

This week World Council of Churches asks Christians the world over to pray for Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Australia with this background:-

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty of the land and waters of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, and the special relationship that people enjoy with the natural environment
- the identities and cultural practices that indigenous peoples long have maintained, and for their increasing political voice
- how the people have welcomed new immigrants
- how churches have witnessed and worked together ecumenically, especially amid challenges of apathy in highly secularized societies.

We **pray** for:

- churches to have the imagination, skills and energy to build bridges of understanding in increasingly multi-religious and multicultural contexts
- those who work tirelessly on issues of justice for the poor, the marginalized and the dispossessed, especially indigenous peoples
- those seeking refuge and a new life in these countries, and those supporting and providing for them
- careful preservation of the fragile land, sea, and resources.

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## Weekly Newsletter – 15 November 2020

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

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Blessed are you, God of the Universe.  
you have created us and given us life.

Blessed are you, God of the planet earth.  
You have set our world like a radiant jewel in the heavens,  
and filled it with action, beauty, suffering, struggle and hope.

Blessed are you, God of Aotearoa/New Zealand,  
in all the peoples who live there,  
in all the lessons they have learned,  
in all that remains for them to do.

Blessed are you because you need us;  
because you make us worthwhile,  
because you give us people to love  
and work to do  
for your universe, for your world and for ourselves

Prayer from WCC week of prayer for NZ/ NZ prayer book

## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

**Judges 4.1-7** The Canaanite king conquered Israel and oppressed its people for twenty years. The Lord then spoke to Deborah telling her to instigate an uprising.

**Psalm 123** A prayer in which the psalmist asks for the Lord's mercy and help.

**1 Thessalonians 5.1-11** We are to stay alert and sober for the Lord's return will be as a thief coming in the night. Christ died for us so that we may live together with him. That's why we are to encourage one another.

**Matthew 25. 14-30** Jesus tells another story to explain what the kingdom is like. Three servants were put in charge of all that their Master owned when he left the country. On his return two of the servants had used his money well, but one had not.

## Services coming up:

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| <b>Nov</b> | <b>15</b>  | Lynn Pinkerton                       |
|            | <b>22</b>  | Rev Shelley                          |
|            | <b>29</b>  | Rev Shelley - Advent 1               |
| <b>Dec</b> | <b>6</b>   | Rev Shelley - Communion - Advent 2   |
|            | <b>13</b>  | Choir - Advent 3                     |
|            | <b>20</b>  | Rev Shelley - Advent 4               |
|            | <b>7pm</b> | Rev Shelley - Blue Christmas service |
|            | <b>25</b>  | Christmas Day - Rev Shelley          |



### Please pray for –

- Those recently bereaved
- Those with broken bones and rehabilitating after surgery
- Those with new responsibilities after the recent Methodist Conference

## Coming Events

### 17 November - Tuesday

**Parish Council** meets in the Church Lounge at 2 pm

### 19 November – Thursday

**Women's Fellowship** meets in the Church Lounge at 1.45 pm. We might be going on a little outing to see some art works. Could everyone bring a very small plate for afternoon tea.



## Thank you



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A big thank you to everyone who helped last Thursday at Rev Jo's funeral service. There were people helping with the catering, setting up furniture and putting away, contributing to the service, making music, providing floral tributes. It was a gentle service acknowledging Jo's life of ministry to church, community, and especially to children.

## 10 ways to love

- Listen** without interrupting.
- Share** without pretending.
- Speak** without accusing.
- Enjoy** without complaint.
- Give** without sparing.
- Trust** without wavering.
- Pray** without ceasing
- Forgive** without punishing,.
- Answer** without arguing.
- Promise** without forgetting.

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