

God weeps over God's world, aching because of conflict in so many countries.

God depends on you to use your influence on the powerful to use their power for justice, for peace, for compassion, for gentleness, for caring, for sharing. God – Emmanuel, God with us, with you – has no one but you to help God make this world hospitable to peace and justice.

GOD BLESS YOU

Desmond Tutu. Message delivered on 21 September 2004 to mark the observance of The International Day of Prayer for Peace.



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under CC BY-NC-ND

PRESBYTER: Rev Shelley Walker Ph. 07 8714453

Cell 027 694 8779 Email revshelleynz@gmail.com

PARISH STEWARDS

Nynke Piebenga 07 871 9595 021 0838 4265

Trevor Bayly 07 872 4770 027 533 5106

CHURCH OFFICE 07 871 5376

Te Awamutu Methodist Church

Website http://www.methodist.org.nz/find_us/waikato/waiariki/te_awamutu

Weekly Newsletter – 8 August 2021

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

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



Universal Prayer for Peace

Lead me from death to Life,
From falsehood to Truth.
Lead me from despair to Hope,
From fear to Trust.
Lead me from hate to Love,
From war to Peace,
Let Peace fill our heart, our world,
Our universe.

Peace, peace, peace

Satish Kumar



**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please
Phone 07 871 3554 or email lyncol.pinkerton@gmail.com**

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33 David's son, Absalom, has rebelled against his father. The news of Absalom's defeat and death in battle is guardedly passed on to David.

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2 Being a member of Christ and his church means living a new and moral life.

John 6: 35, 41-51 John again gives us a meditative, theological reflection on Jesus as the bread of life.

Focus readings for Peace Sunday

Micah 4: 1-4

Matthew 5: 1-12

Services coming up:

August 8 Rev Shelley – Peace Sunday
15 Rev Shelley
22 Rev Susan Thompson
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:

Highfield CHT: Tuesday 10 August 2pm

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



- For local preachers - give them inspiration, understanding and fluency of ideas
- For countries where there is conflict – may they be aware of the world's prayers for peace on this Sunday
- For those experiencing pain as they await surgery or medical treatment.

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

Lay Preacher Sunday

In many New Zealand churches Sunday 8 August is recognised as Lay Preacher Sunday. We greatly appreciate Lay Preachers for their dedication of time and study and delivering Sunday Worship services. Here in Te Awamutu we are truly blessed with dedicated, inspired people, some who live locally and others who are prepared to travel long distances to bring the Word of God to us. We owe a great debt to the folk who so generously serve in this way.



An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth." The boy thought about it, and asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?" The old man quietly replied, "The one you feed."

Author unknown