

## Foodbank

Our basket for contributions to the Foodbank sits just inside our Worship Centre. We welcome contributions of groceries items for local families who are in need.

'Coffee on the Street' happens each week on Wednesdays 10am at Gill's Cafe. This group of Rev Shelley, our church folk and community members would love to have you to drop in.



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(please note change of Lynn's email address)

## Weekly Newsletter – 12th July 2020

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

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I find elements of myself in each of the kinds of soil that Jesus pictures for his hearers (Matthew 13). I know that at times I have been the soil of the path, unresponsive and almost unaware that Christ is casting seeds my way, paying little or no attention to what God may be trying to do with my life.

At other times I have delighted upon hearing a good sermon, attending a good Synod resourcing day, having the words of a hymn or a prayer speak to my heart or reading an inspirational article or book. I feel excited, touched and ready to serve. Then somehow the glow of the experience fades and my life goes on much as before. The seeds that were planted spring up, but I do not nurture them and they die away. At other times I'm keenly aware that the seeds have been sown in me but life circumstances mean that the seeds go unattended. I am the soil full of weeds and thorns choking out the life of the seed.

But I am thankful that at times I have had the experience of being the good soil and have known the joy of bearing fruit in far greater proportion than I thought possible. Unexpected positive feedback is humbling and rewarding.

Which type of soil will we provide today, this week, for the seed God wants to sow?

Lynn

(with help from Moselle Core in Upper Room Disciplines 2008)

## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Genesis 25.19-34](#) Rebekah gives birth to the twins Jacob and Esau. When they grow up Esau trades his rights as the first born for a helping of Jacob's home cooked stew.

[Psalm 119.105-112](#) The psalmist extols the virtues of God's law. "Your word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk."

[Romans 8.1-11](#) God's Spirit gives us the power to break free from being ruled by our own desires.

[Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23](#) Jesus tells the crowd a story about a farmer and his seed then later explains to his disciples the meaning of the story.

## Services coming up

<b>July</b>	<b>12</b>	Nan Russell
	<b>19</b>	Rev Shelley
	<b>26</b>	Lynn Pinkerton
<b>Aug</b>	<b>2</b>	Rev Shelley – Communion
	<b>9</b>	Rev Shelley

## Rest Home Services

**24 July– Beattie Home**

**Reflective Services** on hiatus over winter, resuming in September.

**wwwexplore service and supplied meal** (koha invited) for this month is Friday July 31 at 6 pm.

**Parish Council** is Tuesday July 21 at 2pm in the lounge.



## Pray for others -

- for the people of Melbourne, and Victoria, as the Corona cases are back to horrendous numbers and the population goes back into lockdown.  
- for Rev Shelley as she leads, inspires, cares for and challenges us.

## Today - 12 July Sunday at 2.30 pm

Te Awamutu Music Federation is back in action again and has a wonderful concert at **St John's Anglican Church**. You might remember the movie at the Regent called 'Crossing Rachmaninov' which followed the preparation by Flavio Villani of a piano concerto to be performed with an orchestra in Italy. Well that same Flavio Villani is going to play Chopin Ballads and Nocturnes at this concert, as well as some improvisation, together with well-known Jonathan Dunlop (who often performs at our Competitions) playing music recently performed for his Doctoral examinations \$20 at the door.



## Referendum about the End of Life Choice Act

At the September election we are voting in a binding referendum on whether the End of Life Choice Act should come into force or not. It is important that everyone is well-informed on the details of this specific Act. To this end, a panel discussion has been arranged for Saturday 25 July at 2 pm at the Methodist Church. There will be 4 speakers, 2 for and 2 against, on the panel. Time for questions will be given at the end, but written questions will be given priority. Send your questions to Mrs Nynke Piebenga [piebenganynke@gmail.com](mailto:piebenganynke@gmail.com)

## Electrically Aware – July 30, 2019

"When I am fully alert to whatever or whoever is right in front of me; when I am electrically aware of the tremendous gift of being alive; when I am able to give myself wholly to the moment I am in, then I am in prayer. Prayer is happening, and it is not necessarily something I am doing. God is happening, and I am lucky enough to know that I am in The Midst."

-Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*