

St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

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

Pentecost 15

Sunday 1st September, 2024

10am Café Service *led by Pam Clare*

Music led by Dorothy Finlayson

Welcome, News & Notices



Call to Worship

***Hymn** **All creatures of our God and King**
(WOV 3)

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for the Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show;
O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

O praise Him, O praise Him!
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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Prayer:

Readings: Psalm 24
Romans 8:19-25

***Hymn Love is your way**

1 Love is your way,
Love is your nature,
Blessing each creature
Lighting each day
Grace is your sign, gift of forgiveness,
chalice that changes water to wine

Refrain:

God, in your grace,
God in your mercy,
Turn us to you
To transform the world,
Turn us to you
To transform this world!

2 Pathways we choose,
Undeserved freedom,
Earth as our kingdom,
Still we abuse;
Much we have done, gross human error,
Misuse of power, darkness the sun

3 Terror and tears,
Wounds without healing,
Hearts without feeling

Mirrors our fears:
Life without trust, greed and high prices,
Conflict and crises
Grind us to dust

4 Let us stand still,
look at each other
Sister and brother
Thwarting your will:
Teach us good care,
Grace to seek pardon,
Reclaim your garden,
Riches to share.

Reflection: *To hope and act with creation*

***Hymn Whispering Gently**

1 Whispering gently the breeze from the mountain
Beckons our senses to what it may say;
Fresh from the snows that are melted by sunshine,
Stirred by the kereru flying away

Refrain:

Blue sky, Lord of creation,
Freshen our faith,
Blossom our love,
Deep green, Lord of creation,
Springtime of faith,
The Spirit of love.

2 Bursting with colour the orchards surround us,
Grasses that grow in the warmth of the green;
Heralds of gold in the flowers of the kowhai,
Nature announces that spring should be seen.

Refrain:

3 Birth of the new is a sign of your Spirit,
God the creator and Jesus our Lord;
Lambs on the hillside and calves on the pastures,
Leaping in sunshine and dancing your word

Refrain:

4 Spirit of hope in the Christ who renews us,
Lighten our winter of anguish with spring;
Washed with the showers of
Loving forgiveness,
Warmed by the rays of the love that you bring.

Refrain:

Offering: *listening to **Touch the Earth Lightly** by Shirley Murray*

Prayers for the world *(followed by the Lord's Prayer)*

***Hymn:** **For the Beauty of the Earth**

(WOV 77)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

*Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our sacrifice of praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight.

Refrain:

4. For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

Refrain:

Blessing:

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Greeters: Christine Woodward & Rika Hentschel

Offering: Helen McClymont

Bible Reader: Meg Sillay

Music: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Marian Eagle

Helping next service, 8th September 2024

Greeters: Anne Loan & Christine Woodward

Offering: Sylvia Low

Bible Readers: Sylvia Low

Music: Pam Clare

Flowers: Alison & Bill Hancock

Prayer Focus:

Let us pray for: -

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

St Paul's Weekly Prayer time

As you may be aware, a weekly prayer group meets on **Thursday mornings at 9am** in the Church to pray about various issues. Our main focus is preparing for the arrival of Mark and Carolyn and the new ministry that will shape St Paul's for the future. All are welcome.

Induction for Rev Dr Mark Johnston and Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly:

Mark and Carolyn's induction will be held on **Thursday, 10th October at 4.00pm**, followed by a potluck meal. Keep the date free.

Care and Share.

At our recent Care and Share gathering on 19th August a discussion was held about the arrival of our new Ministers. It was agreed that members would like to contribute to their kitchen and we would like to start collecting non-perishable pantry items for when they arrive in October. If St. Paul's members would like to add to our contribution it would be lovely to have a nice lot of pantry items for when they arrive. A basket will be put in the Church foyer each Sunday (*not to be confused with the Foodbank*) your contribution would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

Care and Share:

Save the Date: 23rd September, 2024.

Due to the availability of the "Tiffany Singers" who will entertain us, the next Care and Share gathering will not be on 16th September, 2024, but **23rd Sept at 1.30pm in the Lounge**. All welcome. *Dorothy (for the group)*

Parish Lunch Group

The Parish Lunch Group meets this **Friday 6th September at noon** at the **Boat Ramp, Nelson Quay, Ahuriri**. Please contact **Jenny Foster on 06 835 8121** by Thursday 5th September if you can join us.

Recycling of Soft Plastics:

In the foyer/hallway there is now a bin for soft plastics. You may bring your **clean and dry** soft plastics from home, if it is easier for you, than returning them to the supermarket. Richard will then deliver them for us.

Eco Corner



Let's think of more:

Rethink, Repurpose, Reimagine...what else?

Bible Readings for Monday 2nd September to Saturday 7th September 2024

Monday, September 2, 2024:

Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Tuesday, September 3, 2024:

Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25

Wednesday, September 4, 2024:

Psalm 101; Song of Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23

Thursday, September 5, 2024:

Psalm 125; Proverbs 1:1-19; Romans 2:1-11

Friday, September 6, 2024:

Psalm 125; Proverbs 4:10-22; Romans 2:12-16

Saturday, September 7, 2024:

Psalm 125; Proverbs 8:1-31; Matthew 15:21-31