

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.

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**Weekly Newsletter – 15 March 2020
METHODIST PARISH OF
TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA**

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ONE YEAR LATER – REMEMBERING MARCH 15th

Like the assassination of President Kennedy,
the first landing on the Moon, 9-11,
or the death of Princess Diana
we will always remember where we were when we heard
those first reports,
a gunman, a mosque, two mosques,
we will always remember that dark afternoon,
that fearful evening, as the death toll mounted.
How often had we heard of such events
in other places and felt just a little smug?
It could never happen here,
but it did, and there is no shred of comfort
that the gunman was a foreigner,
he could not have done this
without a network, support,
one year ago today 51 people died, 49 were injured
and almost 5 million people lost the illusion of our innocence.

To those who mourn, grant consolation,
to those who are fearful, bring peace,
to those who challenge hatred and intolerance
grant courage and resilience,
may their cause be ours **Amen** (A prayer by Rev David Poultney)

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Exodus 17.1-7](#) The Israelites in the desert complain to Moses that there is no water. The Lord tells Moses to strike a rock with a stick and, when he does, water flows from it.

[Psalm 95](#) A psalm of praise to the Lord - with a warning against rebellion tacked on the end.

[Romans 5.1-11](#) By faith we have been made acceptable to God. Because of Jesus we live at peace with God, and the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with God's love.

[John 4.5-42](#) Jesus meets a Samaritan woman who is drawing water at a well. They have a talk about water and he tells her of about the life-giving sort. As a result she puts her faith in Jesus and so do many other Samaritans.

Services coming up:

March 15 Rev Shelley

7pm **Reflective Service**

22 Rev Shelley

29 Led by Peter with Robin and the choir

April 5 Rev Shelley – Palm Sunday (choir singing)

6-12 Holy Week Services

Rest Home services - Beattie Home March 27,

CHT Highfield April 7

Rev Dr Susan at Tamahere March 22

This month's **Parish Council** will be Tuesday 24th at 2pm.

Pray for others



- for the families of Betty Mohring, Doreen Erskine, and Ngaire Roberts as they grieve for their loved one.

- for people whose lives have been changed by the traumatic Mosque shootings

- for medical authorities preparing for Corona virus in NZ.

Donations to our Church

With some banks no longer processing cheques it is becoming more difficult for some members to make their offerings to our Parish. Can I suggest that members consider setting up a regular automatic payment from your bank account. As long as your name is put in the reference section, we can record the amount for your annual donations receipt. Our Parish bank Account at BNZ is 02-0800-0005141-000. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me Peter Ph 021978343

From Combined Churches and Community Foodbank

Thank you so much for your support of the Foodbank. We could not help so many people without you.

We would greatly appreciate donations of the following:-

Tins of corn, peas, beetroot, fruit, tinned fish and meat.

We always have a demand for pasta, rice, spreads, tinned tomatoes, biscuits and coffee. Thank you for your help.



A date for your diary: An elegant High Tea

Friday 3 April at afternoon tea time.

This month's **wwwexplore** service and meal will be

Friday 27th at 6pm

Some thoughtful words from Nikita Gil

Be the kind of person who is not afraid to ask someone if they are okay twice if they say they are, but look like they are not.

Be the kind of person who smiles at people even if they don't smile back.

Be the kind of person you wished for when no-one was there for you.

Be the kind of person who is brave enough to stand alone in a crowd for what is right.

Be that person because we need more people like that in the world.

Be that person because people like that are rarer than the rarest diamonds and gold.