

The Waikato-Wairiki Synod warmly invites you to –

Our Life Has It's Seasons
Autumn - a time of letting go and making room

Tuesday 4 – Wednesday 5 May
At Epworth Retreat and Recreation Centre

This is the event that has been known in the past as 'Refresh' and has been well attended by folk from our parish for the day on the Wednesday. There is an interesting and stimulating programme and the opportunity to make connections with people from our wider parish which is always enjoyable.

Pick up a brochure about this in the lounge and on the notice board for more details.



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Weekly Newsletter –2 May 2021

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

Church address: 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu



Autumn comes in all its fullness

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harvesting both land and hearts.
Autumn has its birth in winter
in the stillness where life starts.

*Every death brings hope of birthing,
every birth enfolds life's end,
for the seasons of our living
mirror patterns nature penned.*

Autumn gives us time for choosing
seeds which bear the richest fruits,
fragile life which we can nurture
into just or vain pursuits.

Buried in autumnal endings
lies the shoot that bursts the tomb,
for the letting go in autumn
sows the seed that births the bloom

William L. (Bill) Wallace

A special service

Lectionary Readings

Acts 8: 26-40
Psalm 22: 25-31
1 John 4: 7-21
John 15: 1-8

Services coming up:

April 30 wwwexplore service and supplied meal 6pm
May 2 Rev Shelley – Communion
May 9 Combined Service with Anglicans hosted by us
Rev Julie preaching - Mother's Day -
Song and closing Blessing by our choir
May 16 Rev Shelley
May 2 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 Service coming up:

30 April Beattie Home - Rev Shelley
16 May: 4 pm Tamahere Eventide - Shelley
25 May (Tuesday): 2pm Highfield CHT
28 May (Friday): Beattie Home, Otorohanga

We pray for others:



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-The situation in India where record numbers are being diagnosed and dying from Covid
- pray for those rolling out the vaccination programme
- for workers injured in serious accidents

On 9 May we are hosting the folk from St Johns Anglican Church for a combined service. Rev Julie Guest will be the preacher and it is also Mother's Day. We would like to extend hospitality to our visitors with a nice morning tea so it would be great if you could bring a plate of goodies to share with them.



Parish Directory

This is going to have an updated reprint. Could you please check your details and talk to Rev Shelley if any changes need to be made.

Help

If you notice anything around the building that is not working properly – doors that do not shut easily, or anything that is broken, please make sure to tell Peter or Colin so that things can be fixed before they get worse.

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.

Time to smile

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colours yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what colour it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colours yourself!"

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied. "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 – 6."

