

## A Prayer for the Christian community

We are not people of fear:  
we are people of courage.  
We are not people who protect our own safety:  
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.  
We are not people of greed:  
we are people of generosity.  
We are your people God,  
giving and loving,  
wherever we are,  
whatever it costs  
For as long as it takes  
wherever you call us.

By Barbara Glasson President of the Methodist Conference

### Touchstone

The latest edition of Touchstone is now available and can be found on the Methodist Church website. If you would prefer a print copy, please contact Shelley.

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## Weekly Newsletter – 31 May 2020 METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

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As the wind song through the trees,  
As the stirring of the breeze,  
So it is with the Spirit of God,  
As the heart made strangely warm,  
As the voice within the storm,  
So it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known  
Where this wind has blown  
Bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
As the dancing tongues of fire,  
As the soul's most deep desire,  
So it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,  
As the hope that's born again,  
So it is with the Spirit of God,  
As the green in the spring,  
As a kite on a string,  
So it is with the Spirit of God  
Making worlds that are new,  
Making peace come true,  
Bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
As the rising of the yeast,  
As the wine at the feast,  
So it is with the Spirit of God



Shirley Murray

## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday

**Acts 2: 1-21** The believers were gathered together in one place Suddenly there was a loud noise and tongues of fire which touched each person with the Holy Spirit

**or Numbers 11: 24-30**, Moses gathered his leaders around and the spirit came on them

**Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b** As long as I live, I will sing praises to the Lord

**1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13** The Lord told Paul "My grace is all you need, for my power is strongest when you are weak"

**or Acts 2: 1-21**, (See above)

**John 20: 19-23** The disciples were gathered together behind locked doors and Jesus stood among them

**or John 7: 37-39** Jesus talks about the streams of living water.

## Services



You will have already received Rev Shelley's letter advising that our first service will be on **7 June**. That will give time to get the building commercially cleaned and all the health and safety requirements put in place. It will be a service of

**CELEBRATION, THANKSGIVING and COMMUNION.**

The Worship at Home service is attached and will continue to be sent to you during Alert Level 2.

## Prayers for others



- pray for those being made redundant
- Pray for countries around the world where Covid-19 is rampant
- - pray for churches preparing to open up their services again
- Pray for the family of Ngaire Hall and

remember to send any memories of Colin to Rev Shelley so she can make a Special Book for Ngaire..

## A Prayer

Creator God,  
Like a bird you hovered over the chaos of the world's first day  
Drawing life from crashing waves  
And making a world of possibility  
You hovered still over parting waters  
Liberating an enslaved people  
Guiding them forward with cloud and fire  
Nurturing your followers and sharing your love.



Spirit of the living God, move among us  
As you transform us into the people you invite us to be  
As you transform the world into the place you dream it to be.  
Make us one in love,  
Humble, Caring, Selfless, Sharing.

**Blow among us, Spirit of God  
Fill us with your courage and care,  
Hurricane and Breath  
Take us on a journey of love.**

## Report from Parish Council 19 May

Each member sat at their own table, in a circle around the Lounge. The deaths of Robin Holdaway and Colin Hall were acknowledged and Memorial Services will be held when possible.

The Worship at Home service sheets have been appreciated by the congregation. When worship resumes, there will be many things that will have to be done differently – greeting people at the door, handing out bulletins, taking up the offering, preparing and partaking in Communion, saying the Blessing, acknowledging people. All things we need to think about to make them meaningful in a different way.

Rev Shelley is using the Pandemic Response Plan prepared by Matamata Parish as a guide to writing our own Response Plan for all who use the building. Quotes are being sought for Commercial Cleaning