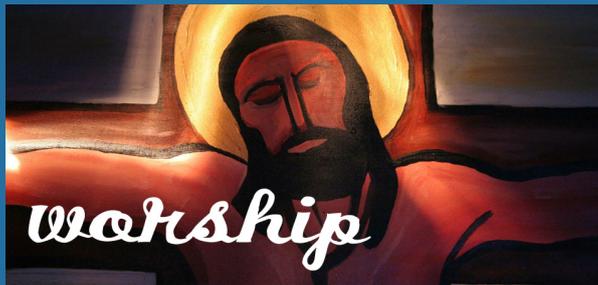


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# ST MARY'S SILVERSTREAM



Kia ora whānau!

*"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." Ps 37:3-4*

We read Psalm 37 together at Morning Prayers this morning and those few verses really jumped out for me. And so, I'd love to share them with you. Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Lots going on and coming up ... so hopefully you have a few minutes to read through this email!

## St Philip's Revive



We have **Messy Church** this Sunday and then again on Sunday 12 March.

Then we start regular **Dinner Church** services each week, from Sunday 19 March at St Philip's Revive (on non-Messy Church Sundays).

Dinner Church will start at 4pm with a church service (with Sunday School), followed by dinner together.

Our co-Priests in Charge of St Philip's Revive, James and Julia want to extend a BIG THANK YOU to *all* the people and families who have volunteered to help out.

Kim is leading the worship team. Which involves both leading worship and the coordination of others from St Mary's to help and lead.

Anna is helping plan the food (with Will's expert input) and will lead the dinner side.

We have three Sunday School teachers: Pam, Megan and Marguerite (with Amber), and people who have offered to help in the kitchen: Dan, Chris, Georgie and Steve.

And we also have a team of dedicated prayer people (both inside and outside the church) to cover us in prayer.

And there are still ways to be involved!

- Two Sunday School helpers
- People who can do datashow or sound desk
- Help cooking food (ingredients already purchased)
- Musicians to help fill Kim's roster
- People to turn up and worship; having a crowd attracts a crowd!

Let Julia know if you're keen!

There is a real sense of excitement and anticipation as we as a family help plant St Philip's Revive together. We are being blessed as we bless!

**Lent Together!**

Lent begins on Wednesday 22 February with our Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's.

I gotta be honest with you ... before I became an Anglican, I had no idea what "Lent" was, or "Ash Wednesday". And to be honest again, when I found out what they were I couldn't really see the point! Until one day I stepped into a Lenten Journey. Taking that journey and preparing for Easter was significant and our family are still seeing the ripple effects! AMEN!

So, this lent, you're invited to go on a six-week Lenten Journey with us!

Wednesday Nights, 7pm, at church  
Beginning Wednesday 22 February with Ash Wednesday.

If you're keen to know a bit more or if you'd like to join - just let me know!

## Pancakes in the Park



Tuesday 21 February (the day before Lent begins) is Shrove Tuesday - which is an awesome opportunity for us to bless our community by once again hosting "**Pancakes in the Park**"!

It's such a cool outreach and really simple too. We serve free pancakes with loads of toppings to families and commuters on their way home from school and work.

Can you help cook pancakes? We need to make around 200! You can make a batch at home and drop them down to church - or you can make them at church! We'll provide the pancake mix :) THANK YOU! Let me know if you're keen to be a pancake maker!

## New Wine reminder



*From our NW Ops Team ...*

Just a reminder, for those who haven't made a payment for their meals at New Wine yet, you can do so by making the payment into the church account. 06 0773 0019360 (Ref NW Food)

Adult all 5 days \$40

Child U12 all 5 days \$25

Adult Casual meal \$8

U12 Casual meal \$6

Pizza all \$6 except ham and cheese \$5

Thank you!

### **Youth Group Update!**

Youth leaders Karla and Bierz have planned an epic term for the kids - with Youth Group kicking off for 2023 this Friday night with a combined trip out to Days Bay!

And they have planned to take the kids to Easter Retreat at the end of the term. Easter Retreat is run by Anglican Youth Movement (AYM) and held at AI Rancho.

Look out for plenty of photos and cool stories of God's transforming love this term!

### **Women's Fellowship**

A reminder that the Women's Fellowship group will be meeting Thursday 23 February.

Heather Schollum's house

10:15am

Heather's husband Des will be sharing about the historical documents that he has collected, followed by morning tea.

If you'd like to ride-share or if you'd like to join in for the first time - please call Chris on 9722844.

That's it for now family.

And be encouraged! I've heard some awesome stories of answered prayer this week and God's faithfulness. Looking forward to hearing more and sharing more when we gather together on Sunday.

May God bless you and may you encounter God in new and unexpected ways!

Rev Kath

*PS ... Can you sew?? I'd like to convert some of my shirts into clergy shirts! You would be blessing me immensely - it's not that easy finding clergy wear for women! Thank you!*

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