

A little bit about Conference

Initially the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington had been booked for the Conference Services and Taranaki Street Church for business sessions, but then Covid struck and it all changed. In the end, Conference was limited to 50 invited participants for the business sessions and 100 were allowed to attend the services. Many of the sessions were livestreamed so people around the country could still feel included.

Rev Andrew Doubleday was inducted as **President** with **Rev 'Etuini Talakai** as his **Vice President**. The theme for their tenure will be **“What’s in your hand?”**

Four Presbyters were received into Full Connexion including **Rev Tara Tautari** who is to be the new **General Secretary**

Ten presbyters retired including David Bush, Lindsey Cumberpatch, Jan Fogg, Lynne Frith, Ken Olsen and Rex Nathan. Tributes were read to those who have died during the year including Bill Abbot, Bill Chessum, Muriel Ingles, Derek Laws, Vilma Loader, Dave Mullen, John Osborne, Rua Rakena, Percy Rushton, Lynette Sadler, Hazel Simpkin. Our own Susan Thompson was one of the Chaplains.

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Prayer Requests from General Secretary of Methodist Church

We are thinking today of the families who are grieving 10 years after the Pike River mine explosion. The investigation which followed determined that short-cuts had been taken and the health and safety of the workers was treated less seriously than production targets and safety measures. The Health and Safety legislation which is in place reflects what was learnt both from Pike River and the earlier tragic deaths at Cave Creek, also on the West Coast.

Please uphold in prayer those who are struggling with the restrictions necessary for the Covid response. For families hoping to be reunited, for those wondering where they will find workers, for businesses dependent on open borders.

Please continue to pray for scientists and researchers working on vaccines and those in the front line staff at Isolation and Quarantine facilities and medical staff at clinics and hospitals.

**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please
Phone 07 871 3554 or email lyncol.pinkerton@gmail.com**

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24](#) The Lord promises to be a good shepherd who will rescue, feed, protect and care for his people.

[Psalm 100](#) A song of thanks and praise to the creator God.

[Ephesians 1.15-23](#) Paul prays that God's Spirit will be given to the Ephesian church. He then explains that Christ's reign is "for the good of the church".

[Matthew 25.31-46](#) At the final judgement the Son of Man will separate people into two groups: those who served the needy and those who did not.

Services coming up:

Nov 22 Rev Shelley
29 Rev Shelley - Advent 1
Dec 6 Rev Shelley - Communion - Advent 2
13 Choir - Advent 3
20 Rev Shelley - Advent 4
7pm - Rev Shelley - Blue Christmas service
25 Christmas Day - Rev Shelley

Rest Home Services

Nov 27 Service at Beattie Home



Please pray for –

-People recovering from illness
-Homeless persons
World Council of Churches (WCC) asks to pray this week for East Timor, Indonesia and Philippines.

Saturday 19 December – early evening

Please mark this date on your diary. We are planning an end of year gathering....meal and social time
More information nearer the time!

Help please!

Shelley is looking for some scraps of blue fabric for an Advent worship activity. The pieces will be torn into strips, so don't need to be large or evenly shaped! If you have anything you would like to contribute, please bring it along to church, or call Shelley to collect.

Link to funeral service

If you were unable to attend Rev Jo's funeral you can still see it through this link provided by TA Funeral Services.

<https://vimeo.com/478770873/31573bece3>

A little verse I found somewhere

Life is short
Live it
Love is rare
Grab it
Anger is bad
Dump it
Fear is awful
Face it
Memories are sweet
Cherish them