

Lenten studies:

Lent is rapidly approaching - Ash Wednesday is 17 February! Is there any interest in a four week Lenten Studies programme this year? The time and day of the week can be tailored to suit those interested, so please see Shelley.

There is an **Ecumenical Service** to commemorate Ash Wednesday: 7pm Wednesday 17 February at St Patrick's Catholic Church.



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Transfiguration Sunday

I started thinking about today's theme as **Transformation**, but then I got to thinking that the term used for this Sunday in the church calendar is **Transfiguration** and decided to do a bit of homework about the difference between these two.

To quote - "As nouns the difference between **transfiguration** and **transformation** is that transfiguration is a large change in appearance or form - a metamorphosis, while transformation is the act of transforming or the state of being transformed".

Some of us can pinpoint our life "Aha!" moments when we were transformed by a faith experience. For others of us it has been a gradual coming to experiencing that shift from head to heart. For all of us it is a continuing life journey.

The Apostles' experience at the **Transfiguration** reminds us that no matter how powerful a spiritual experience is, the time comes when we have to come down off the mountain and rejoin our everyday life. But when we do so, we need to do it as a changed person.

Lynn

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

2 Kings 2: 1 - 12

Psalm 50: 1 - 6

2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6

Mark 9: 2 - 9

Services coming up:

14 February 10am: Rev Shelley

14 February 4pm: Tamahere Eventide - Rev Shelley

21 February 10am: Rev Anne

23 February (Tuesday) 2pm: Highfield CHT

26 February (Friday) 10:45am: Beattie Home, Otorohanga

28 February 10am: Rev Shelley

5 March 11am: World Day of Prayer – at Saint John’s Anglican

7 March 10am: Rev Shelley – Communion

7 March 7pm: Reflective service - Rev Shelley

14 March 10am: Rev Shelley - Harvest Service

Our **wwwexplore** services will resume Friday **March 26**

This year's **World Day of Prayer Service**, is at St John's Anglican Church on Friday 5 March at 11am. The focus this year is Vanuatu.

The first **Parish Council** meeting for the year will be this Tuesday February 16th at 2pm. I think the venue is still to be decided on and advised!

Please pray for -



- wise, compassionate and safe decisions to keep our people safe here in NZ but being able to maintain connections with loved ones offshore.

- we pray for our Parish Council as they have their first meeting for the year.

Today! - February 14th - **Parish Lunch**



Bev and Trev have invited everyone to their new home for a parish lunch. We are in for such a treat as we ascend to great heights on the slopes of Mount Pirongia.

It is not too late for you to indicate to Rita (Middleton) that you would like transport, or to offer transport, to get there. There is a map available for drivers/navigators. If you have forgotten, or didn't know, to bring food to share come anyway. No one will go hungry!

Saturday 27 February **Road trip!**

Learn more about the Invasion of the Waikato as we follow in the footsteps of General Cameron, 1863-64. If you are interested in this trip, please let Robin Astridge know so we can arrange suitable transport. He has a list in the lounge for you to add your names. We are so blessed to have our historian Robin as one of us and this is an opportunity to experience his vast knowledge of our own land.

Calling for more people

Getting involved helps make our church the active, friendly, welcoming, functioning and open group that we are.

You have three options -

- giving people a friendly welcome as they arrive at church and giving out the bulletins
- going on the roster to prepare, serve and clean up after the morning tea. There are people happy to show you what to do.
- delivering the bible readings during our services. These are given to you during the week so you can become familiar with them.

If you can help with any - or all(!) - of these please talk to Jill Shaw. She does a wonderful job of organising the rosters - thanks Jill!