



St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission'
'We celebrate life in Christ'

Sunday 20th October, 2024

10am Service

led by Mark Johnston & Carolyn Kelly

Music by Pam Clare

GATHERING:

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

Welcome and Notices:

Call to Worship:

Way beyond all
Truth behind all mystery
Life within all living
You call us to worship

Salve for all pain
Mender of every brokenness
Midwife of a better future
You call us to worship

Ground of all that is
Judge of all nations
Conscience of the universe
You call us to worship

Maker, Redeemer,
Confessor, Companion
Befriender, Inspirer
God beyond all names

We worship you

***Hymn: Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise** (WOV 80)

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee

.4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Prayer:

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

Reading 1: Selections from Job 38 and meditation. *Carolyn Kelly*

Reading 2: Mark 10: 35-45 *Richard Loan*

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: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God (CH4 641)**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Message:

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

Offerings:

Note: Cash offerings and envelopes can be deposited in the receptacles on the way into worship on Sunday. Details for giving through bank transfer or automatic payment are available at the end of this bulletin. Food item donations for the Nourish for Nil foodbank are also collected in the basket on your way into the church.

Thanksgiving & Prayers for Others:

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

***Hymn: Christ of God, Unseen the Image (CH4 453) *Tune*
*Blaennwern***

Christ, of God unseen the image,
Born before creation's breath;

Through whom all things were created,
All that live in heaven and earth.
Realms and rulers, thrones, dominions,
Powers great and forces small
Through and for him made and fashioned
He is in and over all.

Christ the firstborn of creation,
Christ in whom all things cohere,
All things' Maker, seen and unseen,
low and lofty, far and near.
Christ the head of his dear body,
Of his Church the living core,
Risen from the dead before us
Him we gladly now adore.

Christ in whom the very fullness
Of the living God is found,
Christ who reconciles creation
Turning earth to holy ground,
Christ the home of God's good pleasure
Through whose blood is made our peace,
In whose cross, beyond all measure
Is our freedom and release.

Blessing and Sending:

Thought for the Week:

What is church for? When it comes to a faith community's public purpose, there are as many answers as there are members. Over time, personal preferences for what church does for *our* interests and those we care about tend to take centre stage. The sense of a shared, common public purpose is harder to express. When our personal preferences come into contact with the reality of *Christ's* story and its counter-cultural power, we are invited to examine our priorities and contribute to a communal purpose that is refreshed and shaped by the gospel.

Prayer Pointers

1. We pray for ourselves: that the questions we have of God in relation to struggles and pain, may find their true expression in our prayers.
2. We pray for God to bless the Napier Family Centre: for its AGM this week, and for its persistent work of caring, equipping, educating, healing, restoring and releasing.
3. We pray for this congregation and its leaders: for wisdom to discern and lead according to the priorities of the Kingdom of God and the living Christ.

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 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

Serving Today

Greeters: Anne Loan & Marian Eagle

Offering: Janice Tucker

Bible Reader: Richard Loan

Music: Pam Clare

Flowers: Marian Eagle

Grounds: Paul Hentschel

Serving next week, 27th October 2024

Greeters: Jill McConnochie & Margaret Greig

Offering: Helen McClymont

Bible Reader: Meg Sillay

Music: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Eleanor Holmes & Yvonne Dickson

Grounds: Bev & Mike Coghill

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 20th October at 2.30pm. **Napier Civic Choir & HB Orchestra Concert at St Paul's** Third NCC and HBO concert of the series here on Tickets available at iTicket or on the door. www.napierchoir.org.nz or www.hawkesbayorchestra.co.nz

Monday 21st Oct. 1.30pm **Care and Share.** Church Lounge. St. John's ambulance will be demonstrating CPR and will have the defibrillator for us to see how to correctly operate the machines. Great opportunity to up skill or learn a new skill. All are welcome.

Tuesday 22nd Oct. 5pm **Napier Family Centre AGM** 12 Morris Spence Avenue, Onekawa. All Welcome!

Saturday 26th Oct 11.30am: **Napier Repair Café** at Asher Hall

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

Sunday 3rd Nov 2pm: Napier Pipe Band and others perform **Highland Heroes Concert** at Salvation Army Citadel, Greenmeadows.

Highland Heroes Concert – Sunday 3rd November - 2pm. The Salvation Army Citadel, Tait Drive, Greenmeadows Napier Pipe Band, Napier Technical Memorial Band, & Schools Napier Tech Junior Band, perform Highland Heroes, a concert paying tribute to the armed forces, as we approach Armistice Day. Tickets \$15 at the door - EFTPOS will be available.

Nourished For Nil thank you for your support. 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

Wednesday Flower Market



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

St Paul's Thursday Prayer-time 9am

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 (some terms)

Economic Sustainability (Profit) focuses on conserving the natural resources that provide physical inputs for economic production, including both renewable and exhaustible inputs.

Environmental Sustainability (Planet) adds greater emphasis on the life support systems, such as the atmosphere or soil, that must be maintained for economic production or human life to even occur.

Social Sustainability (People) focuses on the human effects of economic systems, and the category includes attempts to eradicate poverty and hunger, as well as to combat inequality.

Bible Readings Mon 21st Oct to Sat 26th Oct 2024

Monday, October 21, 2024:

Psalm 75; Job 40:1-24; Hebrews 6:1-12;

Tuesday, October 22, 2024:

Psalm 75; Job 41:1-11; Hebrews 6:13-20;

Wednesday, October 23, 2024:

Psalm 75; Job 41:12-34; John 13:1-17;

Thursday, October 24, 2024:

Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Kings 20:12-19; Hebrews 7:1-10;

Friday, October 25, 2024:

Psalm 34:1-8; Nehemiah 1:1-11; Hebrews 7:11-22;

Saturday, October 26, 2024:

Psalm 34:1-8; Job 42:7-9; Mark 8:22-26;

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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