

**Day of Blessing 2020
Te Awamutu and Districts**

Speaker/Author/Family Coach

Yvone has helped 500 plus teens and young adults to become independent and successful through the programme

"Making it on my own"

Her passion is to strengthen families and help equip the next generation of young adults.

Rugby Sports and Recreation, 420 Albert Park Drive, Te Awamutu.

Complimentary Subway lunch provided.

Wed 4th March 12noon to 1,10pm

Sunday 1 March 7pm to 8pm

A combined churches **Hour of Prayer for the Day of Blessing** in the Presbyterian Hall at 80 Mutu Street. Come together with people from other churches and seek God's blessing for Wed 4 March.

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**Weekly Newsletter – 16 February 2020
METHODIST PARISH OF
TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA**

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



My recollection of hospitals is a place where you were a number. You were prodded and poked, doctors deliberated over you, wrote secret things on your chart, gave you pills and potions and nasty things to drink. The food was dreadful and you did not ask questions and were told nothing. The nurses were kind but matron had undisputed authority. At 2 pm hordes of visitors rushed in but were expected to leave promptly when the bell rang at 3. You definitely were not a person.

But this last week of visiting Brice in hospital has given me a sense of a whole cultural change. The patients are people with feelings and needs, doubts and fears. Doctors still deliberate over you but are approachable, try to explain in simple language, answer your questions, and even admit that they do not know everything. Visitors come and go, no bell to be heard, and someone will cheerfully bring a telephone so you can call family. Volunteers give directions, bring sandwiches, offer comfort and cheer, straighten beds, and even give out packets of chocolate biscuits. The nurses are the stars, full of energy, always ready with smiles and jokes, explaining procedures, listening to worries, checking on comfort, sorry when they prick you, real gems. We sometimes scoff at health and safety requirements but such a change of culture, so people are treated respectfully, must surely enhance healing and wellbeing. *Judith*

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Deuteronomy 30.15-20](#) As the people enter the land of promise, Moses commands them to be obedient and loyal to the Lord. "You can choose life and success or death and disaster."

[Psalm 119.1-8](#) The psalmist praises the Law of the Lord. God's blessing will be on those who obey it.

[1 Corinthians 3.1-9](#) The Corinthian church has split into factions that are arguing with one another. Paul appeals to them to work together.

[Matthew 5.21-37](#) Jesus raises the bar for our moral behaviour. "You have been taught.... but I tell you...."

Services coming up:

February 16 Rev Shelley

Reflective Service - 7pm

23 Lynn

28 - wwwexplore service and meal 6pm

Rest Home Services -

Highfield CHT: Tuesday 25 February 2.30pm

Beattie Home: Friday 28 February 10.45am

Tamahere Eventide: Sunday 9 February 4pm - Shelley;
23 February - Lynn

Parish Council this month is Tuesday 18th at 2pm



Pray for others

- For children returning to school
- For people facing unknown situations
- For everyone affected by the Coronavirus

Coffee on the Street: is our regular Wednesday morning coffee group at a local cafe. All welcome - see Shelley for details.

Coming Events

Sunday 23 February after church

We warmly welcome you to our **Church Family Picnic**

at June Higham's home (about 10 minutes out of town)

Please bring food for a shared lunch.

Hot cuppas and cold drinks provided.

If you need a ride or have any questions Ring Bev 872 4770 or 0274 335 106 or Rita 0272 435 815 (evenings only)

'LEAP YEAR BARN DANCE'

Chris and Helen Empson have invited the Church family to a Leap Year Barn Dance to be held in the barn on their farm "Meadowbank" situated on the Pokuru Road on **Saturday 29 February at 4 pm.**

This will be followed by a meal – the meat will be supplied and Chris has suggested if you wish to offer some food for the meal: If your birthday is in the 1st half of the year, some food for the 1st course would be appreciated, and if your birthday is in the 2nd half of the year, some food towards the 2nd course would be welcomed. Remember transport has been offered by Colin Pinkerton.



MUSIC...DANCING...DINING...GOOD COMPANY!!!

And our Social Committee are already looking ahead to the next event on our Church social calendar. This will be a bit further down the track but in the meantime if you have three-tiered plates and elegant cups and saucers that you would be happy to loan for an afternoon please let Rita (Middleton) or June know.

Saturday 29 February 10am – 2.30 pm

Waikato-Waiariki Methodist Synod Day for Lay Preachers, Presbyters, and anyone interested from any denomination, or none. Signs of Life – a look at John's Gospel with Rev Dr Derek Tovey. See noticeboard for details and Lynn for transport