

Parish Lunch - a big THANK YOU



What a wonderful "Up the Mountain" experience we all had last Sunday. Thank you to Bev and Trevor Bayly for their kind invitation to a Parish Lunch at their new home on the slopes of Mt Pirongia. Everyone arrived safely despite some speeding drivers going the other way. We were all wowed with the fabulous views in every direction. The lunch was superb, the conversation engaging and the 'special touches' Bev and Trev have incorporated into their home appreciated. Many enjoyed a trip down the hill to see the way power is generated when you are not on the electricity grid - a very ingenious use of a washing machine motor.

Thank you for a lovely day!!

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Weekly Newsletter –21 February 2021

METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



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.

Another area where you might like to help is to be a congregational representative to the Synod meetings. These are held 3 or 4 times a year and you will get to meet reps from all around our district. This is where the affairs of the church are decided and often there are interesting speakers and discussions. Talk to Lynn or Jill who have attended on our behalf recently or see Shelley.

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

Genesis 9: 8-17
Psalm 25: 1-10
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 9-15

Services coming up:

21 February 10am: Rev Anne with Brice
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.

Please pray for –



Teachers coping with on line learning
-Returning New Zealanders in isolation then beginning a new life
- those of our number who are frail in need of extra care.

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, talk to Robin Astridge 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.

Lenten Studies: A series of studies will be held for four weeks during March, beginning on March 3 at 2.30pm in the Church Lounge. These are based on 'A Methodist way of life', and will explore the ways we try to live our lives in response to God’s love made known to us in Jesus.

Foodbank:

More delivery people are needed to help get food parcels to those who need them. If you would be able to help on a regular or an occasional basis, please see Shelley, or phone Ian McLauchlan on 027 3895470.

Te Awamutu Day of Blessing:

The annual town blessing will be held this year on Wednesday 3 March at the Te Awamutu Rugby Sports and Recreation Club at 12 noon. The guest speaker this year is NZ boxer and motivational speaker Billy Graham. In 2011, he was named Local Community Hero of the Year at the New Zealander of the Year awards, and in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours, was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, for services to youth and the community.

Combined Churches Prayer Gathering: The combined churches worship and prayer time before the Day of Blessing is at 4pm on Sunday 28 February at REACH Church.