

Weekly Newsletter – 16th May 2021

METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

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Those at the Margins...

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the wrongly accused, the ones who never catch a break, the ones for whom life is hard - for they are those with whom Jesus chose to surround himself. Blessed are those without documentation. Blessed are the ones without lobbyists. Blessed are foster kids and trophy kids and special ed kids and every other kid who just wants to feel safe and loved and never does. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are they who know there has to be more than this. Because they are right."

—Nadia Bolz-Weber, "Some Modern Beatitudes—A Sermon for All Saints Sunday" November 6, 2014, from her blog *Sarcastic Lutheran*.

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I came across four life lessons that Autumn teaches us –

- Autumn reminds us of the importance of letting go. It shows us that within the cycle of life there comes a time to let go and release those things that no longer serve us.
- Autumn reminds us of the impermanence of life. It reminds us that change is inevitable! Autumn shows us that far from shunning change nature achieves this transition effortlessly.
- The four seasons are great metaphors on the process of pain and healing. When life throws us into chaos we tumble into the change and transition of Autumn. When we are wounded and hurt we retreat and hunker down in the darkness of Winter. But there comes a time, just like Spring when we slowly start to re-emerge before the time comes when we finally lift our heads to the sun and emerge once again in the sunshine and laughter of Summer.
- Autumn is a beautiful time and yet many of us go about our lives too busy and distracted to notice. Use this stunning season as a reminder to live more mindfully. Pay attention to the colours of the sky, the falling leaves, the sound of frost beneath your feet. The birds whose songs still chirrup bright and clear.

https://earthmonk.guru/life-lessons_inspiration-from-the-colourful-season-of-transition/

So there's a bit of seasonal inspiration!

Lynn

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 – 26

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9 – 13

John 17: 6 – 19

Focus Readings for today: Psalm 150, 2 Chronicles 29: 25 - 30

Services coming up:

May 16 Rev Shelley – **Service of favourite hymns**

May 23 Rev Shelley – Pentecost and Wesley Day

May 30 Nan Russell – Trinity Sunday

June 6 Rev Shelley – Communion

June 13 Lynn Pinkerton

June 20 Rev Shelley – Disability Sunday

June 27 Rev Shelley – World Refugee Sunday

Rest Home Services coming up:

16 May: 4 pm Tamahere Eventide - Shelley

25 May (Tuesday): 2pm Highfield CHT

28 May (Friday): Beattie Home, Otorohanga

Our **wwwexplore service and supplied meal** this month is Friday May 28th at 6pm

A huge thankyou! to all who all who helped with last Sunday's service and who provided hospitality. It was a significant morning as we hosted the Anglicans and I'm sure you will agree that the service and the morning tea buzz afterwards had a great vibe. Thankyou everyone for helping to make that happen!

Parish Council this month is this Tuesday May 18 at 2pm



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We pray for others:

- We think especially this week of our people who are not able to continue attending our worship services. We pray that they will know that they are not forgotten and that they are much loved.



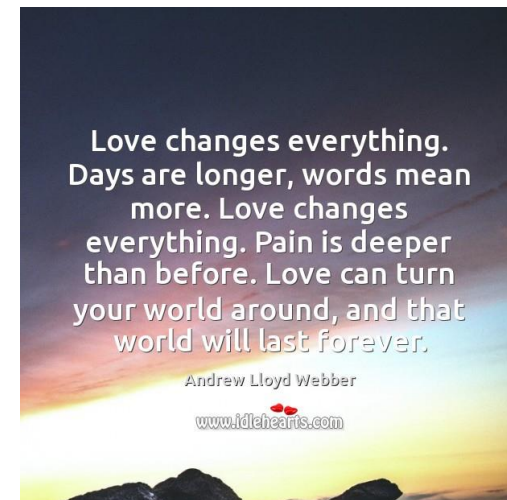
Our **Methodist Women's Fellowship** will meet Thursday **May 27**. This will be a 'Knitter/Natter' afternoon. We want to knit a knee rug for the Assisi Home. Bring 4mm (size 8) needles. Some wool will be supplied.

Concert

There is another lovely concert coming up. Tim Carpenter is bringing 60-70 young choristers to St John's Anglican Church on Sunday 23 May at 2 pm. Tickets \$20 at the door.

Recycling Batteries

If you have lots of old batteries around home, we are now providing a recycling container in the foyer so they can be disposed of safely.



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