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# ST MARY'S SILVERSTREAM

*Kia ora whānau*

*A spider has made the most exquisite web between the wooden Cross and the chairs of our little "chapel" in church.*

*She created that pretty quickly! I noticed it the other day and went to grab the duster ... but didn't. Because I was struck by how quickly she has set up shop. How quickly she has made that place her home and source of provision.*

*The way she has made a home so quickly, kind of reminds me of what people say when they come here to St Mary's - they say it instantly feels like home. That's how we felt too. Like our little spider (I hope little!!), we found it so easy to quickly set up here - making connections, building friendships, sharing our life. And we have been so blessed.*

*I'm sure you've experienced that too. Could it be, we the body of Christ, experiencing and expressing the loving embrace of our good, good God? I think so.*

*Welcome home!*

**Coming Up ...**

## Ministry Leaders' Family Camp



A few of us will be away at Ministry Leaders' Family Camp this weekend.

Thanks to Rev Peter Benge for leading both worship services. Della will be leading the Hymns at 8am and Helen will be leading the singing at 10am. Simon is preaching and the passage that he will be sharing from is John 4:5-42. You might want to read through that passage a few times before Sunday - it's pretty epic!!

## St Mary's AGM & BBQ Lunch

**The St Mary's AGM will be held on Sunday 26 March at 11:45am.**

Make sure you come along to hear about all the cool stuff that's happening, or about to happen at St Mary's and St Philip's.

The AGM is for those on the Electoral Roll ... so next time you're at church check to see if you're on it! The list is in the office. And if you're not on it and want to be on it ... just fill out the form. There won't be any voting at this year's AGM, but there will be next year, so if you're keen to be part of that process make sure you're on the roll.

As always, we'll keep it short and sweet and then we will gather together afterwards for a BBQ lunch!

## St Philip's Revive



**Messy Church** at St Philip's Revive is on this Sunday and is celebrating Children's Day! If you're able to help with providing a salad or some veggies, please let Julia know. [julia.stokesvalley@gmail.com](mailto:julia.stokesvalley@gmail.com).

And **Dinner Church** at St Philip's Revive kicks off on Sunday 19 March!

Here's how you can be involved...

### Food!

We are aiming to cook for 70 people. For now, the plan is to cook together as a team at St Mary's on Saturday or Sunday afternoon for approx 2 hours, and then the food will be delivered to St Phillips.

Ingredients and straightforward recipes will be supplied.

Anna Holman is recruiting teams of 4-5 people to join the roster, you can make your own team, or you can be added to a team, the more teams the better!

Let Anna know asap if you'd like to be on one of the teams.

[holmannz@gmail.com](mailto:holmannz@gmail.com)

### **Music!**

A reminder that Kim will be hosting a jam session at St Philip's tomorrow night at 7:30pm. For those who are joining the worship team at St Philip's - this will be a chance to practice in the space and learn some new songs.

And please let Kim know if you'd like to join the worship team, if you haven't already.

## **Cool Stuff That's Been Happening...**

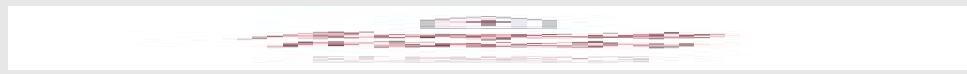
### **Youth Group**

The Youth Group had an awesome time at the AYM Games on Sunday. Everyone was a winner on the day (read ... we didn't win).



No Youth Group this Friday because Bierz and Karla are both at Ministry Leaders Family Camp. BUT! How cool is this ... one of our Youth Group family is going to be hosting games and Pizza in the park! TMP (Trentham Memorial Park) from 5:30pm - 7pm. Meeting at the playground.

## **Alongside Ministry**



Rev Heather and Helen shared last Sunday about the expanding Pastoral Care Ministry at St Mary's. The Pastoral Team is now called "Alongside Ministry". This is to reflect the scope of support and care offered. We will continue with our home visits and rest home services, but as our team grows, we will be able to offer support through hospitality, a "listening ear" and prayer over coffee, and practical help.

If you feel God is calling you into this ministry, in particular hospitality but have no idea of what that might look like ... have a chat to Heather or Helen.

And if you are doing it a bit tough at the moment or know of someone in need of some extra care, please let Heather or Helen know. Our team are here and ready to walk alongside. And you'll know who's in the team, because they have "ALONGSIDER" on their name tag :)

## Notice Board

### An Update from the Missions Team!

Next time you're at church check out the noticeboard. The Missions team have updated it with info about who we're supporting and how they're going.

### You're Invited ...

E oho! Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the church

Wednesday 22 March 2023, 12:10pm to 1:30pm

Taiwhanga Kauhau — Auditorium, (lower ground) National Library Wellington. Entrance on Aitken Street.

Georgie Roades is going to this event and would love to extend the invitation to you to join her!

Join a kōrero with Jay Ruka, the author of 'Huia Come Home', Dean of Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary and Director of Te Manu Hononga – Sir Paul Reeves Centre. Revisiting the early missionaries, the

transformative message of the gospel and the cultural missteps of the Treaty of Waitangi, 'Huia Come Home' invites us to reconnect with the unique story offered by the indigenous Māori lens.

Read more [here](#).

### **Common Good Coffee**

A few people have commented on how good the coffee is at St Mary's! It's Common Good Coffee. Common Good Coffee is a Social Enterprise run by Revs Ana and Paul Fletcher (in our Dio!). You can click [here](#) to set up a subscription and get your coffee delivered straight to your door!

### **Fruit and Vege Co-Op**

Just a reminder about the Upper Hutt Fruit and Vege Co-Op! This is a great way of getting fresh produce once a week for a really good price. \$15 for a bag of yummy top-quality fruit and veg! And it's delivered to St Mary's every Wednesday for easy pick up. Click [here](#) to find out more or to sign up.

*I will miss seeing you all on Sunday. God's Spirit of unity is moving at St Mary's, so expect to encounter our Lord in new and fresh ways as you gather together as family.*

*God Bless!*

*Rev Kath*

*PS ... let me know if you don't have a name tag, and I'll get one ready for you to wear when you're next at church.*

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