

WELCOME TO
TODAY'S SERVICE
Led by Peter Noble

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 23rd December 10.30am

CHRISTMAS & JANUARY DATES

- Christmas Eve Service **11pm** – 24th Dec
A collection will be taken for TearFund during this service.
- Christmas Day Service – **10am**
- Church Service – 30th December **10am**
at St Stephen's.

January Services:-

6th January – 10am at St Paul's

13th January – 10am at St Stephen's

20th January - 10am at St Paul's

27th January - 10am at St Stephen's

EVENING BARBECUE

There will be no BBQs during the remainder of December and January.

COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- Please bring a plate on the days we share with St Paul's here.
- The Waikiwi Community Open Day raised \$733 for Southland's Hospice.
- A reminder to every NOT to park in front of the chemist or dairy on Sundays or whenever we have anything on at St Stephen's.
- In the New Year we will be having a Switchboard Appeal, to help with the cost of a new switchboard in the church.
- Property & Finance and Council are going to have a "Vision Planning" day on 26th January 2019, 10am-2.30pm, including a shared lunch.
What we are doing that is working/not working? Where do we go from here?
If you have a vision, come along.

LECTIONARY READINGS

This week's readings are from Isaiah 12:2-6, Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Luke 3:7-18 and Philipians 4:4-7.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Stephen's is rostered on to deliver Meals on Wheels for the week of 31st December – 4 January 2019.

We realise this is a hectic time for some people, but if you are able to help out it would mean a lot to those who receive the meals.

Please contact the office (215-7378 or ststephensinv@xtra.co.nz) if able to help.

OFFICE SHUTDOWN

Please note that, as in line with past years, the church office will be closed during January. Staff will be on leave, however messages will still be able to be left on the church answerphone and emails will still be periodically attended to.

More exact dates to follow in next week's newsletter.

LOSS & GRIEF DECEMBER GROUPS

- ❖ Parents of Children with a Disability Group
Tuesday 18 December – 10.30-12.00 pm
- ❖ Woman's Group
Tuesday 18 December – 12.00-1.00 pm
- ❖ Christian Group
Tuesday 18 December – 5.00-6.00 pm

No groups held in January
Groups held at the Loss and Grief Centre
49 Tay street, Invercargill

** Note: They will close for Christmas on 21st December and reopen 14 January 2019.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

***Kerri Bootsma died last Wednesday. Please pray for her daughter Lena (13 years old).

St Stephen's Presbyterian Church

16th December 2018



"A virgin will become pregnant and have a son and He will be called Emmanuel (which means "God with us")"

- Matthew 1:23

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