

The Waikato-Wairiki Synod warmly invites you to –

*Our Life Has It's Seasons*  
Autumn - a time of letting go and making room

Tuesday 4 – Wednesday 5 May  
At Epworth Retreat and Recreation Centre

This is the event that has been known in the past as 'Refresh' and has been well attended by folk from our parish for the day on the Wednesday. There is an interesting and stimulating programme and the opportunity to make connections with people from our wider parish which is always enjoyable.

Pick up a brochure about this in the lounge and on the notice board for more details.



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**Weekly Newsletter – 18th April 2021**

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

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The Church is full of people  
in the Autumn of their years.  
Some have led colourful lives  
leaves bronzed and golden  
through exposure to the elements  
their appearance the centre of attention.

Others have been exposed  
to more extreme conditions  
branches bowed and scarred.

Some go unnoticed,  
yet stand tall and steadfast  
against wind and rain.

All have a story to tell  
all can offer support and shelter  
for saplings which grow beneath  
their leafy canopy. *John Birch*

*Now there's a challenge – how are we offering support and shelter  
for saplings which grow beneath our leafy canopy?* *Lynn*

## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Acts 3.12-19](#) Following the healing of a lame man, Peter preaches about Jesus in the temple. "...turn to God! Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven."

[Psalm 4](#) In time of trouble David cries out to God in full confidence that his prayers will be heard.

[1 John 3.1-7](#) Because of God's love we are called his children. We live with the hope of Christ's return and this hope causes us to keep ourselves pure.

[Luke 24.36-48](#) The resurrected Jesus appears to his followers and eats a fish meal with them. He sends them out to tell the people of every nation to turn to God and be forgiven.

## Services coming up:

**April 18** Lynn Pinkerton

**April 25** Rev Shelley – ANZAC

**April 30** wwwexplore service and supplied meal 6pm

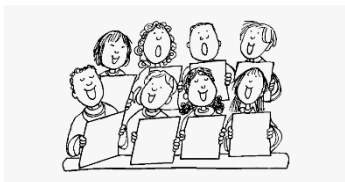
**May 2** Rev Shelley – Communion

**May 9** Combined Service with Anglicans hosted by us – Rev Julie preaching - Mother's Day - Song and closing Blessing by our choir

## Rest Home Service coming up:

**April 30** Beattie Home - Rev Shelley

**Parish Council** is this Tuesday April 20 at 2pm.



**Choir members** please note there is a change of date for getting back to practises. The new date is this Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm.



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## We pray for others:

Bless our children, Lord, growing up into a future that is difficult to predict. Protect them, guide them and give them wisdom to see above and beyond the tempting choices this world may offer, that they might become the people who, in your eyes, they were always meant to be. *John Birch*

## Today!

A Bread and Spread lunch to raise funds for the MWF Special Project. Held over from last year the MWF are still working for St John Ambulance and refugees in Lebanon. After the service there will be lovely fancy breads provided. Don't worry if you haven't brought a contribution of toppings, there will be plenty for everyone so please stay anyway! There will be a basket for donations.

## Methodist Women's Fellowship

will be held this Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1.45pm in the lounge. The speaker will be Brent from Age Concern.



## Flowers

Very few of us would emulate Brice Herbert's unique floral contributions. But a number of folk could gift a simple arrangement to enhance our Worship Services. Hopefully a good number of offers will result in infrequent turns. Alwyn Lenarts would be very grateful to hear from you! Phone 8713276

