

### Coming up:

**The new date for the Te Awamutu Day of Blessing** It is now to be held on Thursday April 15 12 noon at the TA Sports Club rooms.

### April 17 Saturday

Time for Spring cleaning our complex. There will be tasks small and large, lots of laughs, hopefully some morning tea, and at the end no cobwebs, shiny windows and a sense of a job well done. Do come along at 10am.

### April 18 Sunday

A Bread and Spread lunch to raise funds for the MWF Special Project. Held over from last year the MWF are still working for St John Ambulance and refugees in Lebanon. After the service there will be lovely fancy breads provided and you just bring your favourite topping to go on the bread. There will be a basket for donations.

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or just search 'Te Awamutu Methodist Church'

**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please. Phone 07 871 3554 or email lyncol.pinkerton@gmail.com**  
**Please note - I will be putting the bulletin together early this week before we go away for a family Easter so please have any notices to me by Wednesday morning, or preferably Tuesday night. Many thanks, Lynn**

## Weekly Newsletter – 28th March 2021

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

**Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu**



### Palm/Passion Sunday

I sometimes have two of our grandchildren over for a "Grandma Craft Morning". This last week we made Jesus riding on a donkey and I told them the Bible story. To my question "Why do you think Jesus chose to ride into the city on a donkey" the seven year old immediately said, "His choice," and then added, "Everything happens for a reason". Then he added, "it was supposed to happen like that". This boy is well versed in his biblical knowledge! It prompted me to do some reflection after they had gone home. In a nutshell, Jesus rode a donkey to fulfil prophecy, to show he came in peace (horses were associated with warfare) and to identify with the people and show them that he came as a king who will serve and save the oppressed. I needed that refresher! *Lynn*



### Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Psalm 118.1-2&19-29](#) A psalm of procession to be sung as the king enters the city. The people celebrate and thank Lord because he is kind and always merciful.

[Mark 11.1-11](#) Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph riding on a donkey. Some people spread clothes on the road, others spread branches that they had cut. They shouted, "Hooray for God!"

### Alternative readings for Passion Sunday

[Isaiah 50.4-9a](#)

[Psalm 31.9-16](#)

[Philippians 2.5-11](#)

[Mark 14.1-15.47](#) or [Mark 15.1-39](#)

### Services coming up:

**March 28** 10am: Rev Shelley – Palm Sunday – Choir singing

**Holy Week Services:** – Tuesday, Wednesday –  
10am – Rev Shelley

**April 1** 7pm: Rev Shelley Maundy Thursday Service  
and shared meal

**April 2** 10am: Good Friday – Rev Shelley

**April 4** 10am: Easter Sunday – Rev Shelley

**April 11** Rev Shelley – Baptism (Cullen family)

**April 18** Lynn Pinkerton

**April 25** Rev Shelley – ANZAC

### Rest Home Services coming up:

**April 6** 2pm CHT Highfield - Rev Shelley

**April 18** Tamahere - Lynn

**April 30** Beattie Home - Rev Shelley

**Parish Council this month** is Tuesday April 20 at 2pm.



It is with much sadness that we feel the loss of Brice. We surround Judith and all of Brice and Judith's family with our love and prayers. Brice's funeral is here at 11.30 tomorrow, Monday. Attendee's are invited to bring fresh flowers to spread around Brice's casket.

And we pray for our Reverend Shelley as she prepares and leads our Holy Week and Easter services. It is a demanding time of the year for our presbyters and we pray for her good health, strength, wisdom, inspiration, restful sleep and a God-given peace.



Rev Shelley is offering a Reflective service on Tuesday and Wednesday this week in the church and invites us to join her. Monday's Reflective service is cancelled because of Brice's funeral.

On Thursday evening, Maundy Thursday, there is a service at 7pm, followed by a shared meal.

Our Good Friday service is at 10am, and our Easter celebration service on Sunday is at 10am also.

When people wanted him to tell them what God's realm was like, Jesus told them stories about their own lives. When people wanted him to tell them God's truth about something, he asked them what they thought. With all kinds of opportunities to tell people what to think, he told them what to do instead and showed them how to live: Wash feet. Give your stuff away. Share your food. Honour all God's children. Pray for those who are against you. Be the first to say, "I'm sorry." Being fully human in these ways became a full-time job for his followers. It became a vocation in itself, no matter what they happened to do for a living.

- Barbara Brown Taylor