



FLAGSTAFF ~ LEITH ~ HIGHGATE

FRIDAY FUN

Years 7 - 10

Fortnightly Friday night

(Term 3: 29/7, 12/8, 26/8, 9/9 & 23/9)

From 6 - 8 pm for dinner & games

Cost is \$5

267 Malvern Street, Leith valley

See your youth pastor for more details

Or call Jono (022 399 6824).



Newsletter

Flagstaff Community Church

July, 2022



UPDATE: Sam, Yolanda & Nahla's Mission to Dakar, Senegal

The Mephām whānau have touched down in Dakar, Senegal.

Sam has been offered a teaching position at Dakar Academy (<https://www.dakar-academy.org/>), a Christian boarding school for young people whose families work in West Africa and for Senegalese young people.



He will be the middle school class teacher. Yolanda will initially focus on settling in and looking after our wee champion Nahla, before looking to find work in her field, with marginalised young women.

The Mephām whānau are very grateful for the generous support from Flagstaff Community Church. At our July hui, Parish Council approved the monthly payment of \$440.00 for two years, with an initial lump sum payment of \$800.00 towards set up costs. Thank you very much for your generous pledges of support. If you have not already done so, please make the adjustments to your regular giving (automatic payments/weekly giving) based on your pledge. Ngā mihi mahana!

If you would like to be on their mailing list, support them in prayer or finance, please flick an e-mail to sam.yo.meph@gmail.com; Financially, Dakar Academy provide them with housing and a monthly stipend (enough to cover some basic costs), but they need some support to be financially stable. PS. They would love you to go visit them in Dakar!

Church AGM - is planned for Wednesday 17th August at 7.00 pm at Flagstaff Community Church. An Annual Report will be made available next week.

Halfway Bush Church Property Update: At our last AGM the congregation approved in principle for the Council to investigate the sale of church property at 28 Balmain Street, to develop the site for affordable housing. An application was sent to Synod of Otago and Southland seeking permission to sell the land, it was approved in principle. At the moment representatives from Flagstaff Community Church and Habitat for Humanity are working through the process together. Habitat for Humanity will put in an application to a Government funder, which will need to be approved in principle. We will have a congregational meeting once the process has developed further, and our application will need to be signed off by Synod and Southern Presbytery. Once we have firmed up plans, we will discuss them with the neighbours of 28 Balmain Street as well. We will have further discussions at our AGM on Wednesday 17th August 7 pm.

Matariki Knit-a-Square Project: Well, it's been wintry enough and good timing for our Matariki Knit-a-Square project. A huge thank you to all of you who have been knitting up a peggy-square storm! We have achieved quite a colourful basket full of squares. At this point it is good timing to stop the knitting and collect up all the completed squares. Our next steps will be to coordinate a date / time to stitch the squares into the blankets ready for the children's beds at the Women's Refuge. If you feel you'd be able to / would like to help with the stitching up process please let me know. Phone contact: 0274680536. Hopefully our project will be completed by mid-August. Yay!

Mission Membership Sunday: There are a number of people who have moved from the original place where they were baptised and made a confession of faith, and who now make Flagstaff Community Church the place they live out their faith. Sunday 14th August we will be celebrating with a number of people who would like to become members during a service of worship. To arrange an appointment to explore fully the implications of becoming a committed member of our congregation please contact Brendon McRae, 027 356 9200.

Celebrating the Life of Betty: Please join us Sunday 7th August 1:30pm at Flagstaff Community Church, 9 Centennial Ave, Dunedin. We will share some memories of Betty's life, followed by afternoon tea Elizabeth Mary Edith Scarlet (McNoe) 6/2/1932 – 22/1/2022.

Interested in studying Theology? The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers a wide range of papers and qualifications, all available via distance learning. Some papers are taught via videoconferences, others include teaching days in Wellington, while a few involve week-long intensives. For further information go to www.otago.ac.nz/theology or ph 0800 80 80 98 or 03 479 8639.

Pastoral Visit: If you would like a pastoral visit from someone from within the pastoral team or the minister, please ring elder Sarah Barton 021 385905.

Flagstaff Prayer Time: Sharing life, ministry and prayer together. Everyone Welcome. Every Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30 am in Tocher Lounge. Join us as we share and celebrate stories of God's action amongst us and pray for one another and discern God's leading into the future.

Green Fingers: We are currently restoring our awa next to the church. This little creek is showing signs of life and is breathing again and some native birds are showing up. There are a few folks who meet for a couple of hours on a Monday and pot away at planting, trapping pests, removing, weeding, etc. Occasionally we have a project in which everyone is invited including our local school. If you want to join us ring Neil Brown 027 435 4672.

Life Groups: Life Groups @Flagstaff are a vital part of who we are as a community of faith as we seek to grow in Jesus. Not only do we explore the messages God has for us from the Bible but we also have the opportunity to connect with others and experience a place where no-one stands alone.

Community Facing Groups: Where the focus is on friendship around a common interest. These groups are welcoming which may centre on an activity, a hobby, a talent, a life stage, a project or service. Groups include, Steady as you Go, Hire a Helper, Community Garden, Women's Coffee Group @ Coffee Culture (Held 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm), Green Fingers, Walking Groups and more! If you would like to join a group, start a group or find out more information then please contact Brendon on 0273569200.

Discipleship Groups: which focus on study and prayer. Wednesday 1.30 p.m. Contact Sarah 021385905.

COVID-19 Protection Framework & Worship @ Flagstaff Community Church

In these challenging days, Flagstaff Community Church will continue to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ, provide support to each other, worship, pray and reach out in aroha.

He waka eke noa – We are all in this together: We are gathering for Sunday Worship. You are welcome to come and go at any time. We will continue meeting safely and follow advice from Ministry of Health (see (<https://covid19.govt.nz/activities/faith-based-gatherings>;) and our National Church (PCANZ). Your health and safety is our top priority.

The Parish Council thanks you for your own going support as we navigate through the Pandemic.

In relation to our face to face worship at Flagstaff Community Church

- Please stay home if you are unwell.
- We encourage the wearing of a face covering.
- QR Codes remain for those tracking their own movements.
- Physical distancing with those you don't know well is encouraged.
- We are practising good air ventilation so dress accordingly and if cold bring a rug or extra warm top.
- We will refrain from serving morning tea until we're back at Green Light.
- Please put any koha/offering in the kete/basket when you arrive.
- If you have any concerns or queries, please phone Brendon 027 356 9200

For whānau who are not gathering face to face for Sunday worship. If you would like a direct link to a recorded audio version of the service email gary.dent7@gmail.com;

Please ring the Minister or Kāumatua/Elder if you require any support. This could be practical help or needs, you are unsure how to make sense of all these new rules and information or simply you would like someone to pray with.

Tithing/Giving: There are many ways we can support the activity of God in our church, community and world. Two ways of making your church offerings.

1. Use internet banking to make direct credits or automatic payments to the Flagstaff Community Church. Westpac bank # 03-0903-0192517-03. Please include your name for reference or if you use Envelopes use your Envelope reference/number.
2. Join the envelope system by contacting Alison Jenkin (Wakari) 021 1052 320. You will receive a set of personally numbered envelopes. This can be placed in the kete/basket at the foyer entrance anytime during Sunday Worship.

If you give to special appeals or missions, you can claim on these donations by identifying the appeal by naming it when you make the internet payment or by putting your number or name and address on an envelope.

Contacts:

Prayer Chain: Sue Yule 476 7655, or Sarah Barton 021 385905

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