

St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

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

Pentecost 13

Sunday 18th August, 2024

10am Service *led by Lynne Arnold & Joanne Magill*

Music led by Dorothy Finlayson

Welcome, News & Notices

Call to Worship

*Hymn Come and find the quiet centre

1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,

making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Prayer

Readings: Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20

***Hymn** **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
All who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reignth;
shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
How thy heart's longings have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee

4. Praise to the lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light, Chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for ay we adore him.

Reflection:

***Hymn Great is thy Faithfulness**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Offering

Prayers for the world

***Hymn** **Glory be to God the Father**
(WOV 84)

1. Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit:
great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!

2. Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!

3. Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the Church's King,
glory to the King of nations;
heav'n and earth your praises bring!
Glory, glory, to the King of glory sing!

4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
thus the choir of angels sings;
Honour, riches, power, dominion!
thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory to the King of kings!

BLESSING: Now Unto Him (*AA 102*)

Now unto him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of his glory
with exceeding joy;
to the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty,
dominion and power
both now and forever.
Amen.

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Greeters: Bruce & Janice Tucker

Offering: Liz Willis

Bible Readers: Michael Hamilton

Music: Pam Clare

Flowers: Alison & Bill Hancock

Grounds: Murray & Lynne Arnold

Helping next service, 1 September 2024

Greeters: Christine Woodward & Rika Hentschel

Offering: Helen McClymont

Bible Readers: Meg Sillay

Music: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Pam Clare

Grounds:

Prayer Focus:

Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: **Morning tea Team**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Cyclone Response team**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Catholic Parish of Napier**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **St John's, Hastings**

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.

Care and Share

Our next Care and Share gathering will be held in the St. Paul's Church lounge on Monday 19th August at 1.30pm. Our speaker will be Senior Constable Domine Creswell who will talk to us about Safety and Security in the Home.

Inez, Varna and I went to a meeting in Hastings to hear about the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Yes, it's time to support these again for this Christmas, so if you would like to support this cause, please bring small gifts for the boxes or a little cash for Inez to buy things that may help fill the gaps. If you are stuck for ideas, ask Inez or look on the website for their suggestions.

Remember the sales table and afternoon tea.

If you haven't taken a turn, please be in touch. Dorothy.

Combined HB Pressies Service: Big Spring Sing

On 25th August we are joining with the other Presbyterian Congregations for our service at St Andrew's Hastings @ 10.00am.

We will arrange transport for all those who would like to attend.

There will be a sheet in the foyer for you to put your name on if you would like a ride, or if you can help with transport. Hopefully we can all attend and enjoy this time of shared worship. You are invited to bring some cut flowers from your garden on the day so that we can create together a wonderful big bouquet.



There will not be a service here at St Paul's that day.

Combined Hawkes Bay Service

You are invited to attend a Combined service for all Hawkes Bay churches, Sunday 25th August, 5.30pm, Opera House, Hastings.

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

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

Reports for AGM Meeting:

It is that time of year again!

If you are involved with a church group it is time to start thinking about your report for the AGM. The AGM date will be confirmed soon. Please send a Word copy of your report to the office by the 25th August. Thank you

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

“To reduce, re-use and recycle is **our responsibility**, and part of how we take care of **God's creation**. After all, there is **no such thing as waste in nature** – the output from one organism is the input for another.” Ruth Valerio 2004

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday 31st August at St Columba's Taradale. See the notice in the foyer.

Lunchtime Concert

13th August St Columba's Havelock North. See the poster in the foyer for more details.

Bible Readings for Monday 19th August to Saturday 24th August 2024

Monday, August 19, 2024:

Psalm 101; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 6:1-7

Tuesday, August 20, 2024:

Psalm 101; 1 Kings 7:1-12; Acts 7:9-16

Wednesday, August 21, 2024:

Psalm 101; 1 Kings 8:1-21; Mark 8:14-21

Thursday, August 22, 2024:

Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:20-28; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Friday, August 23, 2024:

Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Romans 13:11-14

Saturday, August 24, 2024:

Psalm 84; 1 Kings 5:1-12; Luke 11:5-13