



**The new hall windows** are installed and completed. There have been two of our busy beavers doing the painting of the inside surrounds this last week and they are looking good. We say a huge thankyou to them for their efforts and their time. We are also grateful for a generous donation to get us

started on the cost of these windows, and would welcome further donations. If you would like to make a special one-off contribution, this can be done online (please add "Windows" in the reference field) or via an envelope on a Sunday morning - again, please indicate clearly that your donation is for the Hall windows.

**A reminder** to please consider bringing along a grocery item for the Foodbank basket at our services.

## Weekly Newsletter – 13th June 2021

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

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There are three stories about seeds told in Mark's gospel chapter 4. We will be focusing on the middle story today which is told only in Mark.

According to the word that is used in Mark 4.28 the way that the earth makes seeds sprout is automatic (Greek *automatos*). Apart from this reference in Mark's gospel, the only other place in the Bible this word is used is in Acts 12.10 where the prison gate opened automatically for Paul when he made his miraculous escape from prison. In both cases "automatic" is to be understood as the powerful hand of God quietly at work. But not by some detached mechanism. In the opening of prison doors, and in the germination of crops, as in the coming to fruition of God's kingdom, God is intimately involved bringing his grace to people. It is automatic for the people.

Lynn



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### Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

**1 Samuel 15.34-16.13** Because the Lord had rejected Saul, the prophet Samuel anointed Jesse's youngest son David as God's chosen king.

**Psalms 20** A prayer of David expressing his confidence that God will bring him victory. "Some people trust the power of chariots or horses, but we trust you, Lord God."

**2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17** Paul encourages the Corinthian believers to be cheerful and to live by faith. We should no longer live for ourselves, but live for Christ. "Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new."

**Mark 4.26-34** Jesus explains what God's kingdom is like by talking about seeds. Seeds keep growing even though that farmer doesn't understand how. A small seed can grow into a large plant.

### Services coming up:

**June 13** Lynn Pinkerton

**June 20** Rev Shelley – Disability Sunday

**June 27** Rev Shelley – World Refugee Sunday

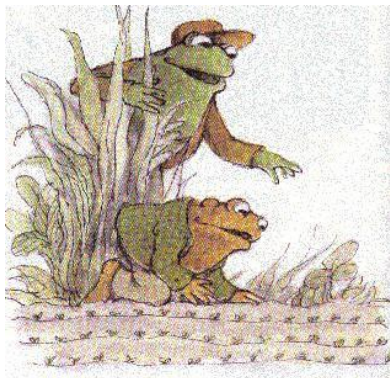
**July 4** Rev Shelley – Communion - Matariki

### Rest Home Services coming up:

**June 25** Beattie Home, Otorohanga (Friday)

**29** Highfield CHT at 2 pm (Tuesday)

There will be no **wwwexplore** service and meal this month. – there are too many other things happening that weekend, including the Mid-Winter Thanksgiving Evening on 26<sup>th</sup> June .



Why do I have a picture of a frog and a toad here in the bulletin?

Listen to today's 'Young at Heart' story to find out! *Lynn*



### We pray for others:

Creator God, as we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do. There is so much in your world for which we should be grateful and we offer our thanks now. Be with us, and all who need your loving touch at this time. Amen

**Parish Council** is this Tuesday June 15 at 2pm



**June 26: An evening of fellowship.** Please be thinking of what you can bring and share. Peter will be Head Chef, but you can all help by bringing along your favourite salad or desert. Please sign the list in the foyer so we know how many to prepare for. The cost will be \$10 per person, but you are welcome to contribute more, as the

excess funds will go towards the windows in the hall. Our many talented members will be bringing entertainment. Looking forward to seeing you there. *Rita*

### Those TV advertisements

A couple of New Zealand television advertisements had slogans that relate to the theme from today's parable:

- Pantene - Rachel Hunter's famous shampoo ad', which screened in New Zealand and Australia, brought us the slogan, "It won't happen overnight, but it will happen". You still hear people saying it even now, twenty years after the ad' screened.
- Mainland cheese – This is a classic series of cheese ad's, that also dates back over twenty years, and carries the memorable slogan, "Good things take time".

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.  
*Helen Keller*