags rather than Jesus and the cross.

The Shirley Community Trust's (SCT's) 'Light Party' has been held on the same day as Halloween for a few years now. It's been a great opportunity to not only provide a safe alternative to Halloween in Shirley, but also a life-giving alternative that brings the gospel message into the community.

The heavy rain cleared just in time for a brisk and sunny evening, with 119 kids (not including parents!) coming onto Emmett Street Community Church grounds, and joining in with the variety of activities and crafts.

Children strode around with their balloon swords and scabbards; aiming to complete each activity. To do this meant you would receive a free goody-bag, fruit and a sausage from the sausage sizzle. Giant Jenga, Giant Connect Four, Popcorn... it was all there.

For myself, the most important part was held inside the building. Our Children's worker Leigh Greyling gave a gospel presentation illustrated by an edible craft, and it was wonderful to hear about the interest and conversations that continued throughout the evening afterwards. For many it seemed like the first time they had heard about Jesus, and what he came down to accomplish from on high.

Please pray for those kids and parents who were drawn to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for sinners: that they might continue to pursue Jesus through the complexities of life and find their rest in Him. Wouldn't it be great if some found their way into our church family?

The opportunity to work together with the SCT, Emmett Street Community church, Re-Church and people from the area was awesome. More and more I can see the importance of these events in allowing many of us to meet people in the area and serve them in some small way.

A big thank you is in order to all those who gave of their time, energy and money to make it happen. The SCT went all out organizing it, and volunteers from across many churches came in droves to help out. A special thank you to the kids and youth from St. Stephen's who came along to help out, if only I were more like you at that age!

## 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

### 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](mailto: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 on table at back of the hall or phone the office 980 0929

## PRAYER

### TODAY'S Prayer Team: Juliet Page & Shane Hollis

**SUNDAY:** We pray for Steve McNabb at Roimata and Al Drye at St Paul's, Rakaia district and their congregations as they meet today as new entities. We pray that they would stay faithful to God's Word, be bold and be strong and that God would lead and guide them in the days ahead.

**MONDAY:** We pray for times of rest for Jolene as she has a busy week ahead in our church and we ask that God would work in and through her as she shares her story to everyone she meets.

**TUESDAY:** We give thanks that Vestry are united back together again and that their meeting last Monday was a fruitful one. Please pray for them all as they seek to do God's will and be faithful and true to Him.

**WEDNESDAY:** We pray for the Young Adults Bible Study groups as they meet together, praying in particular that they would stay motivated to keep growing in their faith with the Lord Jesus, rather than stay stagnant.

**THURSDAY:** For some of our youth it's their last days at school. Please pray that as they are moving on to new things, they would put their trust in God to guide and help them make good choices for their future.

**FRIDAY:** Give thanks for the Light Party last week and for the 119 children that came along, some who have never heard about Jesus or even knew what Christmas was about. Give thanks that Leigh and others were able to share about Jesus and invite them to come along on a Sunday morning. Please pray that God would be at work in these young lives and that one day they would believe and follow Him.

**SATURDAY:** As thoughts turn towards 2019, please pray that God would place the right leaders in the right places and that the right people would come forward and offer to serve our church family. We give thanks for our leaders and staff and their faithful witness of their love of God as they serve Him with their skills and talents He has given them.



### JAM CLUB

Jolene Visiting

### JAM DROPS

Mathew 27:11-28

Barrabas

We all deserve to be punished but Jesus was punished instead of us.







**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.**

## Key Dates...

**SUNDAY 18 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  
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### 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 Group A.G.M. will be held at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 6 November at All Saints, Burwood. Jolene on leave from serving with NZCMS in the Middle East, will be guest speaker.

Our next mid-week Communion Service will be held on Wed 7th November starting at 10am at WindsorCare. All welcome!!



## Parish Event

Come along and hear from prayer partner Jolene about her mission work over in the Middle East in an interactive information session, with time for questions and answers. A Middle East themed supper will be provided!

Saturday 10th November at 7pm  
12 Berwick Street, St Albans  
Donation/Koha of \$1-\$5 appreciated

Tim McKenzie is looking for a place to board or flat with fellow Christians for university next year.

His contact details are:

Tim McKenzie - phone: 027 375 0005

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## 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"



This Monday at our **Community Lunch** Jolene will be sharing about refugee and humanitarian issues in Syria, and how the church has helped in this area. Do come along with something to share for lunch, enjoy a barista coffee and join in - 11am-12.30pm, [19A Acheson Ave](#), Shirley.

## SERMON NOTES...

### Genuine Christian Ministry

#### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

James Ballinger

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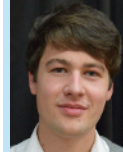


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### NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

Faithful Followup

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5

Jay Behan

### REPLAY SERMONS:

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