

Mission shaped Intro course

New world, new church? Our world and our lives have changed radically in the last twenty years, but has the church adapted to this change? Do we need a changed church for a changing world? Are new forms of church really possible? If so, how can they be developed?

This course is designed to present those changes in an informative and interactive way. The ninety-minute sessions include verbal presentation, power-points, movie clips and stories with group participation

Where: Matamata Union Parish, 31 Peria Rd Matamata

When: Thursdays 19th Nov – 17th Dec. 7 – 9 pm Cost: Koha

The 5 modules are:

Rediscovering Mission - what it means for the Church

Changing World, changing Church

Re-imagining Church - Community

Re-imagining Church- Worship

Re-imagining Church - Leadership & Discipleship

Come as a single or better still make up a team. Please register so we can have the required number of resources printed

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Weekly Newsletter – 18 October 2020

METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

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We welcome Michael Templer to take our service this morning. Thank you Michael for the time and thought to prepare for today. We do appreciate it when you come.

Prayer for the week (from the Methodist President's Blog)

God of love,
God for all,
your purposes are more beautiful
than we can possibly imagine.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit.
Help us let go of all that holds us back.
Open our lives and our churches
to new seasons of humility and faith,
of change and growth.
Shake us up with the Good News of Jesus
and show us the way.
Amen

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Exodus 33.12-23](#) Moses speaks with the Lord who promises to be with his people. Moses requests to the Lord reveal himself in his glory, and the Lord agrees.

[Psalm 99](#) A psalm in praise of the Lord who is king and answers the prayers of his people.

[1 Thessalonians 1.1-10](#) Paul greets the people of the Thessalonian church and speaks of their faith, which is an example for all the Lord's followers in Macedonia and Achaia.

[Matthew 22.15-22](#) The Pharisees and followers of Herod try to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes. His answer amazes them and they go away.

Services coming up:

- Oct 18** Michael Templer
25 Rev Shelley
Nov 1 Rev Shelley - Communion
7pm Reflective Service
8 Combined service with Anglicans at St John's
15 Lynn Pinkerton (Conference Sunday)
22 Rev Shelley
29 Rev Shelley - Advent 1

Rest Home Services

- Oct 18** Tamahere Eventide - Lynn
25 Tamahere Eventide – Rev Shelley
30 Beattie Home
Nov 3 Highfield CHT

Our next **wwwexplore service and supplied meal** is Friday October 30th at 6pm.



Pray for others:

For those newly elected to Parliament
For our members in hospital or resthomes
For people faced with new health difficulties

Coming Events

20 October - Tuesday

Parish Council meets at 2 pm in the lounge. A welcome to the changed line-up after last week's Annual Meeting.

22 October – Thursday

Methodist Women's Fellowship meet at 1.45 pm in the Church Lounge. It will be a catch-up after all the disruption and to authorise new financial arrangements.



Wednesdays – 4 pm

Choir members are very pleased to be able to meet again and are preparing music for a special Thanksgiving Service on 1 November, and beginning to think about Advent music.

Church library As Jill explained recently, we have had lots of donations of books to our church library. Check it out! Just write your name in the supplied book and make use of this wonderful resource.

7 November - Saturday

.An evening of fun, food and fellowship is planned. This will consist of a simple meal, with Peter at the helm, followed by a games night We would like to do a Checkers tournament (not Chinese checkers - but draughts?) . We will need people to bring along their draughts boards. Could you please let Rita know if you are able to do so. It could be a lot of fun. Plan for it. See you there.

World Council of Churches – new website – check it out!

The World Council of churches (WCC) will reveal a new website on 16-18 October, ushering in an online community that will serve as an 'ecumenical window' and a digital communication hub for the WCC's multi-lingual fellowship.