

## Weekly Newsletter – 21 June 2020

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

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### A Prayer for Refugees



Almighty and merciful God,  
whose Son became a refugee and had no  
place to call his own;  
look with mercy on those who today are  
fleeing from danger,

homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;  
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;  
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will  
rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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or just search 'Te Awamutu Methodist Church'

**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Judith please  
Phone 07 870 5512 or email briceandjudith@hotmail.com**

*In New Zealand we are celebrating Matariki. Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars known as the Pleiades. When it rises in the north-eastern skies in late May or early June, it signals to Māori that the New Year will begin. (information from [Te Ara](#)).*

Oh God,  
when  
my words,  
my worrying,  
my planning and hustling,  
my thinking  
shrink my perception of you,  
forgive me.

Lead me outside  
to gaze again  
at all the glory,  
all the wonder,  
all the beauty we see written in the night sky.  
Enlarge my imagination.  
Enlarge my view of you. Amen



## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Genesis 21.8-21](#) Because of Sarah's concern for Isaac's inheritance, Abraham sends Hagar and Ishmael away.

[Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17](#) David prays for help in time of trouble. "When I am in trouble, I pray, knowing you will listen."

[Romans 6.1b-11](#) In our baptism we died with Christ. Our sinful nature was nailed to the cross with him. We should now think of ourselves as dead to sin and raised to new life with Christ.

[Matthew 10.24-39](#) In sending the disciples out, Jesus prepares them for the difficulties that lie ahead. "... unless you are willing to take up your cross and come with me, you are not fit to be my disciples." (NB This reading is correct as per the Revised Common Lectionary - the first 10 verses are missing from the published NZ Methodist lectionary)

**The service today 21 June 10am** will be led by Rev Shelley. It is **Disability Sunday** and **World Refugee Day** is on 20 June, and **Matariki** on 22 June. Today's is the last day that the Worship from Home resource will be sent out. From next Sunday the service booklet will be emailed out each week.

### Services coming up

<b>June 28</b>	Rev Shelley
<b>July 5</b>	Rev Shelley – Communion
<b>12</b>	Nan Russell
<b>19</b>	Rev Shelley
<b>26</b>	Lynn Pinkerton

### Rest Home Services

<b>June 26</b>	Beattie Home
<b>30</b>	Highfield CHT at 2.30 pm. Singers welcome

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

## Coming Events

**27 June Saturday 10 – 2.30 pm**

Waikato-Waiariki Methodist Synod Workshop

**“Kia ora:” Bringing Worship to Life and Life to Worship.**

At Te Rahui Centre, 294 River Rd, Hamilton

\$10 Bring lunch (soup provided), bible and notebook.

Registration essential – Phone Ngaire Southon , 07 5787119

**3 July Friday at 1.30 pm**

**Memorial Service** for Coliin Hall

**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.



**Pray for others –**

- Those recovering from surgery
- Refugees in camps where Covid-19 is rampant
- Health officials coping with quarantine requirements