

St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

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

10:00 am Service led by Lynne Arnold, Rev Sally Carter, and many others
The seventh Sunday in Easter Year C

Sunday 29th May, 2022

Marking the retirement of Rev Sally Carter from ministry among the people of St Paul's

*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.*

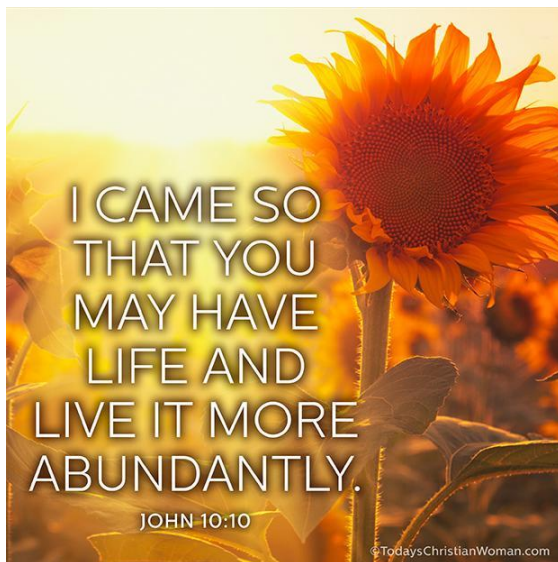
*Where you see a * please stand if you are able.*

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

Ni hao, Ohayo gozaimasu, Fakaalofa atu!

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome!

Call to worship



This is the place
and this is the time;
here and now God waits
to break into our experience:

***To change our minds,
to change our lives,
to change our ways;***

To make us see the world
and the whole of life
in a new light;

To fill us with hope,

***joy, and certainty
for the future.***

This is the place,
as are all places;
This is the time,
as are all times.

*O God of this place,
and every place,
God of this time,
and all time,
here and now,
we praise You. AMEN*

Hymn **Come One, Come All** *(video)*

Let all the earth come join the song
and join the dance for all belong.
Creation beats with willing heart,
so come on saints, let's play our part.

*Come one, come all
to life that's whole,
come one, come all,
to love that's full.*

The hills and rivers sound their praise,
and we join in for our God reigns.
Come to the table, eat your fill,
come rest by living waters, still.

So, take your place and know you're loved,
and spread the word, for there's enough,
to know our God and truly live,
creation was made for this.

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Prayers *led by Adair Oosterbroek*

This we pray with hope and in faith
We want to truly walk with You, our God.

Help us to be truly open, help us to know when we're not...

Show us what places in us need healing
and where our relationships need strengthening.

May we not be afraid of the deeper parts of our being
***Give us the courage to go there, confident that You will meet us in
those places,***

And lead us into wholeness and the flourishing you desire for us.
Amen.

Choir: Simply to be

Simply to be, to be in stillness,
simply to trust that God is here,
simply to know the Holy presence
is to be blessed; so am I blessed.

Simply to hold the given moment,
simply to lay concern aside,
simply to let the heart be speaking,
is to be blessed; so am I blessed.

So am I blessed within God's keeping,
so am I freed from pointless stress,
steadied to feel the soul replenished,
given this grace, folded in peace.

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Readings *Richard Loan and Anne Loan*

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 10:1-10

Address *Rev Sally Carter*

Song: Jesus unser Trost und Leben *Frank Carter*

Jesus, unser Trost und Leben der dem Tode war ergeben; der hat herrlich und mit Macht Sieg und Leben wiederbracht. Er ist aus des Todes Banden Als ein Siegesfürst erstanden. Alleluja! Alleluja!	<i>Jesus our consolation and life, Given over to death; He brought back victory and life gloriously and with power. He rose from the bonds of death as a victorious prince, Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>
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Alle Welt sich des erfreuet,
sich verjünet und verneuet,
alles, was lebt weit und breit,
leget an sein Freudenkleid,
ja, das Meer für Freuden wallet,
berg und Tal hoch von sich
schallet.
Alleluja! Alleluja!

*All the world rejoices, rejuvenates and
renews itself
Everything that lives far and wide puts
on its joyful dress.
Yes, the sea for joy dances, mountains
and valleys resound with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayers for the world followed by the Lord's Prayer *led by Kerry Marshall*

Notices: *Bruce Tucker*

Offering: *Lynne Arnold*

Time of Farewell: *led by Lynne Arnold*

Hymn: **Our life has its seasons** *(live)*

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow.

*(Chorus) But there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end.

Time to give thanks *Murray Arnold*

Time of farewell:

(Sally).....As I move into retirement, I carry with me all that I have learned here,

and am especially grateful for your friendship and care, which I will always cherish.

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to retire from ministry among us.

We express our gratitude for your time among us.

We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.

Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Hymn: The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

(Tune Hanover WOV 67 O worship the King)

The Kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory through Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter, the Kingdom shall grow.

The Kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The Kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the Good News, repent and rejoice.
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's Kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of his kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

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Benediction *Rev Sally Carter*

May God the Creator bless you and fill you with abundant life

May God the Son, be ever with you and guide you.

May God, the Holy Spirit,

equip you with everything good to do God's will.

And may you always know God's peace.

Sung blessing: May the God of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace;

singing, share our joy with all;

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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THIS WEEK'S NOTICES 29th May 2022

Helping Today

Greeters: Marion Fell & Ella Haigh

Offering: Liz Willis

Bible Readers: Richard & Anne Loan

Musician: Pam Clare

Flowers: Rae Wildbore & Alison Hancock

Grounds: Lynne & Murray Arnold

Helping next week Sunday 5th June

Greeters: Lynne & Murray Arnold

Offering: Janice Tucker

Bible Reader: Anne Loan

Musician: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Rae Wildbore & Helen Dunnett

Grounds: Mike & Bev Coghill

What's On This Week

Tuesday Jitterbugs Pre-school music from 9am.

Wednesday June 2022 newsletter release

Thursday Prayers in Church Lounge at 9.00am.

Friday Parish Lunch 12 midday at The Filter Room, Meeanee.

Prayer Focus: Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: **Office Admin Team**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Hospital Chaplaincy**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Napier Inner City Covenant**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **Mangapapa Union**

June Newsletter

The final touches are being added to the latest quarterly newsletter. The June edition will be available for delivery this **Wednesday 1st June**. The newsletter will also be sent out by email on that day. Any questions, please get in touch with Bridget at the church office stpaulsnapier@gmail.com.

Retiring Offering

The Child Sponsorship retiring offering will be taken up today at the end of the church service. Please give generously.

How about studying Revelation together?



Confused and confounded by the book of Revelation? Alarmed by those interpreting recent events as precipitating the end-of-the-world based on “biblical prophecy”? We have two spots available for a 4-week introductory study on the book of Revelation – starting this week on **Thursday 2nd June, meeting at 9:30am** in the Church Lounge. If you’re interested **please see Adair after the service today or call her on 022 461 9700.**

Parish Lunch Group

This month’s Parish Lunch will meet at noon this **Friday, 3rd June**, at **The Filter Room, Meeanee**. All are welcome. Please phone Jill, 8354656 if you would like to attend.

Bible Readings for Monday 30th May – Saturday 4th June

Monday, May 30, 2022: Ps 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40

Tuesday, May 31, 2022: Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

Tuesday, May 31, 2022: Ps 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29

Wednesday, June 1, 2022: Ps 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27

Thursday, June 2, 2022: Ps 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25

Friday, June 3, 2022: Ps 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10

Saturday, June 4, 2022: Ps 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17