

Sunshine in Shirley

April 2026

OUR SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENT

Shine

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Shine an awesome community event!



The Walking Festival

Saturday 28 March - Sunday 19 April



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Wednesday 15 April
11.30am-1pm

Walter Park Playground, Innes Road



Find out more and book
ccc.govt.nz/bearhunt

'We're Going on a Bear Hunt! We're not scared!' Bring the children down to the park for a swishy, swashy, splashy, sploshy, squelchy muddy, experience. Great outing for the younger walkers and their families.

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shirley community trust Food together AOTEAROA

FRUIT & VEGE CO-OP

Great value fruit & veges available for only \$15 per pack (prepaid)

Pick up Wednesdays 10am-2pm At the Neighbourhood Centre 17 Acheson Ave

Enquiries & orders to Sharyn - 022 621 8269

LET'S PLAY AT AVON HUB

APRIL DATES:
TUESDAY 7TH, FRIDAY 10TH, MONDAY 13TH, THURSDAY 16TH, FRIDAY 17TH
10:00AM - 11:30AM

AVON HUB TURF STICK, BAT & BALL GAMES
NO SIGN UP, JUST TURN UP AND PLAY
SUIT 5-12 YEARS, FREE TO ALL

Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Incorporated
AVON HUB, NORTH PARADE, RICHMOND

TechMate

CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Do you need help using your phone, tablet, laptop, or computer? Want to get more confident with everyday technology or learn how to stay safe online? Do you find modern technology a bit overwhelming? You're not alone – and that's exactly why TechMate is here.

Techmate offer free, patient, one-on-one coaching with volunteers who understand that everyone learns differently. Our friendly, knowledgeable volunteers offer support tailored to your needs and pace. Whether you're just getting started or want to learn something new, we're here to guide you. We are available to everyone, strengthening our community one connection at a time.

Every Tuesday 10am - 12 noon Shirley Library

No appointment needed - bring your device and stop by.

0800 766 763
info@techmate.org.nz
www.techmate.org.nz

Nature Makers Lab

Book now

Join us for some hands-on fun!
Bring in a digital photo of a plant or creature and transform it into a wonderful keepsake!

10.30-noon, Tuesday 14 April
Shirley Library
Suitable for ages 7 +
christchurchcitylibraries.com

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HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT KITS

Are you worried about your home being damp or cold over winter, or looking for ways to lower your power bill? We have information available and tools you can borrow. Visit Teresa at the Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesdays 11am-1pm or contact Bec 021 125 7846



TOOLS FOR AUTUMN

Lots of leaves? We have ladders and work platforms for clearing the gutters, rakes, leaf blowers, mulchers and more available from \$0 per hire for members. Check out the Shirley Tool Shed on Saturdays 9-11am at the Shirley Rugby League Clubrooms, 33 Briggs Road.

<https://shirleytoolshed.myturn.com/library/>

SEW READY FOR WINTER

Get ready for winter with a new hot water bottle cover, a draft stopper for your door or a wheat or rice warmer pack for your joints. Come along to the Sewing Circle at the Neighbourhood Centre and have a go at making your own. Thursdays in yellow bin week, 12-2pm. Sewing machines and basic materials available to use. For more info contact Teresa 027 581 2555.

SHIRLEY FIREWOOD CLUB has pine firewood for sale. \$130 per cubic metre, but residents of the Shirley Village area get a discounted price of \$100 per cubic metre. Contact Steve (ph 021 186 3645) for more info and to place an order.



Daylight Saving

Don't forget, daylight saving ends on Sunday 5 April, remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

The end of daylight saving means some changes to our programmes:

- Monday evening Touch Rugby has now finished.
- The Community Garden group will change to Autumn/Winter time, 1-3 pm from 23 April.

Welcome to Shirley

If you are new to the Shirley area, we'd love to meet you! If you have moved to Shirley in the last year and not received a welcome pack, please

feel free to contact office@shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz

Community Garden

South MacFarlane Park, off Jebson St

THURSDAYS

1-3pm during Autumn & Winter
 9.30-11.30am during Spring & Summer



A place to garden together, learn new skills & grow produce for our community

Contact Ann 027 4700 442

Christchurch City Council shirley

Easter events in the Shirley Community

KNOW
 GREATER
 love

St. Stephen's

You're Warmly Invited To Join Us...

MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
02 APRIL 7:30pm	03 APRIL 10:30am	05 APRIL 10:30am
148 QUINNS ROAD, SHIRLEY	MAIREHAU HIGH SCHOOL HALL	MAIREHAU HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Join us for a time of reflection as we read together the account of the night before Jesus died from the Gospel of Luke and share the Lord's Supper.

Come and find out how Jesus' death on the cross paid the price of sin. Followed by morning tea and hot cross buns. Kids programmes available

Rejoice in life after the grave. We'd love to have you join us at 9.45am for morning tea and coffee followed by a Children's Easter Egg Hunt from 10.00am. Bring a flower to put on the cross! Kids programmes available

GET IN TOUCH:

St. Stephen's

<https://ststephens.org.nz> | 03 980 0929 | admin@ststephens.org.nz

Celebrate
 EASTER

Join us & celebrate the best news!

Good Friday, 3 April at 10 am
 Easter Sunday, 5 April at 10 am
 - followed by shared lunch

Emmett Street
 COMMUNITY CHURCH
 106 Emmett Street

Easter @ Urban Oasis C3
 29 Crosby St, Mairehau | www.urbanoasisc3.church



Hope Flows through Suffering

Come and encounter the beauty and deep significance of Easter in a fresh, new way. 'Hope Flows through Suffering' is a visual art and 3D experience, featuring art works by local artist Paul Rees.

Wed 1 Apr 7-9PM / Thurs 2 Apr 3-9PM / Fri 3 Apr 9AM-7PM / Sat 4 Apr 9AM - 3PM



Easter Friday Morning Tea

Friday 3 April 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Drop in to Urban Oasis Cafe for great company and barista coffee!



Easter Sunday Service

Sunday 5 April 10:00AM

Our Easter service is fun for the whole family with a time of connection over a free lunch afterwards

We deliver Sunshine in Shirley to every letterbox in our neighbourhood. We hope you value our newsletter more than advertising or junk mail.

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