



Sunday 17th November, 2024.

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

We celebrate life in Christ

10am Service

GATHERING:

Welcome and Notices:

Call to Worship:

We Sing: **Bless the Lord my Soul (Taize)**

Prayer:

HEARING:

Reading 1: Hebrews 10: 12, 19-25.

Reading 2: Mark 13: 1-8

Message:

RESPONDING:

Audio Item: *Not the End* by Malcom Gordon. & Prayer

Offering:

SENDING:

We Sing: **O God with Holy Righteousness** *Tune: Forest Green*

Blessing:

Service led by Mark Johnston & Carolyn Kelly. Music by Pam Clare

Morning Tea is available following worship. We have another discussion today over morning tea tables about the second of our focusing questions, **What are our hopes and dreams for St Paul's in the City Centre?** You are very welcome to stay and participate or listen in. Next week we will consider: **What might we have to let go of, in order to progress in purpose, our hopes and dreams?**

Thought for the Week

In times of great instability and uncertainty, are we ready to believe that God is still working and active? What makes that a difficult prospect to contemplate?

Prayer Pointers

1. We pray for ourselves: Great and good God, remind us of the hope we confess as we face threatening storms both small and large.
2. We pray our concerns about the tides of disruptive change and wider global instability and the impact this will have on the most marginalised and vulnerable.
3. We pray for our companion church, St Andrew's Hastings, Minister Jill McDonald and its leaders.

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 markkcm1@gmail.com or Bridget at the church office: stpaulsnapier@gmail.com

Treaty Principles Hiko

Mark & Carolyn, our ministers, along with two other members of our congregation are planning to be at Parliament in Wellington this Tuesday to welcome the Hiko and show their concern for the way the Treaty Principles Bill is a misrepresentation of our identity as a bicultural society and dishonours the Treaty of Waitangi.

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES:

	<u>Serving Today</u>	<u>Serving 24th Nov 2024</u>
<u>Greeters:</u>	Ella Haigh	Christine W & Rika H
<u>Offering</u>	Janice Tucker	Helen McClymont
<u>Bible</u>	Jill McConnochie	Kerry Marshall
<u>Music</u>	Pam Clare	Dorothy Finlayson
<u>Flowers</u>	Marian Eagle	Eleanor H & Yvonne D
<u>Grounds</u>	Paul Hentschel	Bev & Mike Coghill

December 2024 Newsletter

It is only one more week before we publish the next quarterly newsletter. Please send any items to Bridget at the church office stpaulsnapier@gmail.com or Pam pmclare16@gmail.com

Care and Share:

The Christmas luncheon is being held at **The Board Walk in Ahuriri** tomorrow **Monday 18th November at noon**. Please join us if you would like to. A donation of food would be appreciated to give to the Napier Food Bank. Please phone Dorothy to confirm.

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, a professor at the University of California San Diego, who led the research said, "the cool part about this is that it improves the material properties...but at the end of life, regardless of where the plastic is disposed of, it will break down.

Child sponsorship collection, Sunday 24th November. This will cover the October and November collections. The payment is due to be made at the end of the month, your continued support is much appreciated.

Swinburn House books. As is our custom we will present books to the children of Swinburn House again this year. You are invited to pick up a book, or two, make a payment of \$4.00 per book, then take it home and wrap it up. The name tag will be inside the book. The wrapped books will need to be returned before our Gift service on 8th December when they will be presented to the Swinburn House staff.

NFC gifts. The tags for Napier Family Centre gifts will be available on the 24th. The gifts do not need to be wrapped, but wrapping paper can be supplied so parents can wrap the gifts. They will also be presented at our service on the 8th December.

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.

**For any giving and donations to St Paul's Presbyterian Church:
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