

## St Paul's Presbyterian Church

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

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

**10:00 am Communion Service** led by Adair Oosterbroek  
***Pentecost 14, 11th September 2022 - Season of Creation***

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:**

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,

**Let us rejoice and be glad.**

Surely God is in this place. This is none other than the house of God.

**Let us rejoice and be glad.**

Christ is the head of the Church. Through him all things are reconciled.

**Let us rejoice and be glad.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad**

**\*Hymn: Let All Creation Dance**

## Opening Prayer & Prayer of Confession

...Lord, we have learned to throw things away to drop in the bin anything we no longer want.

**Lord, we confess we have not always cared for this world.**

A truck comes and takes it away, so easy, so convenient, not my problem

**Lord, we confess that we haven't worried about our mess.**

**And the ruin that has caused your creation to groan. Forgive us our sin...**

Notices:

**Faith Slot:** Murray Arnold

**Reading:** Psalm 14

**\*Hymn:** **This is My Father's World**

**Address:**

**\*Song:** **Touch the Earth Lightly (video)**

**Prayers of Intercession** *followed by the Lord's Prayer*

...God, who listens to every living thing,

**Help us listen as you do.**

...God, in whom all creation subsists,

**Help us listen as you do.**

...God, to whom all creation responds,

**Help us respond to you.**

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**Help us respond to you.**

...God, who is present with your creation,

**Help us be present too.**

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...God, who listens to every living thing,  
**Help us listen as you do.**

**Amen**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and  
come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

*(Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa. This version of the Lord's prayer was influenced by Maori theologians)*

**Offering:**

***Faithful God,***

***let these gifts we present to you today***

***become seeds of your new creation:***

***planted in the needs of the world you love;***

***watered by tears and hope;***

***fed and strengthened by the glow of Christ's resurrection;***

*gathered home with joy and singing.*

*Amen.*

**Communion:**

...So too we now offer to God our thanks and praise

*It is good and right to give God thanks and praise*

*For the gift of life, for truth, and for love.*

...with those who have gone before us and those who will follow, saying

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

...You are like a mountain – like Aoraki and Ruapehu

*Standing as a beacon to guide us.*

You come to us as a river – like Waikato and Waitaki –

*a source of life flowing through our lives.*

You come as a tree of the forest – like kauri or tōtara -

*Standing strong when we fail,*

*Healing our world and environment.*

You sing to our souls like the birds – like korimako and tūī -

*singing the song of life and faith to us, encouraging us.*

You come to us as the wind, the cold southerly or warm norwester -

*tugging away at old habits and bringing fresh air and rain to*

*nurture a new future.*

...you surround us with your presence

*empower us to be your people and entrust us to do your will.*

...We thank you that we have been challenged and nurtured in the life of Jesus, whom we call teacher and Saviour.

*In Him we see the Light, Your Presence as one of us:*

...The teacher who shows the way;

*The healer who brings wholeness and life;  
The prophet who brings a new creation into our midst.*

...and your new creation is coming even as we pray:

*Spirit of God, come, work within us*

*Spirit of God, renew your creation*

*Spirit of God, feed us at this table of grace, love, and community...*

Thanks be to God: Christ makes us one.

The peace of Christ be with you all,

*And also with you.*

\*Hymn:            Beneath the Southern Cross

*From the ends of the earth, we will sing*

*God is here, the Kingdom is near*

*In the land of the long white cloud*

*Christ to dwell, Emmanuel*

*From north and south*

*From east and west*

*Beneath the Southern Cross we rest*

*Found by One*

*Who came for all*

*In this tale of spacious love, we're born*

*This whenua, on which we stand*

*This holy ground made by God's hand*

*Marred and scarred, Yet marked by grace*

*Held and healed, in Christ we find our place*

*From the ends of the earth, we will sing*

*God is here, the Kingdom is near*

*In the land of the long white cloud*

*Christ to dwell, Emmanuel*

*God of nations  
At thy feet  
In the bonds of love we meet  
Strangers once  
Now called as one  
Aotearoa, wake to greet this love*

*From the ends of the earth, we will sing  
God is here, the Kingdom is near  
In the land of the long white cloud  
Christ to dwell, Emmanuel (x2)*

*From north and south  
From east and west  
Beneath the Southern Cross we rest.  
Found by One  
Who came for all  
In this tale of spacious love, we're born*

Blessing

Benediction:

*Go gently, go lightly,  
go safe in the Spirit,  
live simply, don't carry  
much more than you need:  
go trusting God's goodness,  
go spreading God's kindness,  
stay centered on Jesus  
and where he will lead.*

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# Seven Practical Ways to Care for Creation

(from TearFund Australia)

## 1. Go outside

Connecting with creation and being reminded of God's goodness is a powerful way to motivate ourselves and others to care for our earth. Not only that, numerous research studies show spending time in creation is so good for us in many ways – mentally, physically and spiritually.

Make some time this week to spend time in nature and give thanks for this beautiful world God created. Plant something in the garden, walk in your local reserve or find a nearby hiking track. Share with a friend or family member what you saw, heard and experienced. Give thanks to God for creating such a precious and amazing world.

## 2. Pray

We may not have all the answers to the many challenges facing our world today, and this can feel overwhelming. A wonderful place to start is with prayer. You could pray in your own devotional time, around the dinner table as a family, or invite your church or small group to pray for God's creation.

## 3. Reduce your waste

One way of helping reduce the burden on creation is for us to reduce the amount of household waste we are sending to landfill. You don't have to do it all at once. Start by looking into the things that seem to be cropping up a lot in your waste bin, choose one of them, and research to see if there are any waste-free alternatives.

## 4. Learn more

One of the greatest injustices of our time is that the people least responsible for the impact on creation and climate are often the most vulnerable to its impacts. A key thing you can do to go deeper on your

journey of caring for God's creation is to learn more about the impact on our neighbours facing poverty.

## **5. Have better conversations**

Having a conversation about the importance of caring for God's creation or taking action on climate change can sometimes be a tricky one.

Katherine Hayhoe, a Christian climate scientist and author, says one of the best ways we can start a conversation on this issue can be focusing on what unites us. Find what it is that you share in common, from faith to family, community, love of nature, or wellbeing of others and begin there.

She writes: "By beginning with what we share and then connecting the dots between that value and a changing climate, it becomes clear how caring about this planet and every living thing on it is not somehow antithetical to who we are as Christians, but rather central to it."

## **6. Commit to ONE thing for ONE year**

Sometimes trying to do too much can feel overwhelming. What about starting with ONE thing and doing it for ONE year? Tearfund team member Sarah, chose to set herself a challenge not to buy any new clothes, shoes or accessories for twelve months.

## **7. Let our leaders know you care**

Speaking up to our leaders is a powerful way to make change on important issues like caring for creation.

Together we can reset towards a more just, compassionate and sustainable society.

Together we can build a world that reflects God's justice and desire for all creation to flourish.



## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES 11th September 2022

### Helping Today

**Greeters:** Lynne & Murray Arnold

**Offering:** Sylvia Low

**Bible Reader:** Bruce Tucker

**Musician:** Pam Clare

**Flowers:** Eleanor Holmes & Yvonne Dickson

**Grounds:** Lynne & Murray Arnold

### Helping next week Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Greeter:** Rae Wildbore & Margaret Greig

**Offering:** Liz Willis

**Bible Reader:** Michael Hamilton

**Musician:** Dorothy Finlayson

**Flowers:** Rae Wildbore

**Grounds:** Paul Hentschel

### 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: **Prison Ministry**
- \* Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Napier Food Bank**
- \* Partners in the Napier Inner City: **St John's**
- \* Parishes in our Presbytery: **Knox Ahuriri**

### Napier Food Bank/Nourished for Nil

Napier Nourished for Nil are low on supplies of **toast spreads (peanut butter, marmite, jam), and tinned spaghetti**. Thank you so much for your continuing support.

## Care and Share

This month's Care and Share gathering will be held in the Church lounge on **Monday, 19th September at 1.30pm**. We will be having an open discussion about what we are looking for in a new Minister and also making a Thrifty Garden Gift from succulents and cacti. All welcome. Any questions phone **Dorothy (06) 8431266**.

## Napier Repair Cafe



*An update and appreciation from the August* **REPAIR CAFÉ**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with the August Repair Cafe.

Here are the stats:

- 20 amazing volunteers (not including bakers)
- 38 people brought in 67 items for repair
- Of those 67 items, 50 were able to be repaired, that's almost a 75% success rate!! The replacement value of those items would have been approximately \$3,305.

The September Cafe will be on **Saturday 24th of September – 11:30am-2:30pm at Asher Hall**.

## Reports for AGM Meeting

St Paul's annual AGM is due to be held in October 2022. Please can all reports be forwarded to the church office as soon as possible.

## 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.

## **Quiz Fundraiser for Tearfund**

St Columba's Church Taradale will be hosting **The Big Quiz Fundraiser** for Tearfund on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Monday, September 12, 2022:**

Semi-continuous: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:1-17; 1 Timothy 1:18-20

Complementary: Psalm 73; Amos 7:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:18-20

### **Tuesday, September 13, 2022:**

Semi-continuous: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13

Complementary: Psalm 73; Jonah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 3:8-13

### **Wednesday, September 14, 2022: Holy Cross**

Semi-continuous: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Complementary: Psalm 73; Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

### **Thursday, September 15, 2022:**

Semi-continuous: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 12:14-13:11; Romans 3:1-8

Complementary: Psalm 113; Exodus 23:1-9; Romans 3:1-8

### **Friday, September 16, 2022:**

Semi-continuous: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:1-13; Romans 8:31-39

Complementary: Psalm 113; Ezekiel 22:17-31; Romans 8:31-39

### **Saturday, September 17, 2022:**

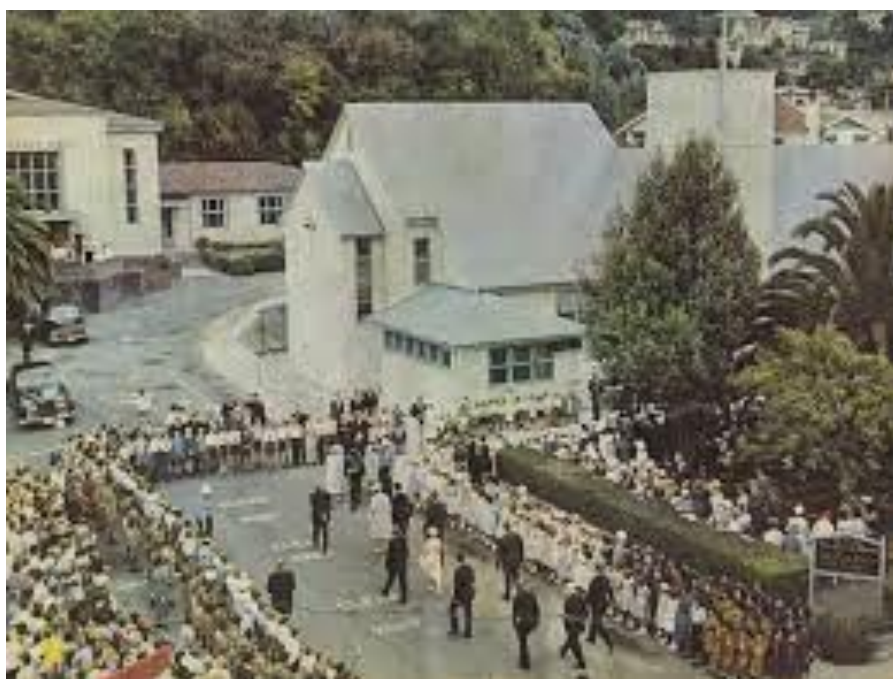
Semi-continuous: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44

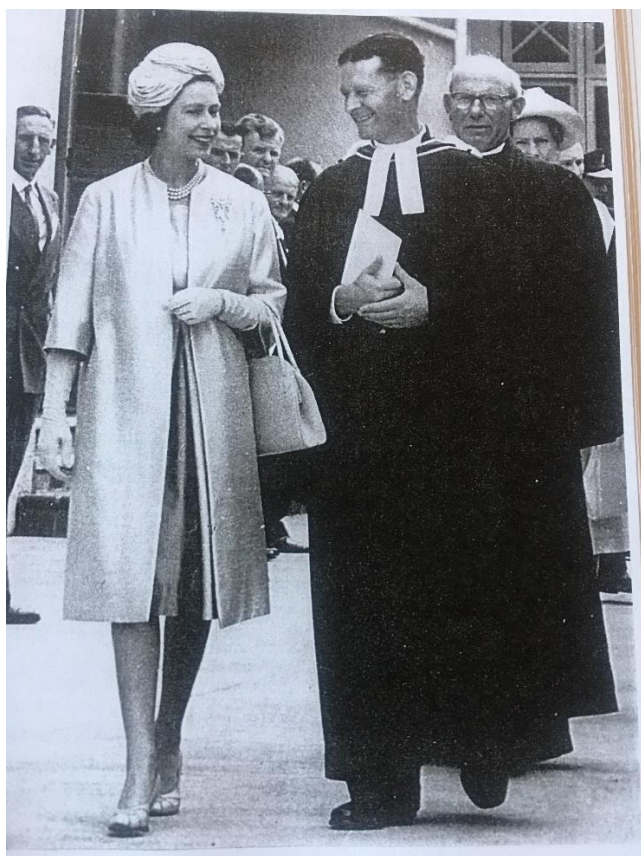
Complementary: Psalm 113; Isaiah 5:8-23; Mark 12:41-44



*Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, born 21 April 1926; died 8 September 2022*

Here at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier, we remember and pay tribute to this incredible woman with some photographic memories of Her Majesty's trips to New Zealand. In particular, we celebrate the royal attendance at St Paul's Church worship service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1963. Please join us in a call to prayer as we continue to reflect on this significant moment in time and what this means to the nations. We pray that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's II legacy of faith, stability and service will continue to inspire not only her descendants but many others around the world. May the Lord's grace and peace be upon us all.





*Rev Ron Hay with the Queen, Sunday 10th Feb 1963*



The Royal Entourage travelling along Tennyson Street.

Her Majesty at the entrance to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

