

St. Stephens Anglican Church

Newcomers Information

What to expect

At St. Stephens our job is to make it easy and enjoyable for you to come to church. Excellent music, encouraging teaching and fun with friends is just part of what you'll experience when you visit.

Teaching is supposed to encourage and equip you, not beat you down or leave you feeling depressed.

Everyone wants to feel welcome, so you'll be greeted in the foyer, given the notices for that Sunday and an easy-to-follow service sheet. We'll let you know what is happening throughout the service so you won't feel lost.

Kids want a program that is suited just for them, so come five minutes early and the welcomers will assist you with finding a youth program that suits your kids during the service. To find out more about the programs offered at St. Stephens, look at the Kids page.

Music is a universal language, but we know that everyone has their favourites. So that's why we have a balance between the classic hymns of the past and more contemporary music. It's all designed to allow creative expression to our Lord.

Dress is casual formal; jeans and a t-shirt are fine. At St. Stephens it's more important that you are comfortable there than worry about what you wear.

Services are about about an hour and a quarter, followed by free food and drink!

Location

St. Stephens is located on the corner of Emmett and Shirley Roads, located in the suburb of Shirley, north-east Christchurch. There's plenty of parking.

Service Times

There are three services each Sunday (although times may vary during festivals like Christmas and Easter).

8.30am – Traditional Worship and teaching. Aimed at more mature people, it is a quieter service that follows the Prayer Book, includes Holy Communion, traditional hymns and songs. Duration: One hour

10.00am – Family Service. This service is designed for a wide variety of youth, adults and families. Holy Communion is included on the third and fifth Sundays of each month. Music is both traditional and contemporary. Duration: About one and a quarter hours.

7.00pm – Contemporary Worship and teaching aimed at youth and young adults. Frequently performances of drama and music are a feature of this service. Duration: One and a quarter hours.

