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# Waikato-Waiariki on Wednesdays

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*Nāu te rourou, nāku te  
rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.*

*With your food basket and  
my food basket the people  
will thrive.*

*“he na’a ku fiekaia, pea  
mou omi ha’aku kai; na’a  
ku fie inu pea mou ‘omi  
haku inu; na’a ku ‘aunofo,  
pea mou fakaafe’l au;*

*for I was hungry and you  
gave me food, I was thirsty  
and you gave me  
something to drink, I was a  
stranger and you  
welcomed me” (Matthew  
25.35)*

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Kia ora e te whānau! As we head into a further week under Alert Level 4 life is getting tougher for many people. This week’s edition of our Synod newsletter focuses on the ways we can support others.

## News

Keep updated with the Methodist Church of New Zealand’s Pandemic Plan at [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz)

For details about New Zealand’s Alert Levels go to the Government website [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

## Staying connected

Synod Executive continues to meet by Zoom every Saturday morning. Please get in touch if you have any worries, concerns or issues that need addressing. Those in ministry are meeting by Zoom with Susan and Viv every fortnight to stay updated, share ideas and offer each other pastoral and spiritual support.

## Worship options

Some of our local congregations have been learning new skills and going online over the last few weeks. Check out:

- Easter dramas and reflections on the Hamilton East Methodist Church’s website
- YouTube worship ‘behind locked doors’ posted on the Wesley Methodist Church, Tauranga website
- parish Facebook pages (Te Awamutu, Matamata, Taupo ...)

## Community Support

Many people are struggling during these difficult times. If you need help or want to support those who are helping others, the following may be useful contacts:

- Waikato Welfare Call Centre 0800 800 405 (doing needs assessment around basic needs)
- Tauranga Foodbank, Nicki Goodwin 07 578 9888 (has a need for monetary donations)
- K'aute Pasifika, 022 697 9811 (is providing food parcels from St John's, Hamilton East)
- Waikato Women's Refuge, Te Whakaruruhau 07 855 1569 (call anytime for help 24/7)
- Community Law Waikato 0800 529 482 (free legal help for people who are unable to afford access to justice)

## Prayers

"blessed are the domestic violence victims, on lock down with abusers, the homeless and refugees ...

blessed are the ones whose jobs are lost, who have no savings, who feel fear of the unknown gnawing,

blessed are those in grief, especially who mourn alone, blessed are those who have passed into the Great Night ..."

("Praise Song for the Pandemic", Christine Valters Paintner)

Do all the good YOU CAN.  
 BY all the means you can.  
 IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.  
 IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN.  
 At all the times YOU CAN.  
 To ALL THE PEOPLE you can.  
 AS LONG as you ever can.

John Wesley

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