

This Week's Activities

St Peter's Church

Tues 10am Pop In
 Wed 10am Study and Communion
 Thurs 10am Pete's Place—drop-in
 Fri 10am Craft Group

Longview Home

Thurs 11.20am Communion Service

St Christopher's Church

Mon 1:30pm Prayer & Share (foyer)
 Wed 10am Pop In
 Wed 3.45pm Youth discipleship group
 Wed 7pm Prayer for new Vicar
 Thurs 10am Pop In
 Fri 7am Prayer for Community transformation
 Fri 5pm Illumin8—yrs 6-9 youth group
 Fri 7:30pm Radi8—yrs 10-13 youth group
 Sat: 8am Prayer, (Emmaus Centre)
 Sun: 7:30AM Listening to God, (Church)

Small groups meet for study and fellowship most evenings. Contact office for more details, or see notice-board in Annex or check in "Welcome Book".

Financial Matters\$ (not incl vicarage refit)

Income for June: \$26,797
 Monthly expenses budget: \$28,945

Year to date

Income: \$171,951
Expense: \$155,486

budget

\$180,712
 \$176,076

Administrative Matters

St. C Cleaning

15 July

P&L Anderson;

Irvine Family; J Sim



For those who generously give via automatic payment or internet banking, electronic giving acknowledgement cards are available in the foyers. These may be placed in the offertory plate as a symbol of your giving.

Lawn mowing

3 July—23 July
 Allan Pledger



Encouragement Cards available in Foyers. If you would like to encourage someone, please write your words of encouragement, then either give to person, or place in offertory plate if you would like to remain anonymous.

Parish Office and Ezee Meals

Office Hours:- **Tues—Fri 9.30am-12.30pm**
 1 Lyndhurst Road, P O Box 51 023, Tawa
 Phone: 232 8448
 Website: www.tac.org.nz
 Facebook : Tawa-Linden Anglican Church

Name Tags are available at the back of the church/foyer. If you do not see your name and would like a tag, please contact office and one will be made for you.



If you require confidential prayer support please phone Shirley on 232 4300

Priest in Charge and Mission Director

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You Are Special

In his book "You Are Special" Max Lucado writes about small wooden people called Wemmicks. In this story the Wemmicks do the same thing every day. They stick either gold stars or grey dots on one another. The pretty ones – those with smooth fine paint – always get stars. The talented ones also get gold stars stuck on them. However, those Wemmicks who can do little get grey dots.

Punchinello is a Wemmick who only gets grey dots. In fact, he gets so many grey dots that he comes to believe that is all he deserves. That is until he meets a Wemmick who has no dots or stars on her. It is not because Wemmicks don't try to put stars or dots on her. They just don't stick. This Wemmick reveals to Punchinello that she has no marks on her because she visits Eli the Woodcarver every day.

Summoning his courage Punchinello visits Eli who reveals to Punchinello that he is special. It turns out that Eli made him just the way he was and he tells Punchinello that he "doesn't make mistakes". If Punchinello trusts in his love the less he will care about stickers and they won't stick to him.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says come to me and I will give you rest. NT Wright describes this as the most welcoming and encouraging invitation every offered. The ease and joy, the rest and refreshment which Jesus offers to all those weighed down by burdens spring from his inner character. Jesus is offering what he has in himself to offer, the opportunity to know the loving and welcoming presence of God. If we stand with Jesus then we will find that we no longer care about stickers and they will fall away.

Michael

8:30am service
 St Peter's Church, Linden

10am Family Communion
 St Christopher's Church, Tawa

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Gen 14:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps 45:10-17; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

Sentence of the Day

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' *Matthew 11:28-29*

Collect of the Day

Holy and eternal God, give us such trust in your sure purpose, that we measure our lives not by what we have done or failed to do, but by our faithfulness to you. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.**

2017 Diary Dates

Alpha course: runs every Sunday until 23 July contact Andrew 2325338 for details

ticTACtoe board games: 6:30pm 12 Aug, 9 Sept, 7 Oct, 11 Nov; 9 Dec
Emmanuel Centre—all welcome

Men's Convention - second Wednesday of the month—next one is 12 July, 7:30pm
Service Sunday: 30 July—tree planting etc.—if you have any ideas please contact Office



Please Pray for:

- Strength and healing for all those struggling with ill health, and recovering from surgery.
- Safety on our roads, waters and mountains.
- For our clergy Terry McIvor and Andy Hickman; and Hayley Balmer our Children's Ministry Leader
- For God's Wisdom and Discernment for our Parish Nominators; Julia, James, Sally, and Andrew as they search for a new Vicar.

Bishop Ellie is coming to Tawa

Our new Bishop Ellie is coming to visit Tawa on
Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th August

Sunday, 13 August will be a combined service at 10am followed by a shared morning tea (there will be no service at St Peter's)
Sunday, 20 August she will be preaching at both services – St Peter's 8:30am and St Christopher's 10am. Soup will be served after 10am service.

This Week and Beyond

The Book Club Table

Open to all—Join around the table after church service in the Annex and share at the table the book you are reading. Just turn up and let's inspire each other in our life journey together.

Conversation Table

Do you want to unpack the Sermon some more. Join others around another table after church service in the Annex and let's unpack the sermon some more.

Volunteer Needed

Help needed to clean out the guttering and sumps at St Christopher's. This is now urgent as we are coming into the wet season.

Please contact the Office for details

Pete's Place

Come in, have a cuppa and some good company
Thurs 10am-2pm
at St Peter's Church.



Sunday 16 July is the next day for Soup after Church. All Parishioners Welcome. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbour. There will be another soup day on 23 July.



Small Group Leaders Wanted!

Ministry Leaders' Family Camp is being held at Forrest Lakes Otaki from 3pm Sunday 16th July until 3pm Tuesday 18th. The theme this year is about "being sent!" Racheal Sangster from Unlimited Children's Ministry is running our 5-10 year olds programme which focuses on us all being created for a unique purpose. We are looking for some small group leaders to help with games, small group activities & discussions. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with an amazing team and impact the lives of these young people. If you (or someone you know) is interested in finding out more, please email Debbie Smith dlsinz211@gmail.com or Colette Stevens colette@wn.ang.org.nz of the Anglican Diocese Children & Families team.

JOIN THE SIX MONTH BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

July is Bible Month - What better way to encourage personal Bible reading than to take a challenge together. The *Six Month Bible Reading Challenge* is a simple reading plan that will help people read through the entire New Testament in six months. The plan outlines each reading and provides space for participants to track their progress. These pocket-sized plans are just \$5 for 20, plus shipping.

[Find out more on the website...](#)

Sunday, 30 July is Service Sunday

More details to come.

Men's Convention

Wed, 12 July 7:30pm
At the Roundabout Pub

The deadline for notices for this Update is 9.30am Thursday in the church office
(Admin@tac.org.nz)