

We warmly welcome you to our
Church Family Picnic
Sunday 23rd February
after church
at **June Higham's home**
Please bring food for a shared lunch.
Hot cuppas and cold drinks provided.
If you need a ride ring Bev 872 4770
More info next week.

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

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Weekly Newsletter – 9th February 2020

METHODIST PARISH OF
TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



What does Waitangi Day mean to you?

On **Thursday** Kiwis celebrated, or not, 180 years since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

"It's just a public holiday. I haven't really thought about it, just that we get a day off. I don't have any traditions [for Waitangi Day]." *(Sharyn 28)*

- "I think it's a nice day to get out with the family. It has been important to New Zealand. I know it's about the Treaty of Waitangi, but it's relevance in today's society is probably not what it should be.

I think a lot of the settlements have occurred and iwi have got most of the entitlements sorted. Now we're moving ahead as one society. I think we need to acknowledge the past, and with the settlements, and move on together."

(Cathy, 55)

- "I'm not sure really. It's important for New Zealand, for the Maori culture and signing the Treaty of Waitangi. I don't have any traditions for Waitangi Day. It depends on the weather." *(Hayden, 19)*

- "It's a celebration of being a New Zealander. It's important to celebrate, because it's a special day for New Zealand." *(Wasim Khan 15)*

- "It's a public holiday. That's all I know. I like to do family time on Waitangi Day. I think it's an important day to Maori." *(Paul Sami 25)*

- "It's a day to commemorate, to remember, to celebrate the positive aspects of the Treaty and I guess to reflect on how it all went wrong, and to remind ourselves that we need to get these relationships right if we're to have justice in our society." *Mike Smith, lead chair of climate change iwi leaders group*

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Isaiah 58.1-12](#) Coming to worship and fasting is of no value to the Lord unless it is combined with acts of justice, freeing those who are abused, feeding the hungry, and caring for the poor, homeless and needy. "Then your light will shine like the dawning sun".

[Psalm 112.1-10](#) The Lord rewards all those who obey his teaching by being good and merciful.

[1 Corinthians 2.1-16](#) The message of Christ and the cross is not understood with human wisdom but by means of God's Spirit. Those without the Spirit think that God's blessings are foolish.

[Matthew 5.13-20](#) Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount, tells his followers that they are like salt and light. He says that he came to give the Law and Prophets their full meaning.

Services coming up:

February 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 today. 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.

Parish Council this month is Tuesday 18th at 2pm



Pray for others -

- for people suffering from 'summer bugs' vomiting/diarrhea etc
- for people struggling with the ongoing dry conditions and water supply worries
- for people taking up new positions in jobs and community groups

Coffee on the Street: is 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. 'For those who may not wish to drive themselves out to the Barn - Colin Pinkerton has kindly offered to provide transport...so you are welcome to get in touch with Colin if that is helpful to you.'



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.

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*