

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'

10:00 am Service led by Rev Margaret Garland

1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday 26th February, 2023

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Greeters: Marion Fell & Ella Haigh

Offering: Sylvia Low

Bible Reader: Brenda Silson

Flowers: Pam Clare & Marian Eagle

Grounds: Murray & Lynne Arnold

Helping at Communion Service Sunday 12th March 2023

Greeters: Anne Loan & Marian Eagle

Offering: Janice Tucker

Bible Reader: Anne Loan

Flowers: Alison Hancock

Grounds: Bev & Mike Coghill

Prayer Focus: Let us pray for: -

* Ministry among us: **Parish Council**

* Partners in God's Mission of Love: **PSEC**

* Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Catholic Parish of Napier**

* Parishes in our Presbytery: **Gisborne Presbyterian Parish**

The following is an announcement concerning the next few months here at St Paul's

Greetings all.

Time to let you know what we have planned for the next few Sundays.

We have really enjoyed having *Rev Margaret Garland* leading our worship over February. We have been truly blessed to have just the right person here over such a challenging time.

Our service on Sunday 19th February was a joy to be a part of.

Margaret has her last Sunday here today on the 26th February.

March 5th we are trying something different. We are calling it *Exploration Sunday*. A time when you are encouraged to visit a different church, maybe one of the ones you drive past on your way to church each Sunday, or one you have friends attending, or one you have always been curious about.

We want you to go there and see what they do that you find enjoyable, or see what you think they could do better, and then maybe see if there is anything that they do that we could learn from. We are excited about this opportunity to do some "Market Research".

We plan to have a **pot luck lunch** afterwards at church, **12.30pm** so we can share our thoughts and findings.

March 12th we will celebrate quarterly communion. *Rev Keith Rowe* will take this service.

March 19th *Ruth Sandiford Phelan (Rev)*, one of the hospital chaplains, will take our service.

March 26th a joint Hawke's Bay Presbyterian Churches service will be held in Hastings, probably at St Andrew's. I will make sure there is more information about this service closer to the time and we will do some work on carpooling to make it easier for everyone.

That brings us to the end of March, and somewhere in there, there will be a Lenten service.

April 2nd, Palm Sunday there will be a service at *St Paul's*, details will come later.

April 6th, Maundy Thursday, we are invited to join *Trinity Methodist*

April 7th, Good Friday, more details to come, maybe one of the *other Inner-City Churches*.

April 9th, Easter Sunday, *Rev Anne Thomson* will begin her month at St Paul's.

We will endeavour to keep you up to date with all the service plans, and please do not hesitate to ask if something is not clear.

Kind regards

Lynne (Parish Clerk)

Message from Napier Food Bank/Nourished for Nil

Nourished for Nil are very low on instant coffee and instant meals such as risotto / cuppa soup. Thanks, Jane.”

March Newsletter

The publication of the March newsletter has been delayed by the Cyclone and other issues. We hope to have it ready for distribution by this Friday 3rd February 2023. Any questions, please get in touch with **Pam** at pamclare@xtra.co.nz or **Bridget** at stpaulsnapier@gmail.com.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is set for **Friday, 3rd March**. This year, there will be a gathering at **St Mary's Church, Osier Rd Greenmeadows**. More details to follow.

Bible Readings for Mon 27th February – Sat 4th March

Monday, February 27, 2023:

Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18

Tuesday, February 28, 2023:

Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Wednesday, March 1, 2023:

Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14

Thursday, March 2, 2023:

Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Friday, March 3, 2023:

Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, March 4, 2023:

Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10