Welcome to St Stephen’s this morning when we celebrate 50 years as a church. Margaret Birtles is leading our service. Thank you Margaret. Please join us for a cuppa and fellowship after the service.

St Stephen’s diary 6—13 March

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20 March 2016

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Wesley Faith Community: a place to belong


Welcome to Wesley this morning! If you are here for the first time or visiting us, we would love you to stay after the service and share a cup of tea or coffee with us as we get to know one another a little better.

Today we will be thinking for a little while about memory. For many people, memory can be both a blessing and a challenge. We remember the good times of the past, and the bad. We mis-remember at times or live with distorted memories of wrongs done and hurts received. For other people the struggle to remember can be equally distressing. Yet memory is one of the attributes that makes us who we are. What does it mean, then, for the reading today to tell us “remember not the things of the past”? How do we choose what to remember? How do we deal with memories that hang around whether we want them nor not?

Reader: Erin Nicholson Prayers: Keith Harman

The Wesley Kidz and Youth Group will meet in their groups after time in church.

KIDZ TALK

Easter is not very far away! Apart from eating Easter eggs and enjoying a long weekend, it is the time to tell the story of the Easter events. Next week we will be staying in church and celebrating Palm Sunday. There will be palms and a donkey - what else do you remember? Come along and find out next week!
**WESLEY DIARY FOR 14—20 March**

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<td>Women's Fellowship: CRAFT/HOBBIES 'SHOW &amp; TELL’ We hope all ladies will contribute their handiwork. Visitors welcome.</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday 16th</strong></td>
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<td>Walking Group - Meet 10 a.m. at the church. Contact Nora 571.1129 or Peter 579.5051</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday 16th</strong></td>
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<td>Study Group in the lounge continues to reflect on the movie Les Misérables. Newcomers welcome</td>
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**Sunday 20 March**

9.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP
Led by Wesley Kidz and Youth Group

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 20 March**
Is 43: 16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3: 4b-14; Jn 12: 1-8

Reading and Prayers: Wesley Kidz and Young People

There will be no separate Wesley Kidz and Youth Group activities but everyone will be staying in church and taking part in the service.

**Bay of Plenty Men’s Choir’s first concert for 2016.**

2.30 pm Sunday 13th March to be held at 14th Avenue Gospel Centre.
Admission is free and a collection will be taken to support the work of Bible Society.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Please could food giving for next couple weeks be targeted around
- Cans of fruit
- Cans of Veggies - beetroot/corn etc
- tea bags

Thank you very much for all your efforts in keeping the cupboard topped up. No act of kindness is too small or insignificant to make a big difference in someone’s life.

Faye Philp
Coordinator

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Community Concerns committee are seeking advice and ideas on the direction the committee should take moving forward.

Questionnaire forms are available on the narthex table for anyone interested in responding and sharing their thoughts.

**TABLE TALK - March 29th**

Table Talk is our monthly opportunity to gather informally to share a meal and discussion. We meet in the Wesley Lounge on the third Sunday of each month. Each household brings a plate of simple finger food to share. From 5.30 - 6.15 we eat, drink and chat, from 6.15 - 7.30 we either have a guest speaker or a discussion.

The speaker we had lined up for March has withdrawn at short notice so we are working on an alternative, to be announced next Sunday.

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Deacon: Valma Hallam - Ph. 562-3333
Ministry Assistant: Viv Whimster— Ph. 578-6056
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The March Touchstone has arrived, please help yourself to a copy from the narthex.
CYCLONE WINSTON

There is information in the Narthex re the devastation in Fiji following cyclone Winston.
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