

8 April 2020

# Waikato-Waiariki on Wednesdays

*Ka ora pea au i a koe, ka  
ora koe i a au.*

*Perhaps I survive  
because of you, and you  
survive because of me.*

*Aua le atuatuvaile o  
outou loto, ia outou  
fa'atuatua ile Atua, ia  
fa'atuatua mai foi ia te  
a'u.*

*Do not let your hearts be  
troubled. You believe in  
God, believe also in me.  
(John 14.1)*

Kia ora e te whānau! It's likely that Holy Week 2020 is unlike any other that you and I have ever experienced. We're living in fearful and uncertain times and are physically separated from many of the things that give our lives meaning and purpose.

Yet we remain the people of God, a people who believe that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out. We are an Easter people with an Easter faith so let us "rise to dream, to love, to dance and to live". Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

## News

Keep updated with the Methodist Church of New Zealand's Pandemic Plan. New updates are issued on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and can be found at [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz)

## Staying connected

Synod Executive is meeting by Zoom every Saturday morning while New Zealand remains at Alert Level 4. We are staying in regular contact with all of the churches under our care. Please get in touch if you have any worries, concerns or issues that need addressing.

## Options for worship

As we approach Easter congregations are exploring creative ways of worshipping together.

- check out "Resources to sustain us" at [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz) for a list of Zoom & live-streaming services
- if you are interested in the Chartwell Cooperating Church's Insight Service please contact [sharon@chartwellchurch.org.nz](mailto:sharon@chartwellchurch.org.nz)
- the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand has a link to family worship activities at

<https://engageworship.org/engage-at-home-daily-family-prayer-and-worship-activities>

## Prayers

“For just being your children, none of whom have done a global pandemic before, love us.

For the days ahead, accompany us.

God unbound by time, help us to know that you are already present in the future we are fearing.”

(Nadia Bolz-Weber)

## Community support

Many Hamilton churches support the Hamilton Foodbank with gifts of food. If you would like to continue this support with a donation, you can do so using the Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank Trust’s ASB bank account: 12-3122-0122595-01.

## Notices

The Synod **Treasurers Day** which was to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April has been postponed. If you had specific questions for Peter van Hout, please contact Margaret Giles ([pmgiles@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pmgiles@xtra.co.nz)). Peter is willing to set up a Zoom meeting to answer these.



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