

St Paul's Presbyterian Church
'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

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'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'

Sunday July 12th, 2020

*It is delightful that you are here as we worship God together this morning. Please join in reading the **words in bold italic type** if you would like to. Where you see a * please stand if you are able.*

First Service: 9.15am - Murray Arnold

Second Service: 10.30am - Rev Sally Carter

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Anyoung haseyo, Malo elelei,

Ni hao, Ohayo gozaimasu, Fakaalofa atu!

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome!

Call to Worship:

The Creator has planted seeds in
all of us,

*May we nurture good deeds and
loving-kindness.*

Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual
fruit,

*May we bless and build up
others for the reign of God.*

The Holy Spirit moves in us,
encouraging us to grow

*May we be nurtured, may we be
blessed and may we grow in this
time of worship.*

*Hymn: Lord of Creation (WOV
557)

Telling our story:

Prayers:



First Reading: Romans 8:1-11 *read by Joy Claridge*

Response: Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me,
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
move among us all,
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love.
humble, caring,
selfless, sharing
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18 -23

Address:

***Hymn: Blessed Jesus, we are here (WOV 352)**

Prayers of intercession: *followed by the Lord's Prayer - you can use this version or the one dearest to you. Led by Jan Robinson*

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
for the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever. AMEN.***

Notices:

Offering: *Holy mystery we name God,
we bring the bustle of each day,
the energy created by our work,
the enthusiasm of our eager hearts.
May our joy in following Jesus strengthen us
that our living may also extend
your hospitality and compassion
to our neighbours. Amen.*

***Hymn: Great and deep the Spirit's purpose** (*Tune Hyfrydol*)

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery;
Nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds -
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
grasps new meanings from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today;
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
all God's children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth.
And a million million voices
speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
in the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

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Benediction:

Sung blessing: God speed you on your way

God speed you on your way,
safe keep you ev'ry day,
give you wing, cause to sing,
all this we wish and pray.

God give you space to thrive,
all senses kept alive,
health and hope, means to cope,
joyfully to arrive.

God lead you to the new,
places and points of view,
roads to take, friends to make,
more life to travel through.

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THIS WEEK'S NOTICES 12th July 2020

Helping Today

Elders: Penny Marshall, Jill McConnochie

Managers: Helen McClymont, Stan Mulder, Ros Kieran

Bible Reader: Anne Loan, Joy Claridge

Musician: Peter Williams

Morning Tea: Sarah MacLean, Christine Woodward

Flowers: Rae Wildbore

Grounds: Frank Carter, Steve Dickson

Helping Next Week

Elders: Marion Fell, Ella Haigh

Managers: Sylvia Low, Margaret Greig, Ray Young

Bible Reader: Meg Sillay

Musician: Pam Clare

Morning Tea: Anne and Richard Loan

Flowers: Ros Kieran

Grounds: Murray and Lynne Arnold

What's On This Week

Prayer Focus: Let us pray for:

- * Ministry among us: Prison Ministry
- * Partners in God's mission of love: Napier Food Bank
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City Churches: St John's Cathedral of Waiapu
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: Knox Ahuriri
- * People around the world: As we cope with the Covid 19 pandemic.
- * For people of all faiths and none: in Aotearoa as Matariki begins.

Daily Bible Readings:

Monday: Psalm 142; Micah 1:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tuesday: Psalm 142; Jeremiah 49:7-11; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Wednesday: Psalm 142; Obadiah 15-21; Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Hebrews 6:13-20

Saturday: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Exodus 14:9-25; Matthew 7:15-20

Keeping you in the Loop: available as usual in the foyer.

COVID19 Service

On Sunday **12th July** at 3pm there will be a service at the War Memorial Centre in Napier to provide a space for families who have suffered a bereavement during the COVID-19 lockdown period to gather together and offer a space for mourning. All are welcome to come. The service is an initiative of the Napier City Council and local funeral directors, led by Bishop Andrew Hedge and supported by Napier Inner City Covenant Churches.

Care and Share: The July meeting will be held in the Church Lounge on Monday, **20th July** from 1.30pm onwards. Please bring your craft for the competitions and change and/or items for the Sales Table. Our theme is "Mid-Winter Christmas". All welcome. Any questions to Dorothy on 843 1266.

Napier Community Foodbank AGM: Will be held on Wednesday, **22nd July** at 1pm St Mary's Church Hall, Osier Road, Greenmeadows. Light refreshments to follow.

A Likely Lad: The Biography of Norman Lesser Archbishop of New Zealand, by Judy Mills. Norman Lesser was a major community figure in Napier during his 24 years Anglican Bishop of Waiapu, (1947-1971) with the last 10 years doubling as Archbishop of New Zealand. He was a colourful speaker and preacher in those heady days of wool and baby booms, lots of young families, new parishes and church buildings, and of course for Napier the construction, and paying off, of the Cathedral, which became a real symbol of the "resurrected" Napier city. Then in the 60s Norman Lesser led the Church through major social changes, including for the church, new liturgies, status of the divorced, the role of women, and Church Union debates. Senior members of your parish may have personal memories rekindled. More recent comers will recognise a very different era, but with lessons worth remembering. See the notice board for more information.

Public Forum on Cannabis Referendum Question

The EJP Network is organising a public forum on one of the referendum questions: the legalising of recreational cannabis. It will be held on Sunday **30th August**, from 2 -4pm at the EIT, Lecture Theatre 1. The Forum's speakers will come from a range of relevant sectors – legal, education, mental health, medical, law enforcement, and community services. They will speak from their specific expertise and work experience on the merits and/or lack of merits of legalising recreational cannabis. The aim of the forum is to help people become better informed, not to tell them which box to tick. (contact: 027 338 3591 (Ruth))

Foodbank: Currently short of baked beans and pasta and also very short of brown paper bags from click and collect or home delivery if you have any.

What's new on the Notice Board/Stand

- * Book Launch
- * A Likely Lad