

**We give thanks for Gillian's Ministry**

**Gillian brings to a close her time as a Minister. She was ordained in December 1994 as a Presbyterian Minister. The last 10 years Gillian has served under the 'Methodists' - 6 years at Crossroads, Papakura and 4 years on a 60% basis for Morrinsville Methodist. Today we acknowledge the part she has played in Morrinsville Parish.**

**Gillian and her husband Derek quickly settled into Morrinsville, a rural parish. They have both mixed well, particularly with the other churches - attending a weekly 'Prayers for Morrinsville' held at St Matthews and sometimes in our Centre. Gillian has served on the Tamahere roster and is a member of the Waikato Chaplaincy Committee.**

**Members have been particularly grateful for Gillian's prayers – one Sunday the fire siren sounded and Gillian immediately prayed for those needing to answer the emergency call.**

**Though we have only 2 children attend Sunday worship on a regular basis, and occasionally visiting children, Gillian invites them up the front, for a story and prayers, and of course some paper work for them to do during the rest of the service**

**In times of need Gillian has been supportive to all. For the Friday study and prayer group Gillian has been the leader.**

**We have appreciated the skills Derek brought in his partnership with Gillian. He has been able to set up the data projector, find hymns on the website and prepare the Sunday power point. This was awesome and relieved others of this task.**

**Derek has been an exceptional support person for Gillian and our Parish> He has been on the local Bible Society Committee.**

**Gillian and Derek's time in Morrinsville has been appreciated by our congregation and they will be sorely missed. The Parish has enjoyed working with them and wish them well in their retirement, as they leave Morrinsville.**

**God bless you both in the days ahead.**