

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**Urgently Needed  
Volunteer Chapel Co-ordinators**

Waikato Hospital Chaplaincy urgently need to increase their pool of volunteer chapel co-ordinators. Chapel co-ordinators are responsible for visiting the wards and asking patients if they would like to attend Sunday Chapel Services so our chapel helpers know who to collect for the Service. Volunteers need to be available at least once a month on a Sunday morning from 8.15 until 10am. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Chaplains on 07 839 8899 extn 98441 or email: chaplain@waikatodhb.health.nz




I'm writing this before the event but thank you so much Helen and Chris for hosting our Leap Year Barn dance.

And thank you to Bev and June and their helpers for the Church picnic last Sunday with a great turn out of all ages, yummy food and so much fun had on the slippery water slide.

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or just search 'Te Awamutu Methodist Church'

**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please  
Phone 07 871 3554 or email colinlyn@xtra.co.nz**

**Weekly Newsletter – 1st March 2020**

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**Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu**



**A poem/prayer for the first Sunday in Lent**

Jesus may we follow you on the pilgrim way of Lent,  
 May we journey with you into the wilderness,  
 Willing to move beyond the ordinary,  
 So that we can discover  
 your unexpected sacred places.  
 Jesus may we wash our hands and  
 purify our hearts,  
 Learning to thirst after righteousness  
 and hunger after justice,  
 May we humble ourselves before you,  
 Expecting to see you revealed in a new light.  
 Jesus may we walk with you no matter how  
 challenging the path,  
 Learning to be patient with  
 darkness and growth,  
 Willing to live with not knowing,  
 until your mustard seeds take root  
 and sprout into life.

## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Genesis 2.15-17 & 3.1-7](#) This is the account of the temptation of Adam and Eve and the first sin in the garden of Eden.

[Psalm 32](#) David extols the joy of forgiveness. "I confessed my sins... then you forgave me and took away my guilt."

[Romans 5.12-19](#) One person, Adam, sinned and that brought condemnation to everyone. But because of what Christ has done, God accepts us and gives us life.

[Matthew 4.1-11](#) After fasting in the desert Jesus is tested. The devil tempts him first to turn stones to bread, then to jump from the top of the temple and finally to receive all the earth's kingdoms and their glory. Jesus responds, "Away from me Satan."

## Services coming up:

**March 1** Rev Shelley Communion

**8** Rev Shelley **Harvest Festival**

- please bring offerings of produce and non-perishables for the foodbank.

**15** Rev Shelley

7pm **Reflective Service**

**Rest Home services** - Beattie Home March 27,

CHT Highfield April 7

Rev Dr Susan at Tamahere March 22



## World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 6 March at St Patrick's Catholic Church.

Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, the theme is

"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"



## Pray for others -

- for Doreen's family as they grieve her death
- for the health and wellbeing of farmers and horticulturalists as they cope with the drought

## Day of Blessing 2020

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. **Wed 4th March 12 noon to 1.10pm**  
**Sunday 1 March 7pm to 8pm** A combined churches **Hour of Prayer for the Day of Blessing** in the Presbyterian Hall at 80 Mutu Street. Come and seek God's blessing for Wed 4 March

**From Lynn** - I've sometimes shared from my experiences as a Voluntary Chaplaincy Assistant at Waikato Hospital. Have you ever thought that it is something that you might like to do? It is challenging and very rewarding. I think the aspect that I love most about the role is that it is outside the walls of the church - out 'at the coal face' where people are facing life challenges. It is a ministry of presence, of being there, of listening. Often the only "God talk" of a visit is a simple "God Bless" as I leave. I meet so many different people from all walks of life and I'm privileged to hear many life stories.

Applications are now invited for the 2020 intake and will close 30th April. Interviews will be held mid-May and the training will commence Wednesday 24th June. Information packs containing the application form and police vetting form are available by contacting the Chaplains at chaplain@waikatodhb.health.nz Successful applicants undergo the Interchurch Council of Hospital Chaplaincy approved course of 20 hours instruction over 10 weeks, covering a range of skills and knowledge Chaplaincy Assistants need before starting a probationary period of ward visiting.

There is a notice on our notice board and I would be happy to talk to anyone about it.

