

## Weekly Newsletter – 22 August 2021

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

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### I thought we needed something to smile at

A young man who was also an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him. To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball and it was directly between his ball and the green. After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay. The old man offered one more comment. "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."

### Looking Good

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.  
My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.  
I think I might never put my glasses back on.

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## Strength for this Challenging Time

We pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please  
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## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

**1 Kings 8:** 1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Solomon who reigned as king from 970 BC to 931 BC, builds and dedicates the temple to house the ark of the covenant.

**Psalms 84**

**Ephesians 6:** 19-20

Paul uses the image of the soldier's armour to encourage the Ephesian Christians in their battle with the forces of evil.

**John 6:** 56-59

Jesus encountered opposition to his teaching during his earthly ministry.

## Services coming up:

**August 22** Cancelled  
**29** Rev Shelley

## Season of Creation

**Sept 5** Rev Shelley – Communion – Planet Earth Sunday – Father's Day  
**12** Rev Shelley – Spring Flower Service

## Rest Home Services coming up:

**Beattie Home:** Friday 27 August

**Tamahere:** Sunday 29 August 4 pm

**wwwexplore** It has been decided to have a break over the winter months. Keep an eye out for notices about the next gathering in September.

## We pray for others



- We pray for our country – that we will be successful in stamping out the current outbreak of Covid virus
- We pray for the essential workers, the medical teams, the vaccinators, the patients, the decision makers, the scientists
- We pray for the operation in Afghanistan

A message from Rev Shelley

Dear friends,

Well, here we are again – back with Level 4 restrictions which we hoped were behind us. Having done so well for so long, it feels frustrating that we are now in this situation. This is our reality however, and we will get through it!

Wondering about our worship services? We will be unable to gather in person until the alert levels come down at least to Level 2, so keep an eye on the Government notifications. In the meantime, we will be returning to producing Worship-at-home resources for you, which I hope will be of some use to you. Other on-line resources will also be available, and we will let you know about those as we learn of them.

In the meantime, follow the advice of the authorities -

**Stay at home** in your bubble

**Feeling unwell?** Call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 about getting tested

**If leaving the house:**

- **Wear a mask** and **keep a 2m distance** from others
- Keep on **scanning QR codes**
- **Wash and sanitise** hands often
- **Stay local** and **be kind** to one another

Please take care of yourselves, stay in touch with friends and family by phone or online, keep calm and be kind!

Blessings,

Shelley.

## Church Annual Meeting

The AGM is going to be held on 26 September following the service. Would Convenors of all groups please get their Annual Reports to Rev Shelley by 12 September so she has time to collate them into a booklet.