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ST STEPHEN’S METHODIST CHURCH
8th November 2015
Deacon: Margaret Birtles Ph 576 0698
Pastoral Care: Ralph Vickers Ph 576 5171
Parish Steward: Geoff Warth Ph 579 3637

Welcome to St Stephen’s this morning. Deacon Margaret is leading our service. Thank you Margaret.
Please join us for a cuppa and fellowship after the service.

St Stephen’s Diary 9-15 November

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Deacon Margaret will be away supporting her Christchurch family from 9th to 13th and then at Church Conference in Blenheim. She will be back on 18th November.

PRE-CHRISTMAS UPCOMING EVENTS

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KIDZ TALK

It seems to be “that” time of year again - many of you at college are taking exams in school subjects or for other interests such as music, speech or dancing. We wish you well! There is so much to discover in this amazing world of ours! What do you most enjoy learning?
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9.30am—MORNING WORSHIP
Led by Viliame Naliva

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 15th November
1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Reader: Valda Benfell
Prayers: Edna Evans

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CHILDREN’S BIBLE MINISTRIES
End of Year Book Sale
In the Wesley Hall on Monday 16 November, 11am-6pm. Please pick up a flyer from the hall foyer for more information

Tauranga Civic Choir
Presents
The English Connection
Friday 13 November 7.30pm
At Wesley Church
Tickets $20 from Civic Choir members or Jeremy; $25 at the door

Methodist Conference 2015
This year, Conference is being held in Blenheim, from Saturday 14 to Wednesday 18 November. Please pray for all those attending as they travel, gather, celebrate and deliberate over these days together. Leigh, Margaret Birtles, Ngaire Southon and Viv Whimster are attending from this parish. Ngaire and Viv will be reporting back at the Wesley service and Table Talk on Sunday 22 November. For any pastoral concerns over this time, please contact Valma Hallam or Julienne Taylor.

Advance Notice
Downtown Waterfront Carols Sunday 13th December 6pm. A community event with carol singing organised by the Inner City Churches including Wesley. We are still looking for people to help on the day. Please see Viv for more information.

The November Touchstone has arrived, please help yourself to a copy from the narthex.

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Deacon: Valma Hallam - Ph. 562-3333
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World leaders will be gathering in Paris at the end of November to finalise agreements addressing climate change. One of the major uncertainties will be how committed the peoples of their nations are to minimising the degradation of our environment.

To let those leaders know our level of concern and commitment, people around the world are organising marches on the weekend of the 28/29th November. In this way we will demonstrate our support for an effective agreement.

We urge everyone and every organisation concerned about the future to join us. Show the leaders of our nation, and the world, that we really care!

In Tauranga, a march is being held on the Saturday, 28th November at 1.30pm, gathering at the east end of Fourth Ave., then marching down to the Strand for Photos, speeches and music. This will be a strictly peaceful march to demonstrate our commitment to effective action. Marshals will be arranged to ensure order. Please register your intention to participate at The Facebook event Tauranga People’s Climate March or at www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/tauranga_people’s_climate_march

Organised groups with banners and appropriate slogans would be welcome. Please contact Margie Mollison <mollison.margie@gmail.com> for details.

This march is organised by the Carbon Reduction Group, Tauranga; a group dedicated to minimising the carbon emissions of the region.

Information on activities in New Zealand and around the world can be found at: https://secure.avaaz.org/en/event/globalclimatemarch

See you there!