

Sunset Organ Vespers

Inspirational readings, psalms, hymns, prayers and music for reflection.

St Clare's church

97 Tuhikaramea Road Dinsdale

4.30pm Sunday 25 July 2021

Organist Brian Knight

Soup and buns refreshment to follow

RSVP to stclares@xtra.co.nz

Koha – proceeds to Waikato Hospital Chaplaincy

Weekly Newsletter – 11th July 2021

METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



Have you still got your gratitude stone in your pocket? Rita presented us with this idea at our recent church meal and social gathering. I certainly needed my stone last Monday when the heavy fog that covered the heavy frost lasted all day and the temperature only reached 6 degrees! My body does not handle cold very well! But there was still much to be grateful for.

Lynn

Consider these thoughts about winter -

"I prefer winter and Autumn, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape--the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show."--Andrew Wyeth

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"--Percy Bysshe Shelley

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."--Edith Sitwell

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."--John Steinbeck



A riddle

Q. What do John the Baptist and Winnie the Pooh both have in common?

A. They both have the same middle name.



PRESBYTER: Rev Shelley Walker Ph. 07 8714453

Cell 0276948779 Email revshelleynz@gmail.com

PARISH STEWARDS

Nynke Piebenga 07 871 9595 02108384265

Trevor Bayly 07 8724770 0275335106

CHURCH OFFICE 07 871 5376

Te Awamutu Methodist Church

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

or just search 'Te Awamutu Methodist Church'

Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Judith please
Phone 07 870 5512 or email briceandjudith@hotmail.com

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12-19](#) The story of King Uzziah returning the sacred chest to Jerusalem. As the lectionary reading omits verses 6 to 11, with the dramatic death of Uzziah, there is no explanation for the three month delay at Obed Edom's home.

[Psalm 24](#) "The earth and everything on it belong to the Lord." Only those with a pure heart can come before him.

[Ephesians 1.3-14](#) Paul reminds the Ephesian Christians of the spiritual blessing that they have in Christ. "God was kind and decided that Christ would choose us to be God's own adopted children."

[Mark 6.14-29](#) Mark explains how John the Baptist was beheaded on the orders of Herod. Herod was worried that Jesus was John returned from the dead to haunt him.

Services coming up:

July 11 - Peter, Robin and the choir

July 18 - Rev Shelley

July 25 - Rev Shelley

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

Parish Council this month is July 20 at 2pm in the lounge.

We cannot stop the winter or the summer from coming. We cannot stop the spring or the autumn or make them other than they are. They are gifts from the universe that we cannot refuse. But we can choose what we will contribute to life when each arrives.

Gary Zuhav



gg57781989 GoGraph.com

We pray for others:

"God of safety, keep us and all our loved ones safe on icy roads. Help us pay attention and drive cautiously. Grant us energy and patience if the drive takes longer than usual. Keep us warm and safe from harm. In Your loving and precious name. Amen."

- We pray for families, children and teachers as we enter the school holidays this week
- We pray healing blessings and for medical staff and over-run medical centres as respiratory illness affects so many children in particular

The Day is Done

The day is done, the evening has come
The drapes are pulled shutting out the cool night air.
The time of resting approaches.

My heart whispers thankfulness for the day that is done,
and for the evening now come.
The time of refreshing that's upon us.

My lips move in praise of the One
whom I've been largely ignoring all day,
my busyness crowding God from my mind.
A time for reflection now offered.

My mind sets aside the stresses and strains of the day
that has gone and entrusts my worries and fears
to the One who cares as I enter the rest God provides.

By Joy KingsburyAitken