

Day of Blessing 2020

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. **Wed 4th March 12 noon 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 and seek God's blessing for Wed 4 March

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Urgently Needed Volunteer Chapel Co-ordinators

Waikato Hospital Chaplaincy urgently need to increase their pool of volunteer chapel co-ordinators. Chapel co-ordinators are responsible for visiting the wards and asking patients if they would like to attend Sunday Chapel Services so our chapel helpers know who to collect for the Service. Volunteers need to be available at least once a month on a Sunday morning from 8.15 until 10am. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Chaplains on 07 839 8899 extn 98441 or email: chaplain@waikatodhb.health.nz

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http://www.methodist.org.nz/find_us/waikato/waiariki/te_awamutu

Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please Phone 07 871 3554 or email colinlyn@xtra.co.nz

Weekly Newsletter – 23 February 2020 METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



From the President

Greetings Te Haahi Weteriana, tēnā koutou katoa,

Next week, is the start of Lent. Ash Wednesday will be 26th February and this opens the season of Lent.

We are about to enter a season of reflection, fasting and prayer. As we reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross we are aware that this was not a passive journey, but a time of protest, of being committed to change. Jesus made choices that were hard – he knew he would die, but he makes the hard choice. He asks us, his followers to choose to make the right choices, even if they are difficult.

How easy it is for us to make decisions without taking account of all the consequences. As we enter this season of Lent, we hope that we can make the right choices, even if they are difficult.

'Ofa atu fau, Nga mihi nui. Setaita and Nicola

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Exodus 24.12-18](#) Moses goes to the mountain top and meets with the Lord who appears like a blazing fire.

[Psalm 99](#) The people of God gather at the sacred mountain and worship him as king.

[2 Peter 1.16-21](#) Peter testifies, "We were there with Jesus on the holy mountain and heard this voice speak from heaven."

[Matthew 17.1-9](#) Jesus took Peter, James and John to a mountain top. There Jesus was changed and his glory was revealed to them.

Services coming up:

February 23 Lynn
28 wwwexplore service and meal 6pm

March 1 Rev Shelley (Communion)
8 Rev Shelley (Harvest Festival)

Rest Home Services -

Highfield CHT: Tuesday 25 February 2.30pm
Beattie Home: Friday 28 February 10.45am
Tamahere Eventide: Sunday 9 February 4pm - Shelley;
Sunday 23 February - Lynn

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 6 March at 10 am at St Patrick's Catholic Church
Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, the theme is
"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"

Pray for others

- For those who are unwell
- For organisations seeking to make a difference for the poor and homeless
- For leaders everywhere – countries, councils, international organisations, schools, churches.



Coming Events



Today after church we warmly welcome you to our
Church Family Picnic

at June Higham's home (10 mins out of town)
Come even if you have not brought lunch - there will be plenty to share. Hot and cold drinks provided.
If you need a ride, talk to Bev or Rita.

Methodist Women's Fellowship

The next meeting is on Thursday 27 February at 1.45 pm in the Church Lounge. Marian will share the lovely story of her Japanese daughter-in-law
Please bring used stamps. Afternoon tea: Maureen



'LEAP YEAR BARN DANCE'

FINAL NOTICE!!! LEAP YEAR BARN DANCE

1. SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY AT 4 pm
 2. "Meadowbank" Barn, Pokuru Rd.
 3. Food for meal would be appreciated
 4. Transport offered by Colin Pinkerton
- MUSIC...DANCING...SINGING...

Even if you don't dance, come and enjoy the good company.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



For a future event

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