

## WELCOME TO TODAY'S SERVICE

Led by the Evening Circle ladies

*Greetings & a warm welcome to visitors today.*

*The theme today is "A Reason to Sing"*

Readings by Brenda Fraser (Psalm 126)  
and Muriel Gerken.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am
Sunday 14 <sup>h</sup> October	10.30am

### OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the church office will be unattended for the week of 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October and it will be on reduced hours for the week after that during the October school holidays.

For urgent matters please leave a phone message on 215-7378 or contact Peter Noble on 027 374 7217 or send an email to [ststephensinv@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ststephensinv@xtra.co.nz). Messages will be periodically checked.

### EVENING BARBECUE

There will be NO barbecue this Sunday evening.

### EVENING CIRCLE

Ladies please note that Evening Circle will meet this coming Tuesday evening at the earlier time of **6pm**.

### LECTIONARY READINGS

This week's readings are from Psalm 126, Esther 7:1-10, Mark 9:38-50 and James 5:13-20.

### STAYING HEALTHY

An afternoon of health related topics focusing on staying healthy in older age on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1.30pm-3.30pm at Age Concern, 50 Forth St, Invercargill. RSVP to Heather 218 6351.

Afternoon tea is provided & topics include:

- Diabetes nurse
- Dietician
- Hearing aids
- Blind Foundation
- Healthy Homes
- Heart Foundation
- Brief Intervention Services
- Advanced Care Planning

### MULTICULTURAL CHURCH

There will be an inter-cultural seminar at First Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7pm – 9pm & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9am – 1pm.

*"We can't understand others until we understand ourselves"*

The face of NZ has changed rapidly. There is an increasing need for greater cultural awareness. This applies in the church community as well as daily life.

This workshop will equip you with greater understanding of the cultural complexities we face today.

\$20 including course material. RSVP by October 3 to 218-2560 or [firsti@xtra.co.nz](mailto:firsti@xtra.co.nz)

### FAITH THINKING - REVELATION

*Understanding the Book of Revelation*

Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm &  
Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 9 – 12:30pm  
at  
First Church (Central Hall), Tay Street,  
Invercargill. Register by phoning First  
Church on 218-2560.

This *Faith Thinking* course will help you to interpret the Book of Revelation.

It will cover how to read a book like Revelation;  
the situation John the author of Revelation faces as he writes Revelation;  
what Revelation says about God and Jesus;  
the Literary Structure of Revelation, and the Heavenly Jerusalem.

This short course will be taught by Professor Paul Trebilco, Professor of New Testament

Studies, the Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago.

See the noticeboard in the foyer for the flyer.

### CWCI EVENT

Invercargill CWCI, combined with Miriam Ministries of ICBC, are holding a coffee/tea & dessert evening on Monday 29 October with speaker Vanessa MacCarthy, who was born and raised in Gore and is now living in the Waikato.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm at ICBC. See the noticeboard in the foyer for more details.

Note: Manna Store Invercargill will have a bookstall at this evening. Eftpos will be available.



*Beyond the Amusement Park*  
"Not my will but Yours be done."  
Luke 22:42b

**Monday 29 October 2018**  
7pm—Coffee/Tea & Dessert : \$5 door charge  
ICBC, 11 Devon St, Invercargill  
CWCI combined with Miriam Ministries  
Contact: Diane 027 417 7257 or Kerry 027 203 0455  
www.cwcinz.org.nz

**SPEAKER**  
**VANESSA MACCARTHY**  
Waikato  
Born & bred in Southland.  
Married to Wayne and mother to 4. Ages 18-7 yrs.  
Vanessa has journeyed through heart-break as a young woman—a car accident in early married life and an extended season of secondary infertility. These challenges have shaped her faith and deepened her walk with the Lord. Vanessa and family are trusting God as they begin on a new journey next year.

### COMBINED CHURCHES EVENT

First Church is hosting the combined churches evening at 7pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Guest speaker is **Tak Bhana**.

### LOSS & GRIEF CENTRE OCTOBER GROUPS

- ❖ Pregnancy/Stillborn loss Group  
Tuesday 2 October - 10.30-11.30 am
- ❖ Men's Group  
Tuesday 2 October – 12.00-1.00 pm
- ❖ Parent's Group  
Tuesday 9 October - 11.30am-1.00 pm
- ❖ Social Gathering Group  
Wednesday 10 October - 1.00-2.00 pm
- ❖ Parents of Children with a Disability Group  
Tuesday 23 October – 10.30-12.00 pm
- ❖ Woman's Group  
Tuesday 23 October – 12.00-1.00 pm
- ❖ Christian Group  
Tuesday 23 October – 5.00-6.00 pm
- ❖ Suicide Group  
Tuesday 30 October - 5.00-6.00 pm

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

\*\*\*Please pray for Christina & Matthew, who are adjusting to life without their mum (and also being forced to be separated from each other). Matthew is only 11 or 12, and Christina has just turned 16.

# St Stephen's Presbyterian Church

## 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

*"A reason to sing"*



*"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."*

- Psalm 126 :3

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