

Weekly Newsletter – 9th May 2021

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

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“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who no one else notices. The kids who sit alone at school to eat their lunch. The laundry guys at the hospital. The sex-workers and the night shift street sweepers. Blessed are the losers and the babies and the parts of ourselves that are so small. The parts of ourselves that don't want to make eye contact with a world that only loves the winners. Blessed are the forgotten. Blessed are the closeted. Blessed are the unemployed, the unimpressive, the underrepresented. Blessed are the teens who have to figure out ways to hide the new cuts on their arms. Blessed are the meek. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you.”—Nadia Bolz-Weber, "[Some Modern Beatitudes—A Sermon for All Saints Sunday](#)"

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A huge welcome to our sisters and brothers from our St John's Anglican Church. We are delighted to have you worshipping with us and a special welcome to Rev Julie as our preacher this morning. We are all invited to share morning tea together after the service.

And we hold a special place in our hearts for mothers this morning. In recognising mothers, we are aware of the large number of people in our communities living in alternative family situations. Families can come in many different shapes and sizes and there are many routes you can take to achieve a family. An alternative family is a non-traditional family. A traditional family consists of a married male and female (husband and wife) and their biological children. Same-sex parents, single parents, co-parents, heterosexual couples who used donor sperm/eggs, adoptive parents and foster parents are all seen as 'alternative' families as they differ from the norm.

<https://www.prideangel.com/Information-Centre/Parenting/Alternative-Families.aspx>

Especially close to my heart this year is the heartache and grief of multiple miscarriages in the face of a desire to start a family.

So this morning we celebrate, we honour, we encourage, we support, we travel grief journeys with and we extend love to

Mothers!

Lynn

**Notices for next Sunday's bulletin to Lynn please
Phone 07 871 3554 or email lyncol.pinkerton@gmail.com**

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Acts 10.44-48](#) While Peter is explaining the gospel to a group of Gentiles, they receive the Holy Spirit and start speaking in tongues. Peter commands them to be baptised.

[Psalm 98](#) Sing a new song to the Lord who works miracles and shows the nations his power.

[1 John 5.1-6](#) We are God's children if we believe that Jesus is the Messiah. God's children love one another. They love God and keep his commandments.

[John 15.9-17](#) Jesus says to his disciples that they didn't choose him, he chose them. He calls them to produce fruit by loving each other and obeying him.

Services coming up:

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 – **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



Next Sunday – Come along and sing the favourite hymns that have been requested. The choir will also be singing some of their favourites.

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 **www.explore service and supplied meal** this month is Friday May 28th at 6pm



A Prayer of Blessing for All Mothers

Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under Your care.

Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Parent.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/mother-s-day-prayers-to-encourage-and-uplift.html>

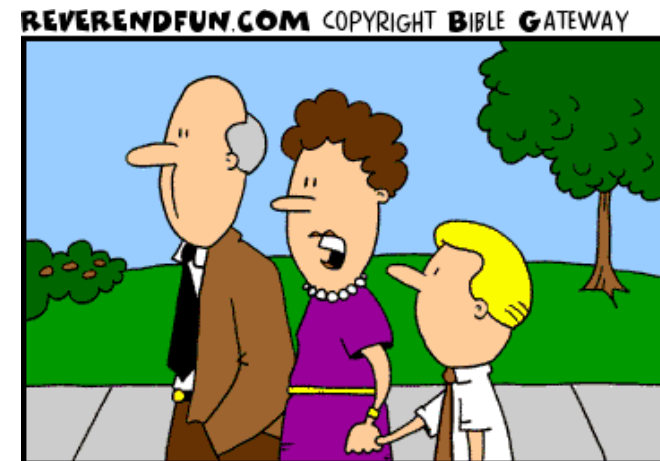
Parish Council this month is Tuesday May 18 at 2pm

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.

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.



YOUR FATHER HAS AGREED TO STAY AWAKE IN CHURCH TODAY SINCE IT IS MOTHER'S DAY ... IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU WOULD DO THE OPPOSITE FOR ONCE