



getconnected

if you're interested in being part of the family life of st paul's, you need to know about clusters and small groups! read on to find out how you can get connected and be involved.

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Hi, thanks for picking this up.

If you want to get connected somehow, we've made this for you. No matter who you are, what you do, or where you're at in life, we would love to help you find your way into community here.

It's tough doing life alone. We reckon that humans thrive when they are in a community where they can be known, with friends that help them do life well. For some of us it may be our neighborhood, our sports club, the local cafe on a Saturday morning, or maybe even at work.

We reckon it's a really important part of what church is too, so we want to help you to find it here. Our Sunday gatherings are a bit too big to be community, but a Cluster, well that's kind of like your extended family, a small tribe – or just a really good bunch to hang out with.

Clusters are our way of helping people create authentic communities in which they can relate well, and practice the art of loving God, one another, and the wider world.

Most of our clusters have 2-3 small groups in them, and about 20-40 people. Each one is unique - an expression of those involved. Like a good party, when someone new turns up, the mix changes, but the groove keeps on cooking.

We want everyone to feel welcome and be part of a real community here, one where people share their lives in the good times and the not so good times. A group where people have plenty of opportunity to be involved, and have a launching pad for loving and serving others.

We gather together as church on three scales at St Paul's:

BIG all together at our Sunday celebrations

MEDIUM monthly/fortnightly in mid-size communities called Clusters

SMALL fortnightly/weekly in small groups within each cluster

(We recommend joining a cluster first, and then a small group within it)

As you will see in the following pages there is a diverse range of groups that meet across the city. So take a look and see if any clusters stand out to you (and by all means contact and visit a few of them to see what they're like) - then take the plunge of entering community.

If you want further help to get connected, then do get in touch with us: Paul & Richard, at clusters@stpauls.org.nz or (09) 373 3268
We would love to meet you and help you get involved. Happy hunting!

BIG FISH



Big Fish is a group of guys who meet monthly to go fishing together, talk about life, and maybe catch the big one. We come from a diverse range of life stages and faith journey, and are united simply by our passion for fishing. We love the opportunity to be by the water, and to chat about life, relationships, or maybe just why the fish aren't biting. If you like to fish, whether it is for snapper, trout, kingfish, or kahawai (hey, we're not fussy as long as its got scales), we reckon Big Fish is for you. If you don't have the gear, we have plenty to share, and if you don't know a gaff from a swivel we would love to teach you.

when and where: Big Fish gets together the last weekend of every month for a full day, half day, or evening. Once or twice a year we do an overnighter to a fishing hotspot out of Auckland, and we also plan some trips so you can bring the kids.

leaders: Tim Martin

email: bigfishcluster@stpauls.org.nz

CANVAS



Based on Isaiah 54v2. We are a group of individuals, 20's-40's, doing life together. Through God and community we aim to create our unique canvas by encouraging each other, through bible teaching, prayer, hearing from people living out their passions, socialising and social action.

when: Every Thursday - small group meetings alternating with cluster nights.

where: Small groups in Hillsborough and Pt Chevalier

leaders: Helen Nicholls, Claire Steele, Kerryn Law, Maree Clark

email: canvascluster@stpauls.org.nz

CHOMP



We have Pac-man as our logo! What more is there to say? We are a group of committed university students/young adults who love to meet up and have dinner together, to chew on God's word and its implications and get revived with friendships and fun. We are all about developing and experiencing community, and although we are mainly students, we would love to have anyone who is interested come along!

when: Thursday Nights

where: Anywhere that sells good cheap food in town! We meet outside the Auckland University Library at 6pm.

leader: Saskia de Vilder

email: chompcluster@stpauls.org.nz

DESERT PLACE



We are a group of people keen to be intentional about how we're living. We think that scripture is incredibly important so want to spend time immersing ourselves in The Story and letting it shape our lives. We meet every second Tuesday and also do community events and casual hang outs now and then. We are a broad range of ages but mostly people between 18 and 60.

when: We gather as a cluster fortnightly on Tuesdays, with small group gatherings on the alternate weeks.

where: Cluster gatherings usually in Parnell, and small groups in various locations around central Auckland

leaders: Andrew Shamy, Charles Belcher, Nicola & Richard Drake

email: desertplacecluster@stpauls.org.nz

FATHERS UNLIMITED POTENTIAL



For men who are fathers. We are about being great men first, to unleash awesome fathers.

Fathers Unlimited is for men from all walks of life, young and old alike. We look to gather and grow, through the practical, intellectual, spiritual and even emotional (hard as that might be to say) sides of life - to fortify and restore men - to be men - together!

when: We meet monthly

where: Mission Bay

leaders: James Stonyer

email: fathersunlimitedcluster@stpauls.org.nz

FOOD 4 THOUGHT



We are a group of young couples, and a few keen individuals, who love to meet together for a meal before tucking into hot topics and how to live true to our faith every day. Discussions range from the prophecies of Daniel, to Fair Trade, or how our careers should honour God. Praying for and encouraging each other is a focus.

when: We gather on the Sundays of Cluster Weeks and weekly small groups on a Tuesday night

where: Ellerslie

leaders: Ben and Rachel Henson

email: food4thoughtcluster@stpauls.org.nz

GLOBAL



We provide effective discipleship for those called to and/or already working abroad, especially in developing countries. If you have a passion for transformation of self and others on a global scale, then perhaps Global cluster is for you! We do events and activities to foster social interaction and have fun, and our small groups do bible study and discussion with emphasis on discipleship in the context of global adventure (travel + recreation + business + mission).

when: Fortnightly gathering of Cluster (with small groups the alternate fortnight)

where: we have lounges globally! meet at your nearest starbucks or internet cafe, a readily available and scalable venue solution. Cluster events will gather at a central Starbucks or event location. Skype option for those living abroad or joining group meeting remotely.

leader: Martyn Bowis

email: globalcluster@stpauls.org.nz

GOLF DAYS



We are a group of people who like to gather to play golf. It's very informal and a perfect place to invite golfers from outside of St Paul's or any other friends to. Most events are perfect for new or beginner golfers. With only one big annual event being on a full sized 18 hole course. By the very nature of the game there is plenty of time to talk about life, golf, God and other interests between shots or over a drink at the end if you would like. All are welcome. There are costs involved with participating and these vary from event to event (usually under \$30).

when & where: Periodically through the year, email for more info.

leader: Vicki Aitken

email: vic@vickiaitken.com

INSIDE OUT



InsideOut is a community that intentionally walks alongside men and women in prison, with the goal of helping them find hope, identity, purpose and meaning, through Jesus. Our mission is to help them belong, believe and be the difference; with the aim of developing programs and strategies that also focus on their families/whanau.

Through prayer and sustained, relevant and meaningful relationships, we will provide:

- Sunday services in prisons
- Teaching that is biblically solid
- Straightforward organised programs
- Opportunities to explore pathways to rehabilitation, reconciliation and a true understanding of who they are to Jesus.

We have people involved who have experience of life in prisons. We can help you understand what life is like on the inside, and how you can be part of serving those inside and out - whatever your background or skills, the opportunities to serve are extensive so don't count yourself out. Come and check us out.

when: Fortnightly on Tuesdays 6:30-9pm; with weekly discipleship

Men's group leaders: Dino Houtas, Michael Templeton, Tamati Norman, David Bamford, Andres Saavedra, Andrew Davis.

Women's group leader: Sue Croad.

email: insideout@stpauls.org.nz

INTERNATIONAL CLUSTER



All ages and nationalities are welcome for worship followed by small group Bible studies – with one group specifically for students needing help with English. We also have English coaching (Fridays 3-5pm), a keyboard class (Saturdays 5-6:30pm) and social activities.

when: Tuesdays from 7:30pm

where: St Paul's Church

leaders: Michael Jenkins, Alison Mew and Heather Spinetto

email: internationalcluster@stpauls.org.nz

MILK & SOLIDS



We're mostly made up of families with pre-schoolers and couples. We're about spiritual food and family wholeness. We provide 'time out' where we can build supportive relationships and grow spiritually. We are passionate about enjoying good food and laughs with friends; and sharing adventures and simple pleasures with our kids.

when: Monthly as a cluster for 'Family Sunday Lunch' and fortnightly on Wednesday evenings as small groups.

where: New Windsor / Mt Albert

leaders: Matt and Liese Strong

email: milkandsolidscluster@stpauls.org.nz

NORTHERN LIGHTS



We are a mixed group, from mid 20's to mid 40's, who are interested in seeing God's community develop on the North Shore. We do that by supporting those in need in the wider community, as well as establishing a sense of community within our cluster. Socially we are an active lot who like to make the most of the great outdoors, and often like to go away at weekends together.

when: We gather as a cluster weekly on Thursday nights.

where: East Coast Bays & Glenfield

leaders: Sharon Neal, Dave and Kerry Champion

email: northernlightscluster@stpauls.org.nz

RESTORE



We are primarily about three things – living as people of the Spirit together; forming authentic community to do life together in; and committing to a lifestyle of social justice. We have a wide mix of people from students through to people in their 60s, including quite a few young kids. In 2009 we will gather monthly around our three core aims, continue supporting local projects through City Lights and international mission through Tear Fund.

when: We gather monthly as a cluster on a weekend. Small groups meet fortnightly

where: Cluster meets at varying locations. Small groups meet in Manurewa / Hillsborough

leaders: Katie and Dale Speedy

email: restorecluster@stpauls.org.nz

SONIC



We bridge life and faith through new experiences together. We like to do adventurous things that cater to all levels of confidence. We are a bunch of people that aim to support and impact each other and others around us.

when: We have monthly cluster gatherings and regular small group gatherings

where: Auckland Central area.

email: soniccluster@stpauls.org.nz

SPACE



Space is a diverse group of mums (with children of all ages) who meet weekly for an hour and a half of great coffee, food and talks, with childcare provided! We aim to provide a time during the week where you can really connect with God and others in the group. We place huge value in supporting each other, and having a safe environment to be completely yourself is a top priority. SPACE is also looking at ways that we can become more missional as a group, and are excited about the possibilities in supporting other mums in our communities... Watch this Space! We really value the inter-generational aspect of Space, so no matter your age of life stage, you'd be very welcome to join us!

when and where: SPACE meets Monday mornings 10am in the Crypt during the school term

leader: Liz Martin

email: space@stpauls.org.nz

SUNDAES ON MONDAYS



Our cluster aims to create a place of belonging, a place to debate doubts around life and faith and a place to get a good feed. We have the audacity to hope we can change the world - in a big or small way. And most of all we want to get closer to Jesus. We are in our 20s and 30s and meet in a small group every week for dinner, dessert and hearty discussion..

when: We have monthly cluster gatherings and weekly small groups on a Monday night

where: Mt Roskill

leaders: Georgi & Mike

email: sundaesonmondayscluster@stpauls.org.nz

YOUTH – CORE & BUNKER



Youth gatherings for High school (Core) and Intermediate (Bunker) youth. You don't want to miss the weekly challenges, the laughs and the chance to engage and talk about things of God that inspire us. Get in touch with Simeon to find out more

when: Alternate Fridays, and alternate Sundays

where: St Paul's

leaders: Simeon Hawkins

email: simeon@stpauls.org.nz

Or perhaps?

You may have a few good mates or some people you've just met and you're interested in starting a new small group.

Or maybe you've been part of St Paul's for a bit and you can imagine a Cluster with quite a different shape and feel to the ones already happening, one that would be a great gathering point for a new expression of "loving God, each other, and our world."

If you're interested in getting something going, get in touch with us (Paul & Richard) as we'd love to have a chat around what you're seeing, where that might fit in St Paul's, and how we can help you take the next step.

Contact us on:

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