

Takapuna Methodist is advising that their service for 23 August will be live-streamed through YouTube from 10.00 am Sunday 23 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 #

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God help us to live slowly:

To move simply

To Look softly

To allow emptiness

To let the heart

Create for us. Amen. Michael leunig

Weekly Newsletter – 23 August 2020

METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



Dear friends,

Also attached is the worship from home leaflet for this Sunday. In my spare time this week, I have been sorting old papers for recycling. Among them, I came across a mid-winter prayer from the book The Celtic Wheel of the year by Tess Ward. Although winter is rapidly drawing to a close, I think the words express something we could all pray at any time of the year.

From the rising of the midwinter sun to its setting.

Scatter the darkness with the light of your love, O Shining One.
Make me short on mean thoughts, long on offers of words of comfort.
Make me short on being driven, long on paying attention.
Make me short on focusing only on my own, long on looking beyond.
Make me short on obsessive lists, long on spontaneous acts of kindness.
Make me short on mindless activity, long on time to reflect.
Make me short on tradition as a habit, long on rediscovery and re-owning.
Make me short on rushing and tiring, long on walking and wondering.
Make me short on false, festive jollity, long on stilling and rooted joy.
Make me short on guilt, long on being merciful to myself.
Make me short on being overwhelmed, long on peaceableness as I set forth this day.

May you be short on frustration, and long on patience this week, as we all weather the latest week of restrictions. Blessings, Shelley

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**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Judith please
Phone 07 870 5512 or email briceandjudith@hotmail.com**

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

Exodus 1.8-2.10 The Israelites, in bondage in Egypt, become so numerous that the Egyptians feel threatened. To control their numbers the king ordered that baby boys be killed. However, when Moses is born he is rescued by the king's daughter.

Psalms 124 David praises God for protection from his enemies. "We escaped like birds from a hunter's torn net."

Romans 12.1-8 The most sensible way to serve God is to present our bodies to him as a living sacrifice. We have each been given gifts which we are to use well.

Matthew 16.13-20 Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus responds by talking about building the church.

Services coming up (all subject to lockdown announcements)

- August 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
- 20** Rev Susan – 3rd Sunday in Creation –
Wilderness
- 27** Rev Shelley – 4th Sunday in Creation – River

Rest Home Services - if not in lockdown

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Beattie Home: 28 August

Pray for others -



- for the decision-makers, healthcare and essential workers, families affected by Covid-19, all their contacts, everyone in areas where there are cases, for businesses in Auckland, for the lonely and scared, for the residents and staff of rest-homes, for our own congregation.

MWF

Sadly, we think it is better not to have our meeting on 27 August. Please give some of the members a ring on the telephone instead.



Congregational AGM

This is coming up on 4 October. Could all groups please get their Annual Report to Rev Shelley no later than 20 September so she can prepare the booklet.

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*

Words of Wisdom

At Parish Council Nynke shared an article from the newspaper. The point of it was "You cannot control what happens to you but you can control how you react to it."