

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

From General Secretary Rev David Bush

It is with sadness that we advise the Connexion of the death of Rev Melema'u Molitika. Mele had a severe stroke yesterday, 27 August and died later in the day, just two weeks after her 60th birthday. Mele was ordained in 2015 and after serving for 5 years at Beckenham Methodist Parish in Christchurch moved to Cambridge Union Parish in February of this year.

Please remember Mele's family and the Cambridge Union Parish in your prayers.

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Weekly Newsletter – 30 August 2020 METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

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A primitive Christian code – (See today's readings)

The structure of Romans 12.9-13 have a linguistic pattern that differs from the surrounding verses. Scholars have suggested that Paul is quoting a primitive Christian code. If that is correct, we have here a list of rules that those belonging to the earliest Christian church sought to live by. They are designed to give practical outcomes to the ideal of living as a loving community:

- Be sincere in your love for others
- Hate everything that is evil
- Hold tight to everything that is good
- Love each other as brothers and sisters
- Honour others more than you do yourself
- Never give up
- Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit
- Serve the Lord
- Let your hope make you glad
- Be patient in time of trouble
- Never stop praying
- Take care of God's needy people
- Welcome strangers into your home

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Exodus 3.1-15](#) God speaks to Moses from a burning bush and reveals himself as “I Am”. He calls Moses to lead his people out of Egypt and promises to be with him.

[Psalm 105.1-6,23-26,45c](#) This psalm is an encouragement to wholeheartedly worship the Lord. Trust his mighty power and remember the way he has led his people in the past.

[Romans 12.9-21](#) Paul gives guidelines for living the Christian life. Act with love, respect and forgiveness.

[Matthew 16.21-28](#) Jesus speaks to the disciples about his suffering, death and resurrection. Peter objects and Jesus rebukes him then tells the disciples that they must take up the cross to follow him.

Services coming up (all subject to lockdown announcements)

August 30 Rev Shelley

Sept 6 Rev Shelley – Communion

1st Sunday in Creation – Forest

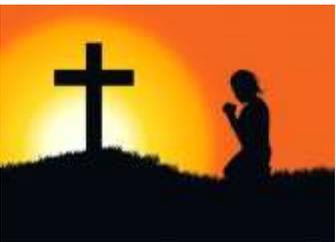
13 Rev Shelley – 2nd Sunday in Creation - Land
Spring Flower Service

20 Rev Susan – 3rd Sunday in Creation –
Wilderness

27 Rev Shelley – 4th Sunday in Creation – River

Reflective service will be held at 7pm on September 6. Please note the new pattern of services on the first Sunday of the month rather than the third.

Pray for others -



Remember Daffodil Day

Pray for those battling cancer or newly diagnosed with the disease, and for medical professionals and Hospice Workers supporting cancer sufferers and their families.

Dear friends,

In the latest communication from the Presidential Team (which will find its way to those of you with internet access shortly – anyone else who would like to read these, please ask me) Michael Greer, chaplain at Wesleycare, Christchurch, reflects on change. He writes: “... although I’m loathe to admit it, change shakes my comfortable nest. I don’t like things to change. I want to know exactly where I’m going. I have a place for everything and want everything in its place.

Change and uncertainty tends to make me gripe and grumble.

So it’s left me wondering, is there anything permanent in life?

The answer is that in truth, I’m having to put my faith where my preaching and pastoral theology have been across the years. To remind myself that even in change, God is. That even in this moment, God is – today – and will be tomorrow. That our awareness of the divine in our life is never limited by time or any one event. God is in our past, our present and our future. That God is already in our future. That whatever change I go through and whatever upheaval confronts me, an awareness of the divine in my life is going to be there ahead of me

Change is something we can’t avoid, regardless of the direction from which it comes. I am reminded of the disciples, isolated in that upper room in fear; yet change came through the locked door to find them. “Peace be with you”, Jesus said as he calmed their anxiety, fear and grief. They emerged from their ‘lockdown’ in confidence and trust, reassured that no matter what the future would hold, God – and Jesus himself – would be part of it. May you have the certainty of the presence of God with you this week, and peace be with you.

Shelley.