

Parish Council Report

The meeting was held on Tuesday 21 July. It was decided to continue with some of the Covid-19 precautions as directed by the National Church. We will continue with contact tracing lists, hand sanitiser available, contactless communion, a basket at the door to gather offerings.

Rev Shelley has made a Memorial Folder with all the funeral service sheets of our members in it to go on a small table in the foyer.

The cherry trees in the parking area are to be removed (they grow so much they are hard to keep pruned and some are dying). They are to be replaced by citrus trees which have been donated.

The Treasurer is very pleased that giving has continued despite the lockdown as many people have been using internet banking. Thank you for this very valuable support.

The carpet has been deep-cleaned throughout the building and warm-coloured bulbs have been ordered to go in the church so they all match. The white bulbs will be used in the hall.

METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



The Oak Tree

A mighty wind blew night and day
It stole the oak tree's leaves away.
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
Until the oak was tired and stark.
But still the oak tree held its ground
While other trees fell all around
The weary wind gave up and spoke,
"How can you still be standing, Oak?"
The oak tree said "I know that you
Can break each branch of mine in two
Carry every leaf away,
Shake my limbs and make me sway,
But I have roots stretched in the earth,
Growing stronger since my birth.
You'll never touch them, for you see
They are the deepest part of me.
Until today, I wasn't sure
Of just how much I could endure,
But now I've found, with thanks to you,
I'm stronger than I ever knew."



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Johnny Ray Ryder, Jr.

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Genesis 29.15-28](#) Jacob wishes to marry Rachel, but Laban tricks him and he marries Leah. After another seven years work Jacob also marries Rachel.

[Psalm 105.1-11, 45b](#) A song of praise to the Lord for his mighty power and fair decisions.

[Romans 8.26-39](#) God is at work in his chosen people and nothing can separate us from his love.

[Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52](#) Speaking to the crowd, Jesus tells a story about mustard seed and another about yeast to show what the kingdom is like. Then, to the disciples, he speaks of hidden treasure, a pearl merchant and fish in a net.

Services coming up

July	26	Lynn Pinkerton
Aug	2	Rev Shelley – Communion
	9	Rev Shelley
	16	Peter, Robin and choir
	23	Rev Shelley
	30	Rev Shelley

Rest Home Services

23 August - Tamahere Lynn

Reflective Services on hiatus over winter, resuming in September.

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Pray for others -



- politicians as they gear up for the election – keep them honest and courteous
- those struggling to rehabilitate after surgery
- civil leaders trying to re-energise the economy

Coming Events

30 July Thursday at 1.45 pm
Methodist Women's Fellowship will meet in the lounge. This is our first meeting after the lockdown so it will be quite informal. Bring some stories of your bubble and any projects you worked on during the restricted days and weeks.



2 August Sunday 10 am

This is the first Sunday of the month and will be a Communion Service. Contactless communion will still be observed. Parish Council asks that we continue our former practice of remembering to bring something for the **Foodbank on Communion Sunday**. The basket for the Foodbank sits just inside the door into the Worship Centre.

End of Life Choice Act Panel Discussion

Thank you to Nynke, Robin and Shelley and anyone else who was involved in organising the Panel Discussion yesterday. It was a useful time to help people make up their minds on a very complex issue.

Things to Look forward to – Dates for your diary

16 August – the choir is beginning to rehearse some songs for this service, Peter has a solo for us and Robin is planning his reflection.
13 September – Spring Flower Service – lots of people needed
8 November – combined service with St John's Anglican Church

Wise Words

When you encourage others,
You in the process are encouraged
Because you're making a commitment
And difference in that person's life.
Encouragement really does make a difference.

Don't cry over spilled milk.
Turn the udder cheek and
moo-ve on

