

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 Ellie Burge

Pentecost 13, Sunday 4th September, 2022

*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!



Welcome:

Introduction and Notices:

Karakia:

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***Call to Worship:**

***Hymn: In this familiar place - (AA 72: Words & Music Colin Gibson)**

In this familiar place

I know the mystery of your grace.

For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,

I praise and thank you for this here and now.

In halting song and word

the music of your voice is heard.

Among these friends of mine

I taste the company divine.

Within this narrow sphere

I learn that you are everywhere

Opening Prayer:

Faith Slot: Brenda Silson

Peace:

***Hymn: Sing Praise and Thanksgiving (WOV25)**

Readings: Exodus 31: 1-6

1 Corinthians 12: 1, 3-12

Message: 'Gifts' by Ellie Burge

***Hymn: Take my gifts (AA 127)**

1 Take my gifts and let me love you,

God who first of all loved me,

gave me light and food and shelter

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gave me life and set me free.

Now, because your love has touched me,

I have love to give away,

now the bread of love is rising,

loaves of love to multiply.

2 Take the fruit that I have gathered

from the tree your Spirit sowed,

harvest of your own compassion,

juice that makes the wine of God,

spiced with humor, laced with laughter

flavor of the Jesus life,

tang of risk and new adventure,

taste and zest beyond belief.

3 Take whatever I can offer

gifts that I have yet to find,

skills that I am slow to sharpen,

talents of the hand and mind,

things made beautiful for others

in the place where I must be:

take my gifts and let me love you,

God who first of all loved me.

Prayer of Thanks and Prayers for Others *followed by the Lord's Prayer - you can use this version or the one dearest to you.*

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Offering:

***Closing Hymn:** When we walk with the Lord (WOV531)

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THIS WEEK'S NOTICES 4th September 2022

Helping Today

Greeter: Kerry Marshall

Offering: Helen McClymont

Bible Reader: Jill McConnochie

Musician: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Pam Clare & Marian Eagle

Grounds: Bruce Tucker

Helping next week Sunday 11th September 2022

Greeters: Lynne & Murray Arnold

Offering: Sylvia Low

Bible Reader: Bruce Tucker

Musician: Pam Clare

Flowers: Eleanor Holmes & Yvonne Dickson

Grounds: Lynne & Murray Arnold

What's On This Week

Tuesday Jitterbugs in Church Lounge from 9am.

Thursday Prayers in Church & Revelation Studies at 9am.

Prayer Focus: Let us pray for: -

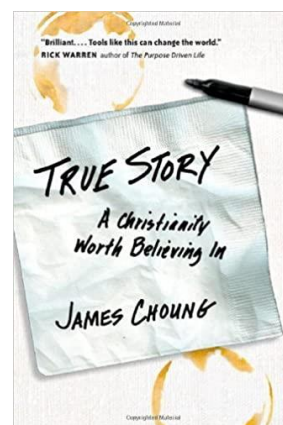
- * Ministry among us: **Care & Share**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Napier Family Centre**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Trinity Methodist Church**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **St Columba's Taradale**

Napier Food Bank/Nourished for Nil

Napier Nourished for Nil are low on supplies of **toast spreads (peanut butter, marmite, jam), any ready-made meals such as risotto, soup or pasta.** Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Faith Study – Coming Soon

Are you wondering how to talk about your faith in a way that connects? Do you wish you could frame the gospel in a way that speaks to the issues on the hearts of our young people? James Choung has a really helpful approach in his book, *“True Story – A Christianity Worth Believing In.”* St. Paul’s is offering a six-week study starting on 13th September around this excellent book. Please **see Adair if you’re interested 022 461 9700.**



Reports for AGM Meeting

St Paul’s annual AGM is due to be held at the beginning of October 2022. Please can all reports be forwarded to the church office by week ending **Friday 9th September.**

Personal Safety and Security

As some of you will be aware, recently various items within the Church have been meddled with, namely the sound system, organ and organ mirror which was removed twice with damage the second time.

This is a timely reminder of a good safety rule to keep doors locked if you are not able to sight and be aware of entry. If your group is holding a function, nobody else has a right of entry. This is solely your choice.

Remember to check windows are closed, heaters/air con are off and doors locked when leaving. Thank You.

The Stewardship Group for the Parish Council.

Why is it cold in church on Sunday?

The ongoing presence of covid and the winter flu in our community is a significant threat to all of us and the parish has an obligation to heed public health warnings to keep you safe. One of the key things we can do is ensure there is plenty of fresh air inside the building. This means keeping windows and doors open so that there is a flow of fresh air circulating. If you are using the lounge for a meeting, you should ensure fresh air is circulating – the air conditioning units don’t bring in fresh air,

they only recycle the air in the room hence the need to bring in fresh air. While we do have the heaters going, please feel free to bring a warm rug or blanket and wear warm clothing.

Quiz Fundraiser for Tearfund

St Columba's Church Taradale will be hosting **The Big Quiz Fundraiser** for Tearfund on **Saturday 1st October at 7pm** and will finish about 9pm. Bring a team or come on your own – there is a \$10 donation asked per participant but you can fundraise even more if you want via the website. Supper will be provided and there will be prizes for the winning team as well as Best Theme/Dress Up Table. For more information, visit the website here
<https://fundraise.tearfund.org.nz/fundraisers/brettwalker/big-quiz>

Bible Readings for Monday 5th September – Saturday 10th September

Monday, September 5, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Complementary: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Tuesday, September 6, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Complementary: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:9-18; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wednesday, September 7, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30

Complementary: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7; Luke 18:18-30

Thursday, September 8, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11

Complementary: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday, September 9, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Complementary: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Saturday, September 10, 2022:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21

Complementary: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 8:20-9:7; John 10:11-21