

## 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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## Weekly Newsletter – 5th September 2021

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

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I know there is lots about the season of winter that is positive and that God's seasons are reliably and beautifully ordered but my favourite part of winter is when it is over as I struggle to cope with cold temperatures. Lockdown has motivated me a little – just a little! – to do some spring cleaning and sorting. I sorted all my recipe books, folders, falling-apart scrapbook, and random recipe pages that I had saved from magazines and newspapers with the thought that I would try them "one day". A very special item was my Mum's old recipe book with all her recipes handwritten in fountain pen on well-thumbed pages. Many of the recipes had the names of the people from whom that recipe had come and they hold many memories as do the recipes themselves. But what a lot of sugar we used to eat! Puddings with every meal and cakes and biscuits for morning and afternoon teas. In the back of the book is "A recipe for stiffening petticoats" (gelatine and water) and "Colostrum for piglets and lambs" (cows milk, egg, glucose, cod liver oil). More childhood memories. That day disappeared for me in nostalgia, memories and a very thankful heart.



*Lynn*

## Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

[Proverbs 22.1-2,8-9,22-23](#) It is better to have a good name than to be rich. The Lord defends the poor and blesses those who share their food with them.

[Psalm 125](#) Those who trust in the Lord will not be shaken. "The Lord protects his people by holding them in his arms."

[James 2.1-17](#) James warns against treating rich people better than others. "Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!"

[Mark 7.24-37](#) Jesus responded to a Greek woman's faith and by healing her daughter. Then a man who was deaf and could hardly talk was brought to Jesus and he was also healed.

## Services coming up:

In these times of Covid uncertainty we don't know when we can resume our worship services. In the meantime we look ahead to what we have planned.

### Season of Creation:

**Sept 5** – cancelled

**Sept 12** – Rev Shelley – Spring Flower Service – Humanity Sunday

**Sept 19** Sky Sunday

**Sept 26** Rev Shelley – Mountain Sunday

**October 3** Rev Shelley – Communion – Blessing of the Animals

## We pray for-



- Those of our folk who have had birthdays in lockdown including some 'special' milestones (Dianna, Alwyn among others, maybe some family members ..... )
- Families being kept apart by border closures especially those with no foreseeable end and those affected by tight resthome restrictions
- The people of West Auckland severely affected by flooding this last week



Dear friends,

Another Sunday when we can't gather in our church building, but one when we can gather as the people of God wherever we happen to be! I hope you and those in your bubbles are well and coping with this extended period of social distancing. We miss our Communion Service this month, but it will be even more a celebration when we are able to meet again.

Government and Church guidelines keep our buildings closed until at least Level 2; so we keep ourselves and others protected by continuing to 'Worship at Home'. I hope you are finding the resources useful and thought-provoking. This week I have included an essay by an American writer, asking the question "Where do you come from?" She finishes with the conclusion: Where do we come from? We come from the best of beginnings. We come from a glorious Creator. We come from the loving heart of God.

I hope you enjoy the article, and find something to think about during the week.

Keep in touch with one another, and remember if you need assistance getting groceries or other essentials, please let us know.

May the God who walks with us, sings with us, and struggles with us, be with you each and every day. Amen.

Shelley

## Church Annual Meeting

The AGM is going to be held on 26 September following the service. Would Convenors of all groups please get their Annual Reports to Rev Shelley by 12 September so she has time to collate them into a booklet.

### A quote for Father's Day -

When I was a boy of 14 my Father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around.  
But when I got to be 21 I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

*Mark Twain*