

ALL SAINTS' PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SERVICES THIS WEEK

ALL SAINTS

Thursday 10 am

Eucharist & Prayer Book
Service

Speaker: Margie Denis

Sunday 8:00am

Light and Shadow

Sue Fordyce

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6 & 8-10

Luke 4: 14 - 30

Sunday 10:00 am

The Good Shepherd Pt 1

Nigel Dixon

John 10: 1 - 6

Psalms 23

Sunday 5:00 pm

Knocked Off Your Horse

John Hornblow

Acts 9: 1 - 25

Matthew 19: 23 - 30

ST COLUMBA'S

*Will start back on the
3rd of February*

PARISH DATES

1st February - Messy Church

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH

It is wonderful to see you here today. Please feel free to stay after the service for a tea, coffee or just a chat.

VICAR'S VERBIAGE

And so we begin another year. Another year in which we will experience, celebrate, mourn, change, stay the same, hurt, forgive, grow older, grow up. We will have great journeys and difficult journeys in our lives and as a community. This is life in all its glory and difficulty.

So what ought to be our posture, our approach? I was reading a book by Christine Pohl called "Living into community" over the holidays. She suggests in it four practices for our living together – the first, and most crucial, she suggests is 'gratitude'. I was surprised by this but her reflections have stayed with me.

We are not a culture that is particularly grateful. In many ways there is a dominant vibe of feeling hard done by, being deeply ungrateful. We may never thank those who serve us in shops or petrol stations. We expect. This leads to a tendency to criticize and assess whether we got all we thought we should. We can do this in church as well. It can lead to us being ungrateful, not only to each other, but also to God. Assessing whether God has done all we think he should have. Quite prideful when you think about it.

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I tend to forget to be thankful for the good I have received, the beauty, the friendship, food and fun. I can take it all as my life, not gifts and kindnesses. I am someone who tends to see what isn't, what needs to happen, what could have been. I can miss the goodness of the now.

I want to suggest that before we complain or judge, we consider giving thanks – showing gratitude where we can. We only get this moment, hour, life once. Why pollute it with complaining and whining.

There is a time for truth telling (another of the four practices) but this should be done out of gratitude not judgement. So what are you grateful for? It might just help you worship and live more deeply/truthfully!

AFRICA NIGHT

Come along for an evening of entertainment, a quiz, silent auctions, food and ethnic craft stalls. A fundraising night to help bring a bride from Africa to her groom in New Zealand. Held on Saturday 2nd February from 5pm onwards at All Saints Community Centre. For more information contact Debbie Hay on 022 018 2673 or haywire@snap.net.nz

HAPPENINGS @ ST OSWALDS

MAINLY MUSIC - Starts back on Tuesday 12 February.

MAINLY PLAY- Starts back on Wednesday 13 February.

MUMMA'S COFFEE AND CAKE EVENINGS – Fortnightly chats and pudding with mums from the above groups and church families.

CRAFT AFTERNOONS – Starts up Wednesday 6th February @ 2pm. Bring along your craft project to do over afternoon tea and a chat. All welcome. Coffee, Tea and afternoon tea provided. For more information see Karen Lyons.

BREAD RUN - Fridays from 6.00pm. Volunteers pick up extras from Just Zilch and deliver it to in-need families in the community. We need helpers for this. If it sounds like you then please see Margaret Barsanti.

COMMUNITY MEALS – Fortnightly meals doing dinner together as family.

If you would like more information or feel passionate about any of the above and would like to help then please contact Margaret Barsanti or Karen Lyons.

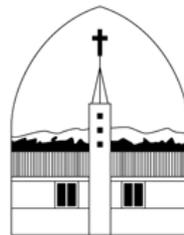


CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Resumes this week on the 27th of January. Please remember to sign your children in and out. Signing them in can be done when you arrive at church.

KINGDOM OF GOD - SIX DAY GUIDED RETREAT

A retreat where individuals step aside from their daily routines to "Be still and wait on the Lord" guided by Reverend John Read. Will be held at Kopua, Southern Star Monastery, from the 17th to the 21st of March. Registrations are limited so please register expressions of interest to Reverend Barbara Coles on (06) 357 1884 or b.m.coles@kinect.co.nz



YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will starting back up on Friday the 8th of February from 7.00 - 9.00pm for young people in Years 9 - 13.

The Youth are also looking towards Easter Camp this year and are looking out for fundraising opportunities. If you have some odd jobs around your house, such as painting or gardening, that you would much rather enlist the Youth to do please get in touch with Davis.

EMMAUS 2019 PROGRAMMES

Enrolments are open for Emmaus's 2019 Internship and Night Courses. Term One offers *Finding God in Our Suffering: the Book of Job* with Andrew Lim on Tuesday nights and *God's Story* with Ian Reid and Pauline Simonsen on Thursdays. For more information please pick up a pamphlet from outside the church office.

ALL SAINTS FOOD BANK

The All Saints Food Bank support families in need. We need your help with donations of food.

Thank you for all of your donations over the Christmas period. Please continue to give generously to these families in need.



SERMONS ONLINE

All sermons from the 10am and 5pm services are recorded and posted on the All Saints website for you to listen to. Go to <https://www.allsaintspn.org.nz>.

Look under the sermons tab

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS AT ALL SAINTS



Join us for a time of reflection on scripture, sharing food and fellowship. If you are able, please bring some finger food to share.

The next  is on 28 February @ 11.30am at All Saints Lounge

MESSY CHURCH:

Bring the kids, grandkids, neighbours and join us from 4.30-6.30pm on the first Friday of the month for crazy cool activities, awesome dramas and delicious dinner.

The nextt Messy Church is on the 1st of February.



DISABILITIES SERVICE:

Is held the 2nd Sunday of the month @ All Saints Community Centre @ 2pm.

MISSION PRAYER

Recommences on Wednesday 13th February from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at 78 Havelock Avenue. Share God's heart for global ministry by praying with others from other churches.

PRAYER RHYTHMS: @ ALLSAINTS

Monday 8.30 - 9.00 am All Saints' on the Square

Monday 12 noon - 1pm Silent Contemplation @ All Saints' on the Square

Tuesday 8.00 - 8.30 am All Saints' on the Square

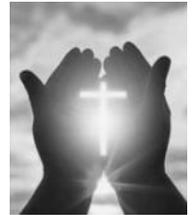
Tuesday 12noon-12.30pm @ St Oswalds

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Thursday 8.00 - 8.30 am All Saints' on the Square

Thursday 6.30 pm stop what you are doing and pray

Friday 8.30 - 9.00 am All Saints' on the Square



Come and join us for half hour of prayer as we seek God and offer Him our petitions for our families, friends, church, city, nation and world.

ALL SAINTS OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 8.30 - 3pm

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