



ST STEPHEN'S METHODIST CHURCH

19 February 2012

MINISTER:

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WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Welcome to St Stephen's this morning. Our service will be conducted by Mr Laurie Bell. Thank you Laurie.

NOTICES:

- Leaders' meeting 1.15 p.m. Tuesday, 21 February.
- Shortly the Op Shop will be relocating to St Stephen's basement. Organisation for this move is well underway. However we would like a few more volunteers to give up a few hours of their time to work in the shop. If you or your friends can help please see Ngairé or Colleen this morning or ring during the week. Thank you.

Thank you to all in the Parish for your love and support following the death of my father Roy Webster. We are grateful for the prayers, cards, messages etc to our family from the Church family. *Nola and Ralph Vickers*

Roster for 26 February 2012

Minister	M. Fakatou
Steward	A. Waters
Musician	G. Ormsby
Door	L. Bell, N. Vickers
Sacrament	
Reader	A. Booth
Sound	C. Jenkins
Morning Tea	A & D Booth



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May you find this service of music and words refreshing to your soul; and in this place of worship may you find the time and the space to connect with God.

Wesley Faith Community: a place to belong

Kia Ora. Malo e lelei. Bula Vinaka. Talofa lava. Kia Orana. Namaste. Guten Morgen. Huro. Goeiemôre. Greetings.

Welcome to our worship service at Wesley and a special welcome to you if you are visiting us for the first time.

In today's service we are celebrating Jesus' transfiguration as he was hiking with three of his disciples up a high mountain. The Celtic Traditions speak of *'thin places'*. A *'thin place'* is where connection between the ordinary and the holy seems so easy. This *'thin place'* experience, which left the disciples so amazed, was also an encouragement to them; and can also encourage us now as we journey towards Lent.

You are all invited to stay for morning tea at the hall afterwards. Please make yourself known to us as we would like to get to know you.

Reader: Fiona Harker **Prayers:** Keith Harman

KIDZ TALK

Some of us managed to get quite wet in the rain this week! Did you know that there is a special surface on a lotus leaf which means it always stays dry; not only that, when the water runs off, it takes all the dirt and dust with it! Isn't that amazing!

Diary for 20 - 26 February - 2012

Tue	21	9.45 a.m. sharp	MWF and friends meet in the lounge for morning tea, then to Classic Flyers Museum. \$3 for cars, \$5 entry, lunch optional. Please put your name on the sheet in the narthex today or ring Edna 570.0013
Wed	22	10.00 a.m.	Walking Group meets at Wesley Church. Contact Lois 571.2911 or Peter 579.5051.
		2.30 p.m.	Club 72 in the lounge
		7-9 p.m.	Lenten Study Group at Ngaire Southon's.

**Sunday 26 February
Morning Worship 9.30 a.m.
Led by Ngaire Southon**

Reader: Mary Davies **Prayers:** Alan Robert

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 26 February

Gen 9: 8-17; Ps 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mk 1: 9-15

Wesley Kidz and Youth Term 1 programme continues after our time in church.

After church, join us at Memorial Park for a picnic from 12 noon to 2pm - ish! Meet at Fraser Street entrance - bring your food and drink, outdoor games, and some money if you want to play mini-golf or ride on the miniature railway. If wet, event postponed to Sunday 1 April. More information from Viv 578 6056.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

This year, study group will meet on the six Wednesdays of Lent to think about the film *The King's Speech* and how it could possibly relate to the Easter story. The first meeting is on **22 February**, Ash Wednesday, at 56 Robins Road, from **7:00 - 9:00** (note the longer time) when we will watch the film together.

Contact Ngaire Southon 578 7119 or

nгаire@southon.net



TABLE TALK: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

is an opportunity for people to meet together on a Sunday evening, about once a month, from 5:30 - 7:30 in the Wesley Lounge, to eat, talk and think together.

Everyone is welcome! If you have special dietary considerations which make it difficult to eat with others, or other commitments which make it hard to come for meals, then simply come along at 6:15 and join us to hear the guest speaker.



This month, **26 February**, join us at Gray and Ngaire Southon's home: 56 Robins Road, Judea, for a pot-luck BBQ and salads. Welcome back to the "old hands", welcome to any new folk, and welcome back, too, to Jeremy and Viv Whimster - who will tell us a little about their three months in Cambridge, England, and why they were there!

ADVANCE NOTICE



The annual ecumenical World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 2nd March at Greerton Bible Church, where Fraser St & Oropi Rd meet Chadwick Rd - opposite roundabout. Morning tea at 10 am, service to follow at 10.30. Wesley will be participating - theme "Let Justice Prevail" prepared by Malaysia WD of P Committee. All welcome

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Christmas Food parcels in both groceries and cash donations. The total grocery order cost \$1850 and we received \$1570 in cash donations. This meets the cost once GST is returned and affirms that this outreach is well supported by Wesley congregation. Your sharing is very much appreciated by the recipients.

At present we are low on instant coffee, tea, sugar (500g), cans of spaghetti (400g), rice and pasta.

Sincerely, Community Concerns Committee

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!

Do you enjoy creative liturgy?

Or would you like to contribute your insights to worship services?

Seasons of the Spirit is offering a unique opportunity to join one or both of two exciting writing events as a writer or discussion participant!

Susan Burt, Coordinating Editor of Seasons of the Spirit will be leading these writing events to create resources with a New Zealand flavour for Lent-Easter 2014 for the SeasonsFUSION (which is sometimes used for worship at Wesley).

Friday 2 March 9.30am to 3.30pm

Saturday 3 Mar 9.30am to 5.00pm

at St John's Methodist Church, Hamilton East

and

Friday 1 June 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Saturday 2 June 9.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday 3 June 12noon to 4.00pm

at Wesley Methodist Church,

To register and for more information please contact Viv Whimster
07 578 6056 (home), 021 137 2349 (mob) or email jvwhim@actrix.co.nz.

As you can see, Wesley will be hosting the June event (Queen's Birthday Weekend). If you feel you could support us by helping provide a plate or serve morning or afternoon teas for this, please let Viv know.

Beginning BBQ Bonanza



First Whateval event of 2012.

Saturday 18th March from 4.00-7.30 pm

See notice board or talk to Fiona for more information

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