

This Week's Activities

St Peter's Church

Tues 10am Pop In
Wed 10am Study and Communion
Thurs 10am Pete's Place
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
Thurs 10am Pop In
Fri 7am Prayer for Community transformation
Fri 5pm Illumin8 (Emmaus Centre)
Fri 7:30pm Radia8 (Annex)
Sat 8:00am Prayer, (Emmaus Centre)
Sun 7:30am Listening to God, (Church)
Sun 4pm Prayer for Strategy Group (Emmaus)

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



St. C Cleaning

18August: S. Villiamu, D&J
Gennard, A. Damodaran



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

30 July—19 August
James Fahey

If you require confidential prayer support, please phone Shirley 232 4300 or Philippa Reaney 232 3262



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.



If you require pastoral support please contact June Gennard on 021 1739500

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.

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One of life's difficult realities is living with the disapproval of others. The old saying "you'll never please all the people all the time" is a simple truth, but a truth we struggle to live with.

Everyone has their own set of filters through which they interpret life and engage with those around them. More often than not those filters are not the same from person to person. For some reason we buck against this knowledge. We succumb to anger and frustration when our ideas are rejected, when we are told "no", or "we're not good enough".

I want to suggest that the sooner we accept the awful truth that we can't please everyone, the easier our lives become. I don't mean mere ascent to the idea of not pleasing everyone – such clichés roll off the tongue too easily. I'm suggesting we practice living "with" the expectation of disapproval instead of fighting it all the time.

Rather than feeling rejected by disapproval it's easier to say, "Here it is again, it's not my enemy". Oddly enough, once we've learned to expect it, we are more able to receive praise and approval as an equally expected reality.

Every day I seesaw between the acceptance and rejection from others. One phone conversation delivers good news, another bad. One of my kids likes me while the other struggles against me. Some people think I'm a great guy, others see me as a kind of blight on the planet. This back and forth experience of being liked and disliked, approved and disapproved of, is part of everyone's life. Obviously I far prefer being liked and approved of, but as I have become more comfortable in my own skin I depend less on external approval for my sense of well-being.

But, and it's a big but, what about narcissistic psychopaths? They can be comfortable with themselves and happily ignore the valid opinions of other people. So, what separates me from a narcissist? Well, I not only expect disapproval, I listen to it! That's the difference.

Expecting to be rejected is one thing, listening and learning from it is the beginning of wisdom. Others may not like with how I see myself, or how those who love me view me, but it doesn't mean they are wrong. Maybe I am selfish on occasion. Maybe I am aloof. Perhaps I am a manipulator from time to time. I need to listen and learn.

Proverbs 3:7 says "Do not be wise in your own eyes...". Self insight is a great goal, but it is generated in community. Self insight is seeing in ourselves what others have already seen – the good and the bad. It's not a solo experience. This being the case, perhaps the disapproval of others is not such a awful thing after all.

What others think is not that important. What we do with what they think is the difference between growth and stagnation – the good life or something else.

Digby Wilkinson

8:30am Communion service
St Peter's Church, Linden.
10am Family Communion

Christopher's Church, Tawa

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Psalm 25:1-11; Hosea 11:1-9; Rom 9:19-24; Matt 5:1-12

Sentence of the Day

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. *Ephesians 5:1-2*

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you gave your only Son to be a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life; help us gladly to receive all that he has done for us and follow in his footsteps; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

2018 Diary Dates

ticTACtoe (board games): 6:30pm Sat 11 August, Emmaus Centre

Over 60's Morning Tea: 10am Mon 13 August, Emmaus Centre

Quilts to bless workshop: 10am Sat 18 Aug, Emmaus Centre, details in insert or from June Gennard 0211739500

Big Nite Out: 4:45pm, 21 August Emmaus Centre

AAW Meeting: 10am—12 noon, Sat 1 Sept, at St P

Dio Training Day: Sat 8 Sept, Samuel Marsden Collegiate, Karori visit website

<http://movementonline.org.nz/teamtrainingday/>

Men's Convention: 7:30pm Wed 12 September, Roundabout Pub

Porirua Cluster Church service: 30 September (venue TBC)



Please Pray for:

- For the Last, the Lost, and the Least.
- Strength and healing for all those struggling with ill health, and recovering from surgery.
- For the dying and those who they leave behind.
- For safety on our roads, mountains, beaches and waters.
- For our mission partners.
- Our community outreach groups—Pop In, Pete's Place, Over 60s, Youth groups etc.; that they will be well-resourced and fruitful.
- For our Clergy, our Vestry, Our Wardens and our Bishops.

Being Salt, Light & Leaven Where you Work

Saturday 15th Sept
9.15am-3.45pm

All Saints Conference Centre,
Hataitai

A seminar on ethics and vocation in the
workplace

Movement online Anglican Diocese of Wellington weekly newsletter

<http://movementonline.org.nz/> for information on
what is happening around the diocese

This weeks topics include:

- Dio training Day
- Anglicans have their say on Zero Carbon Bill

This Week and Beyond

New discipleship groups

We are forming new small groups ('huddles') in August that will follow the 3DM discipleship model. If you are interested in being supported to grow in your faith and encouraging others in their journey - please talk to Sid Durbin or Fiona Wharton to find out more.

The Wellington **Cursillo** movement will be running it's 3-day discipleship events for 2018 on:

Men's: 13 - 16 September, El Rancho Waikanae

Women's: 4 - 7 October, Magnificat Featherstone

For more information on Cursillo please talk to Maureen and Evans Chogumaira

Over 60s Morning Tea

Monday 13 August,

10am—11:30am

Come and have a cuppa, and some good company. Contact Janice 232 8300 for details.



Pete's Place

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



Tawa College Major Production is Thornton Wilder's **"Our Town"**.

Shows are on 7, 8, 10 and 11, August, 7.30pm, Tawa College Hall. Tickets are available from the Tawa College office. (Limited door sales may be available). \$15.00 per adult / \$10.00 students and children

Listen Well Workshop

for all those involved in pastoral ministry. Sat 11 Aug 2—3:30pm, Emmaus Centre.

Presenter: Jane Wilkinson

Content will include:

- Our stance as a listener
- Attending
- Minimal encouragers
- Open ended questions
- Summarising
- Seizing opportunities to talk about spiritual matters

This is a free event-bring the team.

Bookings are necessary

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Prayer support for the parish strategy group:

a prayer group to uphold the strategy group as it undertakes its work, and to ask for God's guidance. **4pm Sundays in Emmaus Centre.** To know more, please contact Sid Durbin

Quilts to Bless

Saturday 18th August
10am-20pm

Working Bee for all who enjoy sewing and would like to find out more about this ministry.

Come for an hour or stay for the whole time.

Morning tea will be provided
(if you are planning to stay for the whole period, please bring your own lunch)

For more information contact June Gennard
232 3361 or 0211739500.

Life is made up of a patchwork of events:

Throughout our patchwork of life we have the certainty of God's covering us with his love and protection. This is all tied together in the knowledge that there are people who are praying for us.

