

Waikato Waiariki Unite

Youth Service at Matamata Union Parish

On the 20th August 2017, the St Johns Methodist Youth Group represented WaikatoWaiariki Unite in leading the Youth Service held at Matamata Union Parish. Rev. Matafonua Langi, his family and the Matamata Union Parish warmly welcomed the Youth Group. The theme of the service was 'Cultivate', based on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13 & Luke 8). The young people were split into groups of four, each group representing each of the soils from the Parable of the Sower – the Pathway, Rocky, Thorny and Good soil. Our Youth Service was to encourage the church to cultivate His seed (Word of God) in good soil, as well as to appreciate the sower (Jesus), who continuously sows His seed on all four soils - His Grace can save us.

Thank you to Matamata Union Parish for welcoming us and giving us the opportunity to lead the service. Thank you for the great hospitality. May God's Blessings be with you all.



St Johns Youth Group with Rev. Matafonua Langi and some members of Matamata Union Parish.

Tauranga Youth Service

The theme of the youth service at Wesley, Tauranga was being different but being all Equal. The youth led all parts of the service they chose the songs and they wrote the prayers. Our Fijian brothers and sisters shared a song with us. The Tongan youth did not make it to Wesley, they stayed at our sister Church St Stephens. They took part in their combined service. The Wesley youth shared with the church what they have been doing for youth group - fun things and things to make a difference in our community. And shared the exciting things we have planned for the rest of the year. For the Reflection time, Rev Leigh Sundberg chaired a Youth panel. He asked the youth questions around our theme - being different but being all equal.