

Ever thought about giving back to your community?

Would you like to volunteer once a week/fortnight/month?



Community Carers provide comfort, information and support of a non clinical nature to patients (and their relatives) whilst residing in Matariki Continuing Care thus assisting staff in the carrying out of their tasks.

Community Carers provide an avenue of communication between residents, staff and families

Community Carers are happy to assist staff by:

sitting with, offering a listening ear or a hand to hold and talking with residents

taking them for walks in the grounds

assisting in leisure, recreational programmes and or social activities run in the establishment

assisting with general tidiness of public areas

any reasonable requests which have St John and Matariki Continuing Care Management approval

Register your interest today

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http://www.methodist.org.nz/find_us/waikato_waiariki/te_awamutu

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**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please
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Weekly Newsletter – 2nd February 2020

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

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



Welcome back to the first bulletin for 2020. Your bulletin editors are Judith and Lynn. Generally Lynn does the first two Sundays of the month and Judith the second two but sometimes we swap so keep an eye on the note at the end of the bulletin. We also email the bulletin out each week so if you are not on our email list and would like to be then please let one of us know.

Today is a very significant Sunday in our Church year as we celebrate our Covenant Communion.

Methodists hold an annual Covenant Service, dating back to John Wesley, at which we celebrate all that God has done for us and affirm that we give our lives and choices to God.

The traditional Covenant prayer makes it very clear that this affirmation is a serious one that embraces the whole of our life, in all its parts.

Most people find it quite tough to say and really mean it.

In our culture we tend to prize our ability to make decisions and choose our own path in life. It can feel very hard to give that up. But this prayer is like a love poem. It is about surrendering to God in love and joy.

(<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/what-is-distinctive-about-methodism/a-covenant-with-god/>)

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

Micah 6.1-8 The Lord challenges his people to please him by being obedient. "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6.8.

Psalms 15 A psalm of David which states that moral integrity is required of worshippers of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.18-31 The message of the cross appears foolish to those who are lost but for those who are being saved it is God's power at work.

Matthew 5.1-12 Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount by telling of the blessings of God's upside down kingdom.

Services coming up:

February 2 Rev Shelley **Covenant Communion**
9 Rev Shelley
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

A celebration of music: favourite hymns. This special service will be held on February 16, so if there is a favourite hymn you would like included, please let Shelley know by next Sunday 9 Feb. It might be a new song, or an old one - one we sang last week, or one you haven't sung for many years. All suggestions welcomed.

Pray for others -



- For new presbyters being welcomed this week
- For teachers and students as the new year begins
- for farmers under pressure with the lack of rain

Parish Council this month is Tuesday 18th at 2pm

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

How long is it since you went to a 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 February 29th commencing at 4pm.

And this will be followed by a barbecue meal You might like to invite a friend. (more details to follow next week.)



Around the district: new presbyters are welcomed this week at Cambridge and Matamata. Please pray for them as they take up their new ministries.

1. Mele Molitika

Date: Monday, 3rd February 2020

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Cambridge Union Parish, Queen St. Cambridge

2. Bob Franklyn

Date: Tuesday, 4th February 2020

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Matamata Union Parish, Peria Rd. Matamata

Waikato-Waiariki Methodist Synod invites Lay Preachers, Presbyters, and anyone interested from any denomination, or none, to

Signs of Life - a look a John's Gospel with Rev Dr Derek Tovey

Saturday 29 February 10am - 2.30pm

(9.30 registration and morning tea)

All Saints Co-operating Parish Sandwich Road Hamilton

Details on our noticeboard. I can give anyone a ride - and still be back for the barn dance! Lynn