



## St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission'

*'We celebrate life in Christ'*

**Sunday 13th October, 2024**

**10am Service** *led by Mark Johnston & Carolyn Kelly*

*Music by Dorothy Finlayson*

**GATHERING:** *God calls us together in worship as part of Christ's family*

### **Welcome and Notices:**

#### **Call to Worship:**

The psalmist says, 'teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart'.

As we gather for worship let us remember our days

**days of gladness and joy when we felt ready to praise God**

days of sorrow when we reached out for God's comfort and compassion

**days of uncertainty when we were invited to place our trust in**

**God's guiding hand**

days of yearning when we searched for the God who makes all things

new

For these days remembered we do give thanks,

**knowing and trusting that God is through them all.**

So, we worship in celebration that God is with us and for us, here and now, today and tomorrow.

**\*Hymn:**            Holy Holy Holy            (CH4 111)

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,  
God everlasting through eternity.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Prayer:**

**HEARING:** *We hear from the life-giving Word of God*

**Reading 1:**    Psalm 90: 12-17

**Reflective Exercise:**

Music: *Wisdom & Grace* by Bifrost Arts. 2016  
words and music by Sandra McCracken

**Reading 2:** Mark 10: 17-27

For the Word of God in Scripture

For the Word of God among us

For the Word of God within us

**Thanks be to God**

**\*Hymn:** Will you come and follow me (CH4 533)

*Tune: Kelvin Grove*

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare,

should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go

where your love and footsteps show.

Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Message:

**RESPONDING:** *We respond to God's Word to us in Christ*

## Thanksgiving & Prayers for Others:

## Offerings:

**SENDING:** *We are sent to continue to be Christ's body in the world*

**\*Hymn:**        **Give thanks for Life**        (*AA 45*)

1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,  
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,  
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 And for our own, our living and our dead,  
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,  
a love not changed by time or death or dread,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain  
lying in darkness does its life retain  
in resurrection to grow green again,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Blessing and Sending:

## **Thought for the Week:**

Our means of securing and preserving stability, significance and assurance does something to us that can remove us from being open to trusting in the living Christ and God's priorities. What if following Jesus is actually enough for us to negotiate an uncertain future?

## **Prayer Pointers**

1. Our concerns and fears about the future in a world of inequality, instability and unsustainability.
2. We pray for those in Napier who are left behind, who lack what they need to 'make do' or thrive.
3. We pray for a renewed trust in the living Christ and the priorities of the Kingdom of God: for ourselves, for this church's future.

## **Are you new here?**

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

## **THIS WEEK'S NOTICES**

### **Helping Today**

**Greeters:** Christine Woodward & Rika Hentschel

**Offering:** Liz Willis

**Bible Reader:** Lynne Arnold

**Music:** Dorothy Finlayson

**Flowers:** Alison & Bill Hancock

**Grounds:** Murray & Lynne Arnold

### **Helping next service, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Greeters:** Anne Loan & Marian Eagle

**Offering:** Janice Tucker

**Bible Reader:** Richard Loan

**Music:** Pam Clare

**Flowers:** Marian Eagle

**Grounds:** Paul Hentschel

### **Induction & Mark and Carolyn settling in:**

Thank you to all who made it to the induction of Mark and Carolyn and those who worked in this celebration behind the scenes, brought food, contributed to the service. The parish council and Mark and Carolyn shared in an informal meal gathering on Tuesday evening to further getting to know each other. They have begun work settling into connecting, learning how the office works, logging into some basic communication systems, and finding their way around the church premises and the inner city.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.30pm:** Napier Choir & HB Orchestra Handel Concert

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 11.30am:** Napier Repair Café at Asher Hall

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 11.30am:** St Paul's AGM directly after the Sunday service.

## Nourished For Nil

Nourished for Nil thank you for your support. We are very appreciative of this. We are currently short of breakfast cereals, tinned fish, and all types of spreads-jam, peanut butter, vegemite, honey.

Any donations are gratefully accepted. *Richard Loan, for NFN*

## Napier Civic Choir & HB Orchestra Concert at St Paul's

St Paul's will be hosting the third NCC and HBO concert of the series here on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm**. Tickets available at iTicket or on the door. [www.napierchoir.org.nz](http://www.napierchoir.org.nz) or [www.hawkesbayorchestra.co.nz](http://www.hawkesbayorchestra.co.nz)

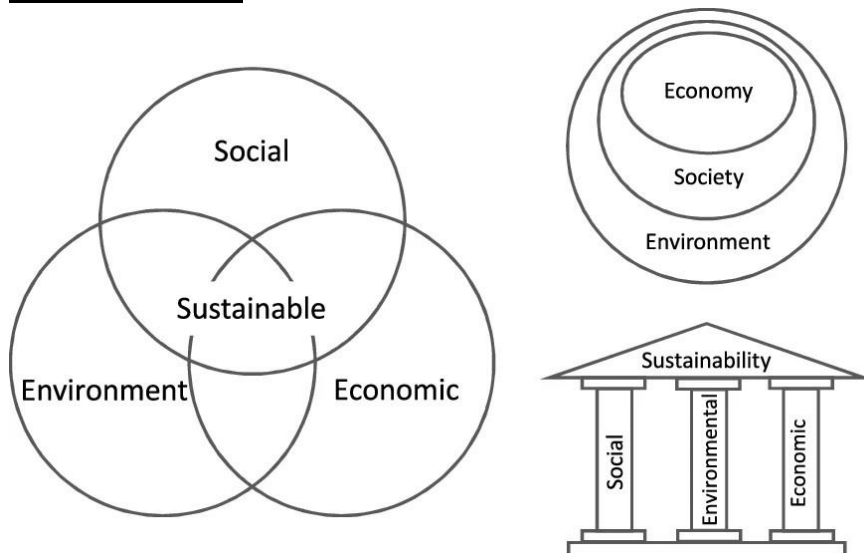
## Wednesday Flower Market

The weekly flower market has resumed after the Winter break in **St Paul's foyer** on **Wednesday** mornings from **7.30am to 9.30am**.

## St Paul's Weekly Prayer time

Our weekly prayer group continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 9am** in the Church to pray about various issues, for others and the new ministry that will shape St Paul's for the future. All are welcome.

## Eco Corner



## Bible Readings for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### **Monday, October 14, 2024:**

Psalm 39; Job 26:1-14; Revelation 7:9-17;

### **Tuesday, October 15, 2024:**

Psalm 39; Job 28:12-29:10; Revelation 8:1-5;

### **Wednesday, October 16, 2024:**

Psalm 39; Job 32:1-22; Luke 16:19-31;

### **Thursday, October 17, 2024:**

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 36:1-16; Romans 15:7-13;

### **Friday, October 18, 2024:**

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 37:1-24; Revelation 17:1-18;

### **Saturday, October 19, 2024:**

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 39:1-30; Luke 22:24-30;

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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