

She speeds across the swimming pool
 To slake the summer heat.
 On BMX and mountain bike
 She simply can't be beat.
 She's highest in the high jump,
 And a champ at hammer throwing,
 Magnificent in marathons,
 Remarkable at rowing.
 She beats the best at boxing.
 At the pole vault she is peerless.
 Her fencing is the finest;
 She is positively fearless.
 She's masterful at basketball,
 She truly rules the court,
 And equally incredible
 At every other sport.
 But what we find astonishing
 And something of a shocker
 Is how she wins all contests
 With her wheelchair and her walker.

https://www.poetrysoup.com/famous/poem/olympic_granny_25626

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How strange those empty stadiums and arenas are!
 The public is banned from these during the Tokyo Olympics, after the Japanese government put the capital under a state of emergency because of rising new COVID-19 infections and the highly contagious delta variant. There are empty seats at matches and competitions and only cameras at medal ceremonies. Proud families watch their loved ones in living rooms at home and cannot be there to give them a congratulatory hug. The IOC president has told participants - **“You need not feel alone in these stadiums. Billions of people around the entire globe will be glued to their screens and they will be with you in their hearts”**

And so we get a close up view into the hearts of the competitors.

- The tears streaming down the faces of the Fijian men's seven's team during the playing of their national anthem
- The look of disbelief and delight on the face of our 17 year old Erika Fairweather when she realised she had made it into her swimming final
- The Olympic spirit shown by our Hayden Wilde as he went to the aid of the men's triathlon winner.

The real magic of the Olympic games is way bigger than any individual athlete or even any country. If we look deeper there are so many aspects of the Olympic Games that can teach us, remind us and inspire us on our own personal and spiritual journeys.

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**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Judith please
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Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13 The prophet Nathan tells David about a rich man who robbed a poor man of his only lamb. David responded angrily, saying that the rich man deserved to die for his lack of pity. Nathan said, "You are that rich man... you took Uriah's wife for yourself." David was full of remorse.

Psalms 51.1-12 A plea for God's forgiveness and cleansing, usually attributed to King David as a response to the prophet Nathan's rebuke after David had been with Bathsheba. The prayer is now used by all God's people as a general prayer of confession and forgiveness.

Ephesians 4.1-16 Paul appeals for unity in the church. When Christ's Speak blessings over your street, your neighbour's houses, the housing areas surrounding you, even the businesses and shops too! Pray for peace, for unity and community among the people living there. Rebuke neighbourhood crime and pray protection! people learn to serve, his "body" will grow strong.

John 6.24-35 The crowd follows Jesus looking for miracles and bread. Jesus points them to the true bread from heaven. "I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry."

Services coming up:

August 1 - Rev Shelley – Communion

Reflective Service – 7pm

August 8 - Rev Shelley – Peace Sunday

August 15 - Rev Shelley

August 22 - Rev Susan Thompson

August 29 - Rev Shelley

Season of Creation:

Sept 5 – Rev Shelley – Communion – Planet Earth Sunday – Father's Day

Sept 12 – Rev Shelley – Spring Flower Service – Humanity Sunday

Tonight is our monthly Reflective Service, led by Rev Shelley at 7pm. Come along for a quiet time of readings, reflection and music.

Resthome services coming up:

Highfield CHT: Tuesday 10 August 2pm

Beattie Home: Friday 27 August

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Singers please! to support the service at Highfield Tuesday August 10th would be very welcome, 2pm in the Dementia Unit, followed by a service in the lounge at 2.30.



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We pray for others:

Pray blessings over our road or street, our neighbour's houses, the housing areas surrounding us, even the businesses and shops too! Pray for peace, for unity and community among the people living there.

Rebuke neighbourhood crime and pray protection!

<https://beautifuljournal.co/blog/prayers-to-pray-for-others>

Olympic Granny

by [Kenn Nesbitt](#)

When Grandma goes for gold in
The Olympic games this year,
She'll laugh at her competitors
And make them quake with fear.
She's ninety-nine years old
But, in athletics, she's been blessed.
The trouble is she can't decide
Which sport she plays the best.
She's such an ace at archery.
She's queen of the canoe.
She's tough to top at taekwondo
And table tennis too.
She dominates the diving board.
She tromps the trampoline.
At lifting weights and wrestling
She's the best you've ever seen. *Continued on back*