

## WELCOME TO TODAY'S COMMUNION SERVICE

Led by Peter Noble

*A warm welcome to visitors today*

\*We are providing a light lunch in the hall after today's service. Please do stay and mingle\*.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am

### EVENING BARBECUE

Barbecue meal in the hall each Sunday at 6pm. All welcome.

### BARBECUE DONATIONS

Any donations for the cost of running the barbecue are most welcome and can be either left in the container in the foyer, or placed in a labelled envelope and put in the collection plate.

To those who have donated so far, a big thank you.

### LECTIONARY READINGS

Today's readings are Psalm 24, Isaiah 25:6-9, John 11:32-44 and Revelation 21:1-6.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Last week we again looked at the truth of God's Word and the power of the truth to transform our lives, confirming the words of Jesus "that the truth sets us free".

Today we will focus on the redemptive work of Christ as we come to share the bread and the wine, symbolising the body and blood of our Lord.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF CHURCH DINNER

Keep the date free: -

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm*

Tickets will be available at a later date.

Obtainable by donation only. Our suggestions:  
\$10 per adult  
\$5 up to 15 years  
Free up to 5 years

See you all there:

- *Ladies of St Stephen's Evening Circle*

### VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT – MANNA CHRISTIAN STORE

Manna are on the lookout for volunteers to join their friendly team. Contact Kevin Melhop [invercargill@manna.co.nz](mailto:invercargill@manna.co.nz)  
Phone 03 218 4571 or come to our Invercargill store at 90 Spey Street

### INVITATION TO EVENING CIRCLE LADIES

The All Saints Gladstone Assoc of Anglican Women would like to invite the Evening Circle members to their patronal Festival evening to be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at All Saints church.

A retiring collection will be taken and will be given to an as yet undecided charity. There will also be a multi raffle.

Following the service they will adjourn to the Hall, where the speaker will be Cathy Oakley who will speak about "Life in Zimbabwe".

### LOSS & GRIEF CENTRE NOVEMBER GROUPS

- ❖ Pregnancy/Stillborn loss Group  
Tuesday 6 November - 10.30-11.30 am
- ❖ Men's Group  
Tuesday 6 November – 12.00-1.00 pm
- ❖ Parent's Group  
Tuesday 13 November - 11.30am-1.00 pm
- ❖ Parents of Children with a Disability Group  
Tuesday 20 November – 11.30-1.00 pm
- ❖ Christian Group  
Tuesday 20 November – 5.00-6.00 pm
- ❖ Woman's Group  
Tuesday 27 November – 12.00-1.00 pm

### **FOODBANK DONATIONS**

The Salvation Army Food Bank is struggling to keep food on the shelves. They need;

Cereal / Spreads / Muesli bars  
Sugar / Flour / Coffee  
Noodles  
Toilet paper / Sanitary products  
Hand soap / Toothpaste

If you can help with any of the above items they would be very grateful. Items can be left in the foyer or in the office, and they will be delivered to the Salvation Army.

Many thanks for the donations already provided.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

\*\*\*Please pray for Stuart as he awaits a callup for heart surgery in Dunedin. Pray for his health as he waits, and that the wait would not be too long.

\*\*\*Please pray for Liza & Blair as they both struggle with health difficulties. Uphold them in prayer before our Heavenly Father.

\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*Please pray for Nardia Livingstone as she recovers from surgery and receives ongoing treatment.

\*\*\*Please pray for those known to you who are struggling with addiction, particularly alcohol. Pray that they will know freedom in Christ.

\*\*\*Please pray for Bible in Schools.

# **St Stephen's Presbyterian Church**

## **4<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



*"They triumphed over the enemy by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony"*

- Revelation 12:11

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