

How to engage teenagers in awkward and essential conversations

A pilot seminar is being held at Zion Church 14 December 7-9pm, aimed at equipping parents to start conversations with their teens about the influence of pornography. If you or someone you know might be interested in attending, please see Shelley for more information.

Christmas Presentation at the Bible Chapel:

A different event this year, the Bible Chapel is offering 'A Walk through Christmas' on Wed 23 and Thurs 24 Dec, with first groups entering at 6.30 each evening. Small groups will set out at regular intervals, and the 'journey' will take about 1 - 1 1/4 hours. To book a space for your preferred time, visit their website (tabiblechapel.org.nz) or just turn up!



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or just search 'Te Awamutu Methodist Church'

**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Judith please
Phone 07 870 5512 or email briceandjudith@hotmail.com
Next Sunday's bulletin will be the final one for the year.
Bulletins will resume January 31**

Weekly Newsletter – 13th December 2020

METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

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THOSE
WHO ^{sow} joy
DREAM
3rd sunday in advent

The gospel singer Shirley Caesar sings a song entitled "This Joy I Have" These are the lyrics:

*This joy I have the world didn't give to me
This joy I have the world didn't give to me
This joy I have the world didn't give to me
The world didn't give it to me and the world can't take it away*

From our Advent Devotional booklet

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11](#) Controlled by the Spirit, the prophet tells of the coming time of the Lord's kindness. The Lord will bring good news: comfort for those that mourn and justice for the oppressed.

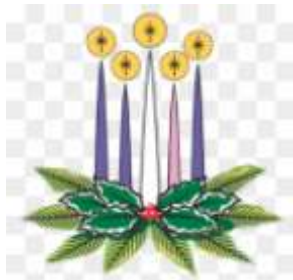
[Psalm 126](#) Prisoners are returned from exile and celebrate. Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

[1 Thessalonians 5.16-24](#) God wants us to be joyful and to keep praying all the time, giving thanks. The God of peace can be trusted to make us holy.

[John 1.6-8, 19-28](#) John was baptising people and some were curious about who he was. He denied that he was the Messiah and said that he was preparing the way for the Lord.

Services coming up:

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| Dec | 13 | Choir - Peter and Robin - Advent 3 |
| | 20 | Rev Shelley - Advent 4 |
| | | 7pm - Rev Shelley - Blue Christmas service |
| | 25 | Christmas Day - Rev Shelley |
| | 27 | Cafe Church - Rev Shelley |
| Jan | 3 | Rev Shelley |
| | 10 | Cafe Church - led by Jill and a team |
| | 17 | Lynn Pinkerton |
| | 24 | Cafe church - led by Bev and a team |
| | 31 | Rev Shelley |



Please pray for -

We have a number of people within our church family and known to us in the community and our own families who are awaiting surgery, convalescing after surgery and accidents, laid low by illness, grieving the loss of one dear to their and all our hearts, struggling with disappointments, feeling the distance due to closed borders, travelling an end-of-life journey. We uphold in prayer all of these dear people.



**We are truly blessed by June and our church choir!
Thank you to you all for your happy, skilled, enthusiastic,
joyful and willing contributions to the
life and worship of our church.**



Church Dinner

and Social evening

This Saturday December 19

Gather at 5.30 ready to eat at 6pm

You are invited to put your name on the master list of tasks to share them around and together make this happen.

Calling for willing participants Please let Rev Shelley know if you are willing to be part of a team for a family-friendly Christmas play in our service next Sunday December 20th.

Parish Council is this Tuesday at 2pm.