

Talents and Treasures

Planning for the Talents and Treasures event is well underway but is delayed until another suitable date is available. *June*

The Wednesday morning 'Coffee on the Street' will not be held until we are back at Level One. *Shelley*

Takapuna Methodist is advising that their service for 16th August will be live-streamed through YouTube from 10.00 am Sunday 16 August followed by a Zoom morning tea.

The service can be accessed through: takapuna.methodist.org.nz/live-stream and the morning tea

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85871779544> or dial in from phone: 09 884 6780.

Meeting ID when asked: 858 7177 9544 followed by #

"Stay safe - Keep others safe.

Be kind - Keep socially connected even when physically distant.

Don't let Covid-19 rob you of joy, grace and peace.

And the best of all, God is with us."

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Weekly Newsletter – 16th August 2020

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Our older daughter is a board game fanatic. Amongst her vast collection of games she has one called 'Pandemic'.

"You and your team are the only things standing in the way of deadly diseases that threaten the world. The fate of humanity is in your hands. Pandemic is a cooperative game of teamwork for two to four players. As members of an elite disease control team, you must keep four deadly diseases at bay. Work together as you travel the globe to treat infections while collecting the cards you need to discover a cure for each disease. But the clock is ticking as outbreaks and epidemics fuel the spreading plagues. As a cooperative game, players win or lose together. Only by working together can you keep the outbreaks in check and find the cures in time! With diseases cropping up all over the planet, Pandemic takes place on a global scale. Over the course of the game, players use actions to move between hotspots while treating diseases and setting up a network of research stations that help them cure diseases and make movement more efficient. Each player manages a hand of cards matching the colours of the four diseases. These cards allow them to travel more quickly between cities or—if a single player can collect five cards of the same colour—discover a cure for a disease. But plenty of challenges stand in their way. Outbreaks can spread diseases across the board and random epidemics can intensify a disease in a moment's notice. It'll take everything you've got to keep things under control."

The desire to play this game has gone. It is sitting in the cupboard and may never see the light of day again! *Lynn*

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Genesis 45.1-15](#) Joseph, who is now a governor in Egypt, reveals his identity to his brothers.

[Psalm 133](#) It is wonderful when brothers and sisters live together in peace.

[Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32](#) God doesn't turn his back on his people or take back the gifts that he has given. He shows his mercy by having an open door of welcome.

[Matthew 15.10-28](#) Jesus warns the crowd about the blindness of the Pharisees. He explains that it is the attitude of the heart that determines whether people are fit to come before God. Following this a Canaanite woman begs for pity and Jesus commends her faith and heals her daughter.

Services coming up (all subject to lockdown announcements)

August 16 Rev Shelley

23 Rev Shelley

30 Rev Shelley

Sept 6 Rev Shelley – Communion

1st Sunday in Creation – Forest

13 Rev Shelley – 2nd Sunday in Creation - Land

Spring Flower Service

Rest Home Services - if not in lockdown

Tamahere 23 August - Lynn

Beattie Home: 28 August



Pray for others -

- for the decision-makers, healthcare and essential workers, the families affected by and suffering from Covid 19, all their contacts who will be worried, indeed everyone in areas where there are cases, especially

Auckland, for the owners and staff of affected businesses, for the lonely and scared, for the residents and staff of resthomes

Dear Friends,

12 August 2020

Well, here we are again! As of 12 noon today, Covid-19 regulations have us back under Level 2 restrictions. We hope and pray that this will be only in the short term, and that cases of community transmission can be easily traced and isolated, but we must be realistic and prepared for whatever the next few days and weeks has in store for us.

Unfortunately the service the Choir had planned for this weekend will have to be deferred to a later date, but at this stage, under Level 2, we will continue to hold services at the Church for those who wish to come. There will of course be changes to the way we do things – singing is again on the “Thou shalt not” list, and there will be no morning tea. Social distancing, contact tracing and hygiene protocols are important means of keeping each other safe.

As always, if you are at all anxious about being around groups of people, please stay home. If you are feeling even slightly unwell, please stay home. The “Worship at home” resources will be sent to you to help keep you connected, along with the weekly Bulletin.

If you need assistance with shopping or collecting medication etc please let me know. I encourage you to pick up your Parish Directory again, and keep in touch with one another, especially people who might be on their own.

Stay safe, and continue to pray for one another, and our community.

Whatever challenges these times bring:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen.

Shelley.

Parish Council is this Tuesday August 18 at 2pm in the lounge. At the time of writing this it is still planned to meet in person.