



Sunday 12th January, 2025.

**St Paul's Presbyterian Church
Napier.**

We celebrate life in Christ

10am Service

GATHERING:

Welcome and Notices:

Call to Worship:

We Sing: Amazing Grace

Prayer:

HEARING:

Reading 1: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Reading 2: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Reflection:

RESPONDING:

We Sing: Take, O take me as I am. x3

Renewing our commitment to Christ

Offering:

SENDING:

We Sing: Be Thou My Vision

Blessing:

Service led by Mark Johnston & Carolyn Kelly. Music by Dorothy Finlayson

We welcome the minister and members of Trinity Methodist who are joining with us in worship today

Next Sunday 19th January 2025

St Paul's will not be holding a service here **next Sunday** but instead taking a road-trip to join with **St Andrews Presbyterian in Hastings, 300 Market St South**. They have invited us to join with them and their special guest international choir who will be helping to lead in worship. If you have car-share or special transport arrangements, let someone know that you would like a ride. It would be good if as many St Paul's parishioners as possible could attend.

Thought for the Week

Prayer Pointers this week

1. We pray for ourselves: that we will not be bound to the fears that get the better of us, draw closer to God this year, knowing the power of the Spirit within, and strength to live according to Christ's priorities.
2. We pray for our country, at New Year, a time of both opportunity, but also anxiety and fear for many, not knowing how to pay bills, keep businesses open, provide adequate services, negotiate entrenched conflict and distress.
3. We pray for our city partner church, St Patricks in the Catholic Parish of Napier, and its Parish Priest, Father Barry Scannell.

Are you new here? If this is your first time in church or you have not been to St Paul's for some time, feel free to let us know. If you have questions or find yourself on a spiritual search and would like someone from the church to make contact, email Mark & Carolyn on markkcml@gmail.com or Bridget at the church office: stpaulsnapier@gmail.com

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES:

	<u>Serving Today</u>	<u>Serving 26th Jan 2025</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Kerry & Penny Marshall	Jill McConnochie & Margaret Greig
<u>Offering</u>	Liz Willis	Janice Tucker
<u>Bible</u>	Marian Eagle	Carroll Noble
<u>Music</u>	Dorothy Finlayson	Pam Clare
<u>Grounds</u>	Murray & Lynne A	Bev & Mike Coghill

Jenny Foster Memorial Gathering

A time to remember the life of our dear parishioner Jenny Foster will be held at St Paul's Lounge this **Friday 17th January starting at 10am**. Morning Tea will be served.

Recycling former hymn books and bibles

Our Advent Xmas tree was made of 550 'With One Voice' Hymn books and about 150 old New English Bibles, which are now surplus to our needs at St Paul's. If you would like to keep a With One Voice Hymn book or an old New English Bible for your own personal memento or use at home, there will be surplus copies available in the church foyer. Please feel free to take one. We have also retained over 100 Hymn books in good condition for any future use at the church.

Nourished for Nil:

Appreciates your support. Any non-perishable food is gratefully accepted. In particular, we are always short of breakfast cereals, rice and any type of spread.

Richard Loan, for NFN.

Eco Corner

Plastic that eats itself? Not a rubbish idea. *The Times*

Scientists may have come up with a novel solution to the world's litter crisis: a plastic that eats itself. The material is soft and flexible and has been designed to be used for things such as watch straps or the soles of trainers. However, it contains an unusual extra ingredient: dormant bacteria that will wake up and consume it once the plastic is discarded and buried. *Jon Pokorski, University of California, San Diego.*

Check out <https://pray-as-you-go.org> for a 15-minute guided prayer reflection on a Scripture of the day. Downloadable as an app for your phone.

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