

You are invited

For a while now the Anglican Parish of St. John has been offering the chance for people to go on a pilgrimage within our parish, led by Bishop David Moxon. Travel is by bus with the first stop being Pirongia to hear the story of the early missionaries. The second stop is Old St. John's church in Te Awamutu and a talk on the rich history of that building. Lunch is shared in the church lounge before moving on to the final stop at St. Paul's church at Hairini and the story of Rangiaowhia. At each stop there is prayer and reflection.

On Sunday 17th. October (the day of our next combined Anglican/Methodist service), we have organised a pilgrimage for our own parish, and we would love you to join us. The bus will leave St. John's at 11.45 to travel to the first pilgrimage point in Pirongia, where we will also have lunch (B.Y.O.), then back to Te Awamutu and Hairini, returning to Te Awamutu about 5 p.m.

The cost will be about \$25 (includes cost of the bus and koha to Bishop David). An early indication of interest would be appreciated so we know what size bus to book. It is important that we all travel together as Bishop David gives talks on the bus.

Contact Stephanie Owen 07-871-3400 to express interest or to book.

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Season of Creation Humanity Sunday

Humans are inherently social creatures; we are biologically, cognitively, physically and spiritually wired to belong. Much like the relationship we have with ourselves, our relationship with others is conducive to happiness and fulfilment, providing meaning and purpose in the everyday. In an increasingly isolated and digitally engaged world, we all need real connection more than ever, and the profound impact of both human & social connectivity shouldn't be overlooked.

<https://zoella.co.uk/2020/09/03/the-importance-of-human-connection-and-how-to-feel-it/>

“Connection is not an exchange of information. It’s an exchange of humanity. It’s an exchange of emotion”

SEAN STEPHENSON

Our ‘exchange of humanity’ has been more challenging through lockdown. Maybe it has made us more aware of the need to make a conscious effort to connect. Maybe it has encouraged us to find new ways we as humans can ‘vibe’ with other humans and to feel the benefits of that exchange of humanity in our everyday lives.

It is good to be physically present with others at church this morning, even behind masks!

Lynn

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Proverbs 1.20-33](#) Wisdom personified shouts out, warning people to listen to her advice.

[Psalm 19](#) A psalm in praise of the creator God and of his Law. "The heavens keep telling the wonders of God, and the skies declare what he has done."

[James 3.1-12](#) James talks about the importance of controlling the tongue. It is like a spark that can start a forest fire.

[Mark 8.27-38](#) After Peter declared that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus told the disciples that he must suffer and die. He then told the crowd and the disciples, "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me."

Focus readings for today:

Genesis 1:26-28, 2: 7-8, 15, 19

Mark 10:42-45

Services coming up:

Back in church this Sunday – Yay! The Spring Flower service is deferred until October 3. Probably a bit late for daffodils but hopefully there will be other flowers around to stand in for them.

Season of Creation:

Sept 12 Humanity Sunday – Rev Shelley

Sept 19 Sky Sunday – Rev Dr Susan

Sept 26 Rev Shelley – Mountain Sunday

October 3 Rev Shelley – Communion – Spring Flower service

October 10 Rev Shelley

October 17 Combined Service at Saint John's Anglican church
Rev Shelley preaching

October 24 Rev Shelley (*Labour Weekend*)

October 31 Nan Russell

Our **wwwexplore** service and meal is still on hold until a reduction in Alert level and clarification as to when we are able to share a meal.

Parish Council this month is Tuesday September 20th at 2pm. If you have anything that you want the Council to discuss then please share it with Rev Shelley, Nynke or Trevor.

Congratulations Shelley!

Remember when we were the venue for the Induction of the Superintendency Team for Waikato Waiariki Synod on 2nd Feb, conducted by President Rev Andrew Doubleday?

Our Rev Shelley has now been appointed to this Team as the presbyter on the team. This is a one-year appointment, additional to her parish hours.

Deacon Margaret Birtles, Viv Whimster & Rev Shelley are the 'Super Team'.

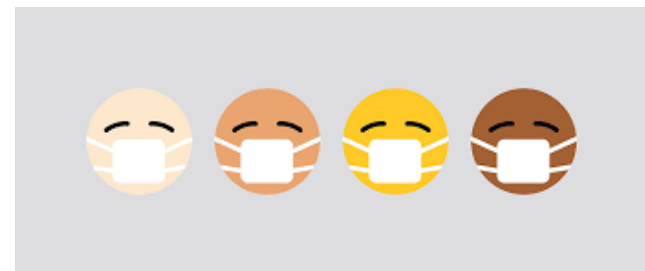


We pray for-

- Rev Shelley as she takes up her role on the 'Super Team'
- Perhaps we could choose a local business to focus on and pray for as they struggle to survive in the current environment.
- Our elderly experiencing preventive isolation from loved ones

Church Annual Meeting

The AGM is going to be held on 26 September following the service. Hopefully all convenors have their reports to Rev Shelley now.



"Faith and Joy
are just as contagious as fear and panic. Choose well."