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Referendum about the End of Life Choice Act (see insert)

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

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(please note change of Lynn's email address)

**Weekly Newsletter –5 July 2020
METHODIST PARISH OF
TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA
Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu**

July is Bible Month

This is a new hymn written
by Norman E. Brookes



The Word

When the word in all its glory,
Is explained in many hues,
There remains another story,
Which is: What shall we now do?

When a text, lit up with passion
Touches issues of our day,
Calls our living into question,
From it will we walk away?

That's the question that confronts us
As we leave this place of prayer;
Will we live the gospel message
Showing Christ-like grace and care?

Help us then, the service ended,
Not to set God's word aside,
But responding to its challenge,
Walk with Christ our daily Guide.

So may we with faith and courage
Live the gospel hour by hour,
Bearing witness to its content,
Spreading Christ's life-giving power.



Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67](#) Abraham sends his servant to his homeland to find a wife for his son Isaac.

[Psalm 45.10-17](#) A psalm extolling the splendour of the marriage of the king.

[Romans 7.15-25a](#) Paul explains about the battle that rages within himself. Though he knows what is right, something keeps him from doing it until he is rescued by Jesus Christ.

[Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30](#) Jesus talks of the way the ministries of John and himself are rejected by some and then goes on to promise rest for the weary.

Services coming up

July	5	Rev Shelley – Communion
	12	Nan Russell
	19	Rev Shelley
	26	Lynn Pinkerton
Aug	2	Rev Shelley – Communion
	9	Rev Shelley

Rest Home Services

24 July– Beattie Home

Reflective Services on hiatus over winter, resuming in September.



Pray for others:-

- Those recently bereaved and holding Memorial Services now
- Police officers coming to terms with the shooting of one of their number
- Everybody involved in the quarantine process – politicians, hotel staff, medical workers, the people themselves

Coming Events

5 July Sunday after church

Bread and Spread Lunch

This is our favourite way of fundraising – bread is provided, we all bring toppings to go on the bread. A fundraiser for parish funds.



6 July – Closing date for applications for **Hospital Chaplaincy**

Each year Waikato Hospital Volunteer Chaplaincy Team offer a training programme. Applications are now invited for the 2020 intake and will close on 6 July. Training will commence on 19 August - 20 hours instruction over 10 weeks.

See poster on Notice Board and talk to Lynne.



10 July Friday at 1.30 pm

A **Memorial Service** will be held in our church for Robin Holdaway

You are invited to wear bright colours and bring along a garden flower or two in memory of Robin.

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.

