



## Weekly Newsletter – 2 August 2020

### METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



From the President's Blog

### Prayer for this week

God, the source of light and hope,  
In your grace we thank you for your love,  
which guides us through storm and calm.

Illuminate our course,  
Inspire our vision  
And ignite our passion  
For your service,  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



From  
Prayers for all  
occasions, Ian Blac

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## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Genesis 32.22-31](#) Jacob wrestles with an angel in the night. The angel blesses him and changes his name to Israel.

[Psalm 17.1-7,15](#) David declares his innocence before the Lord and asks for his help.

[Romans 9.1-5](#) Paul's heart is broken over the people of Israel, God's chosen ones.

[Matthew 14.13-21](#) A crowd of 5000 men, plus women and children follow Jesus to the other side of the lake. He feeds them all with five loaves and two fish. The disciples collect twelve baskets full of leftovers.

## Services coming up

<b>Aug</b>	<b>2</b>	Rev Shelley – Communion
	<b>9</b>	Rev Shelley
	<b>16</b>	Peter, Robin and choir
	<b>23</b>	Rev Shelley
	<b>30</b>	Rev Shelley
<b>Sept</b>	<b>6</b>	Rev Shelley – Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Creation – Forest
	<b>13</b>	Rev Shelley – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Creation - Land Spring Flower Service

## Rest Home Services

**23 August - Tamahere Lynn**

**Reflective Services** on hiatus over winter, resuming in September.

## Pray for others –



- people in quarantine isolation
- People unable to make plans because of closed borders here and abroad
- Families in need
- Those shocked by a diagnosis.

## Coming Events

**2 August** Sunday 10 am

This is the first Sunday of the month and will be a Communion Service. Contactless communion will still be observed. Parish Council asks that we continue our former practice of remembering to bring something for the **Foodbank on Communion Sunday**. The basket for the Foodbank sits just inside the door into the Worship Centre.

## Things to Look forward to – Dates for your diary

16 August – the choir is beginning to rehearse some songs for this service, Peter has a solo for us and Robin is planning his reflection.

5 September – Social occasion celebrating Treasures and Talents

13 September – Spring Flower Service – lots of people needed

8 November – combined service with St John's Anglican Church

**16 August** Sunday 2 pm

A lovely live concert with the Tennant/Austin Duo.

Katherine Austin, brilliant pianist, and James Tennant, talented cellist, will make music at St John's Anglican Church. They are playing music by Beethoven, Chopin, and Psathas. Tickets \$20 at the door.



## Report from MWF

We enjoyed our first time together recalling how we spent time during lockdown - thousands of stitches knitted - baby garments, blankets, Noddy, sailor and nurse dolls. For some knitting was a new skill learned. One quilt had been completed and many had spent lots of time on the telephone keeping in touch with friends and family. Some had written up their stories and some even cleaned out cupboards!

