



A Month of
PRAAYER,
BLESSING
&
DISCERNMENT

For All Saints

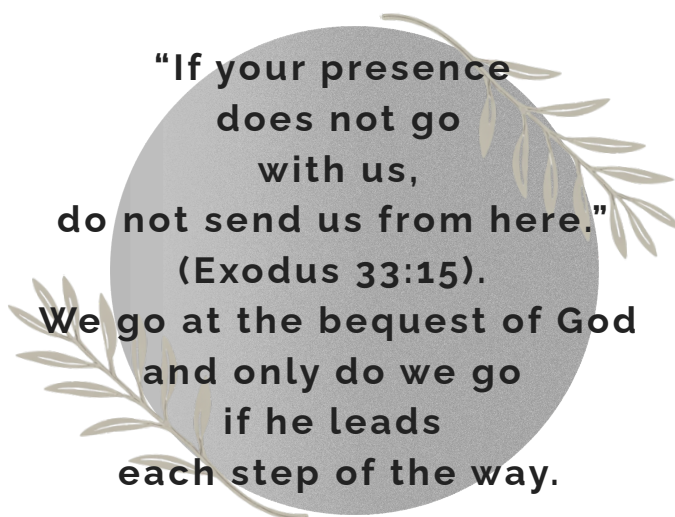
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INTRODUCTION

We are so excited to launch this prayer booklet. Everything that has grown in God's kingdom has done so grounded, bathed and nurtured by prayer.

As exciting as this church-planting adventure is, we start this process with the words of Moses:



Over the coming years we, at Christ Church, feel a deep call to plant new churches. Over the last 182 years there have been many plants from this place, including recently St Peter's Gonville and then from there, on to St Luke's Castlecliff. Jesus calls us to 'go' (see Matthew 28:16 - 20) and we want more people to experience the goodness we have received from God.

We are excited Victoria, Hayden and Augustine are taking up the mantle to lead this congregation. This month of June is a chance to pray for them, to pray for the suburb of Whanganui East and to pray for those discerning to join them (it could be you!).

This booklet includes space for you to prayer diary your reflections and words from God. It also includes some helpful insights into W.E (Whanganui East), followed by some fun suggestions of things to do in the neighbourhood.

We have a few key questions to help you discern if you are called to join them, what to do if you feel you are, and if you feel you are meant to stay.

Have fun, as you pray through this wonderful opportunity.

-Caleb and Billy Rowe

HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET



This booklet is designed to assist you in praying for the church plant at All Saints. It has some suggestions for ways to bless the place and the future plan and also for our time of discernment about who may be called to go to All Saints.

Read over the booklet thoroughly and prayerfully. Set aside some good time to pray blessings, to note any words or pictures from the Lord and also to spend time discerning. A daily prayer rhythm can be really helpful, as well as some chunks of time set aside, such as an hour a week.

Going to Whanganui East is really powerful in our prayers of blessings and a really helpful exercise in the discernment process. Page 18 has some helpful suggestions of what you could do on a visit or two.

Meditate on the Daily Bible Verse, and write down your thoughts in the spaces provided. Either from what stands out to you in the verse, or other wonderings you have had about All Saints in prayer or during the day.

Perhaps walk around the building and pray blessings, or walk the streets (download the 'Holy Here' App on the back page - remembering to log it so we can bless every street out East).



June 1 - Be still and know that I am
God (Ps 46)

June 2 - Your kingdom is an
everlasting kingdom, the Lord is
trustworthy in all he promises (Ps 145)

June 3 - Lead me in the way
everlasting (Ps 139)

June 4 - The Lord is near to all who
call on him (Ps 145)

June 5 - Be still before the Lord and
wait patiently for him (Psalm 37)

June 6 - My sheep listen to my voice
(John 10:27)

June 7 - For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. (Romans 8:14)

June 8 - Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Sam 3:9)

June 9 - When God saw they had turned aside, God called to them (Exodus 3:4)

June 10- How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! (Ps 139)

June 11 - How majestic is your name in all the earth (Ps 8)

June 12- You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. (Ps 139)

June 13- He leads me beside still
waters (Ps 23)

June 14 - Surely your goodness and
love will follow me all the days of my
life (Ps 23)

June 15- You annoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows (Ps 23)

June 16- Here I am! I stand at the door
and knock. (Rev. 3:20)

June 17 - I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever (Ps 23)

June 18- Better is one day in your
courts, than a thousand elsewhere (Ps
84)

June 19- Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. (Ps 139)

June 20 - Hide me under the shadow of your wing (Ps 91)

June 21- He satisfies my desires with good things (Ps 103)





June 22 - You are my God, earnestly I
seek you (Ps 63)

June 23 - When I am afraid, I put my
trust in you (Psalm 56)

June 24 - Speak tenderly (Isaiah 40)

June 25 - He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (Isaiah 40)

June 26 - Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength (Isaiah 40)

June 27 - So great is his love for us (Ps 103)

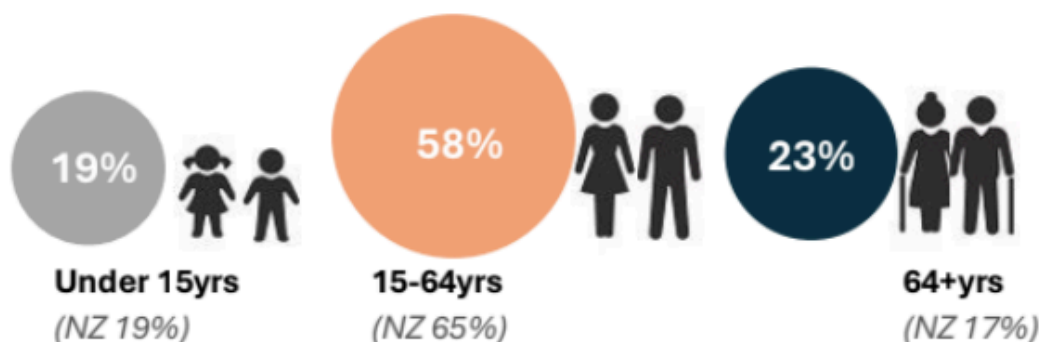
June 28 - How lovely is your dwelling
place (Ps 84)

June 29 - Rejoice in the Lord always
(Philippians 4)

June 30 - Prepare the way for the Lord
(Isaiah 40)

INFORMATION ON WHANGANUI EAST

Whanganui East Demographics (2023 Census Data¹)



Whanganui East

Māori	33%	██████████
NZ European / Pakeha	78%	████████████████████
Pacific Peoples	4%	██
Asian	3%	█
Other	1.5%	-

Whanganui East (Population 6,370)

Demographic Trends and Statistics²



Social Isolation

36% of Whanganui East residents live alone (933 out of 2,592 households) compared to 22.7% nationally.



High Number of Solo Parents

29.4% of the 1,521 families in Whanganui East, are solo-parent families (compared to 16.5% nationally).



Transport Limitations - No Car

10.1% of Whanganui East households have no car (compared to 6.3% nationally).



High Disability / Activity Limitation Rate

Across every age category, Whanganui East residents have activity limitations which are around 30% higher than the national average (7.8% of under 15 yrs, 8.4% of 15-29 yrs, 9.4% of 30-64 yrs, 21.9% of over 65 yrs across a range of impairments).³



High Number of People Over 65+ Years

23% of the Whanganui East population are over 65 years of age, this is high compared to the national average of 17%.

NOTE: No community reaches its potential by defining itself by what it doesn't have. However, it is worth acknowledging some of the challenges faced by Whanganui & Whanganui East in order to advocate for appropriate community investment.

PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT BINGO

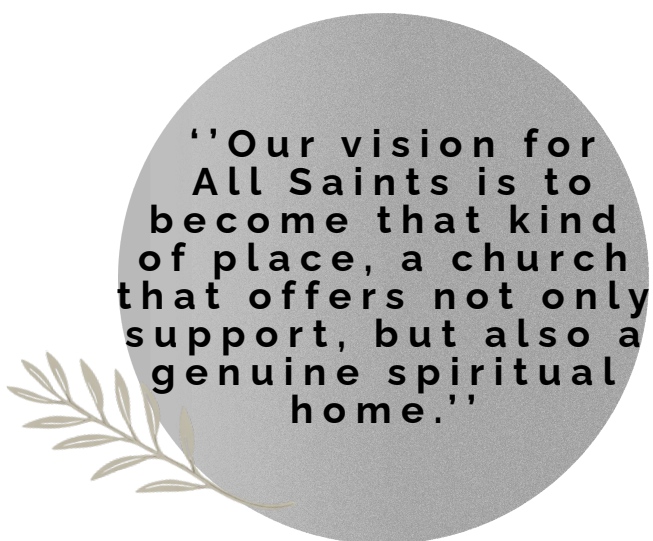
It is really powerful when blessing and also helpful when discerning to go to the place you are blessing and discerning. Here are some ideas of things you could do in Whanganui East. Why not go with a friend? Why not treat this like a Bingo card or an Advent Calendar and gradually fill it in?

<p>10 minute prayer walk around the streets of W.E. (use the 'Holy Here' App)</p>	<p>Purchase something from one of the shops in W.E. shopping center</p>	<p>Walk through the Williams Domain Orchard</p>
<p>Read a book at the Hakeke Street Library</p>	<p>Purchase something from the Hospice Op Shop</p>	<p>Buy dinner from one of the takeaway shops in W.E.</p>
<p>Have an ice cream from the EastSide dairy</p>	<p>20 minute prayer walk around the streets of W.E. (use the 'Holy Here' App)</p>	<p>Kick a ball around at Wembley Park</p>
<p>Go for a walk at Gordon's Park Scenic reserve</p>	<p>Attend morning prayers at the Browns, Monday, Wednesday or Friday 7:30am</p>	<p>30 minute prayer walk around the streets of W.E. (use the 'Holy Here' App)</p>

FUTURE HOPE

We are immensely excited about the future of All Saints. Our hope is that over the next five years All Saints will become a distinctly neighbourhood church, a spiritual home rooted deeply within the life of the local community.

As we are spending more time in Whanganui East, we have recognised that the area is already well served in many practical ways. There are generous organisations and social services faithfully meeting material needs, particularly through food support and community care. Yet alongside this, there also appears to be a deep need for spiritual belonging: a place of prayer, worship, friendship, and hope.



"Our vision for All Saints is to become that kind of place, a church that offers not only support, but also a genuine spiritual home."

When we start in February 2026, we will meet in the back hall while the main church continues to be renovated. We will start with a Sunday afternoon service. Alongside this, we want to be present in the community both through attending and supporting community events that are already happening, as well as hosting our own events that invite people into the church.

We hope to take around 25-30 congregants with us from Christ Church, who feel called by God to make All Saints their home. We will also be gathering a core team of around 8 who will gather regularly for discipleship and input in order to develop and support a Christ-like culture at the heart of our congregation.

We hope that, over time, All Saints will become a faithful and welcoming community within Whanganui East. A place where people can encounter Christ, share life together, and find a lasting sense of belonging within the life of the Church, and have a meaningful impact on our community.

-Victoria and Hayden Brown

DRAFT TIMELINE

FROM NOW: Morning prayers @ 7:30am at the Browns, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, term time.

AUGUST: Core team begin the Catch Network church planting course.

OCTOBER.: Fortnightly social and prayer gatherings begin.

DECEMBER: Journeying Advent together

JANUARY: Parish combined service on the 31st (All Saints blessed and released)

FEBRUARY: Sunday services begin on the 7th @ 3:30pm.

DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

This is a space to take time asking if God is calling you to join the Browns at All Saints.

Take the questions slowly, humbly and openly.

What work has God been doing in my personal spiritual life recently?

What gifts has God given me and how do I use them at Christ Church?

What words or images has God given me in the past which has helped me make big decisions?

What Bible passages help me think carefully about my future?

What parts of town / the community do I feel drawn to?

Why am I considering moving to All Saints? Staying at Christ Church?

What excites me about All Saints? Christ Church?

What are the pro's and con's of going to All Saints? Staying at Christ Church?

Where do you sense God's invitation for the next season?

Ask God to show you what All Saints church could look like. Were you part of the picture?



PRAYER WALK WITH US

HOLY HERE

Scan the QR code to download the Holy Here app.

This app tracks your prayer walking, and adds it to the map, so you can see what streets around you have been prayer-walked on.

Lets fill up the streets of Whanganui East with prayer!

