

Out of the mouths

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy, the oldest of a family, answered, "Thou shall not kill."

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The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture.

"Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor'."

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

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The Beatitudes for Those who Care *From the Inter-church Council for Hospital Chaplaincy*

Blessed are you who listen to others, especially those with constant complaints, for you have the ears of Christ

Blessed are you who speak kindly to others, especially those plagued by fear and anger, for you possess the mouth of Christ

Blessed are you who see the hurts of others, especially those overlooked by friends and family, for you possess the eyes of Christ

Blessed are you who touch others gently, especially those bruised by silence and insensitivity, for you possess the hands of Christ

Blessed are you who think prayerfully of others, especially those alone and discouraged, for you possess the mind of Christ

Blessed are you who show love to others, especially those with chronic illness, for you possess the heart of Christ

Blessed are you who persevere in your ministry with compassion and love for all people, for you possess the healing presence of Christ

And yours is the Kingdom of Heaven

Lynn

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20](#)

Moses receives God's Ten Commandments. "I am the Lord your God, the one who brought you out of Egypt when you were slaves."

[Psalm 19](#)

A psalm of praise for God's law.

[Philippians 3.4b-14](#)

Paul's lineage and summary of it reminds us that God in Christ calls us not to a new way but to an ancient one - the way that leads to life.

[Matthew 21.33-46](#)

The vineyard owner has set the tenants up with all they need to make a good life for themselves and to honour their agreement with him.

Services coming up:

- Oct 4** Rev Shelley – Communion – Annual Meeting
7pm Reflective Service
11 Elaine Diprose
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

The monthly **Reflective Service** happens tonight. This is led by Rev Shelley and all are welcome.



Pray for others:

We pray for all the people who accept positions of responsibility at our Annual Meeting today and for all who carry out the multitude of tasks, big and small, which make our church what it is.

Today -

Bread and Spread lunch - We are celebrating that we can gather together again and share a meal. The bread is provided and you are invited to bring your favourite topping. Don't worry if you haven't brought anything along, there will be plenty for everyone!

This is preceded by our **Annual Meeting** - this (usually) short meeting is a time when we hear about the activities of all parts of the Church, remember those who are gone, thank the workers and appoint our leaders.

Student Showcase - this afternoon.

The Te Awamutu Music Federation hosts a concert for the students of the Performance Course at the Waikato Conservatorium of Music. This is always a wonderful afternoon. \$20 at the door

Rev Shelley is taking some well deserved annual leave

and will be away from tomorrow until October 19. In the event of urgent parish matters please contact the Parish Stewards.

Methodist Women's Fellowship will meet October 22 at 1.45pm. This will be a catch-up after all the disruption and to authorise new financial arrangements.

'Coffee on the Street' is happening again now that we are back to level 1. All are welcome to meet at 10.30am Wednesdays at Gillz cafe.