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Waikato-Waiariki on Wednesdays

He waka eke noa.

*We are all in this
together.*

*"Ia fa'apupulaina mata o
outou loto, ina ia outou
iloa le uiga o le
fa'amoemoe ua i lona
valaau mai, ma le uiga o
le faulaigamea lelei o i
lana tofiga ua silisili mo
le au paia.*

*I pray that the eyes of
your heart may be
enlightened in order that
you may know the hope
to which he has called
you, the riches of his
glorious inheritance in
his holy people."
(Ephesians 1.18)*

Kia ora e te whānau! This week New Zealand entered Alert Level 3 and we've been reminded of the need to resist becoming complacent so we can finish what we started.

At the same time our minds are starting to turn to the future. What lessons have we learnt from the rāhui/lockdown? What might we keep on doing differently? How do we want the church and the world to be when this crisis is over?

News

Keep updated with the Methodist Church of New Zealand's Pandemic Plan at www.methodist.org.nz This gives details about our church response under Alert Level 3. Please note the following points have recently been clarified:

- external checks of church property are OK but cleaning of the church is not yet permitted
- it is preferable to hold funerals (limited to 10 people or under) in funeral directors' premises - if churches are used high levels of hygiene & physical distancing must be maintained

Staying connected

Have you signed up to Zoom yet? Would you like to but aren't sure how to go about it? Take a look at www.zoom.us to see how to sign up for free. If you would like some one-to-one help contact Jenny or Susan for an over the phone lesson!

Notices

It's unlikely that we will be holding **District Wesley Day** services this year. However we are in conversation with the Presidential Team about the possibility of them supplying a video resource which parishes can use on the 24th May for their own services.

Synod Executive is exploring whether we might hold **District Synod** on 5 June as a Zoom meeting. This could be a valuable chance to touch base with each other and think about church in a post-Covid 19 world. We'll keep you posted!

Community Support

Hamilton-based community organisations have set up a new website to provide people with health and well-being support. Check out www.heretohelpu.nz for ways to help and be helped.

Prayers

“For those whose lives have been difficult, may our songs be springs of hope.

For those whose lives have been easy, may our songs inspire them to serve others ...

For those whose lives have never included the sacred, may our songs be a glimpse of the Holy.

For those who don't know what is next, may our songs be a lamppost on their journey.”

(Brian Hehn www.queersacredmusic.com)



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