

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)

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

1 Sept
McHale family, F Wharton, T Smith



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
20 Aug—2Sept
Julie Howarth

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



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 pastoral support please contact June Gennard on 021 1739500

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UPDATE 26 August 2018 tawa-linden anglican church

A day or two after asking me if I'd speak on today's beatitude, Digby texted me with the following tip: "The catch is to contrast peace-making with peace-keeping". It's an insight that's in keeping with the gospels more broadly: Jesus is way more interested in what's on the inside than what's on the outside, because once the inside's sorted out, the outside catches up. I myself am the product of a fairly puritanical Brethren upbringing, and I'm not ungrateful for that. But if you'd asked me at fifteen what the markers of a faithful Christian were, I guess I'd have laid out a list of behaviours as my answer: moderation in drinking, good clean language, sexual purity. Those things are helpful and important, but when Jesus lays out his blueprint for Christian living, it's pretty different. It's what we've been focusing on these last several weeks at Tawa Anglican: the Beatitudes.

When I think of peace-making – as opposed to mere peace-keeping – I'm struck once again by the way Jesus asks us to be proactive in doing good. We're to actively *make* peace, not merely guard or defend an already existing ceasefire. After the resurrection, when Jesus is on the lakeshore cooking up some fish for breakfast, he doesn't sit around telling himself, 'Well, if Peter wants to make things right, he can jolly well make the first move.' (That's what I do after a barney with Sarah!) On the contrary, Jesus initiates the restorative conversation (shout out to Tawa College students there...): "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" This is a fairly big move. It's not Jesus who denied Peter, but the opposite. Yet Jesus sets about putting it right between them, opening up the possibility of a renewed relationship. Now that's what I call peace-making.

Isn't it also great how this moment happens face to face? So many interactions are carried out via screens in this cyber-age. Much of the time that's called being efficient. But when there's peace to be made, there's nothing like getting together, looking one another in the eye, and tucking into a plate of fish, or scones, together. Even death in Jerusalem couldn't stop Jesus from heading north to Galilee, hunting Peter down, and making peace. No wonder he's called the Son of God.



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

10am Family Communion
Christopher's Church, Tawa

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Gen 13:5-12; Psalm 85:8-13; Heb 12:10-15; Matt 5:1-12;

Sentence of the Day

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

John 6:63

Collect of the Day

God of Israel old and new, write in our hearts the lessons of your law; prepare our minds to receive the gospel made visible in your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

2018 Diary Dates

AAW Meeting: Sat 1 Sept, see notice for details

Dio Training Day: Sat 8 Sept, Samuel Marsden Collegiate, Karori visit website <http://movementonline.org.nz/teamtrainingday/>

TicTACToe (Boardgames): 6:30pm Sat 8 Sept, Emmaus Centre

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

Quilts to Bless Workshop: 9am—3pm Sat 15 Sept, Emmaus Centre

Big Nite Out: 4:45pm Sat 15 Sept, Emmaus Centre

Porirua Cluster Church service: 30 September (venue TBC)



Please Pray for:

- For the Last, the Lost, and the Least.
- Strength and healing for those struggling with ill health and recovering from surgery
- For the dying and those they leave behind especially remember Fiona and Krystina Wymark following the death of Paul.
- For safety on our roads, mountains, beaches and waters.
- For our clergy and ministry leaders.
- 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
Cost \$25 (includes morning tea and lunch)

A seminar on ethics and vocation in the workplace

For further information contact Richard Randerson -richardrandersonnz@gmail.com

This Week and Beyond

The Wellington **Cursillo** movement will be running its 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



Pete's Place

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

Pastor Jimmy Njino is speaking at the Emmaus Centre 7pm to 9.30pm on 29th to 31 August. Jimmy is a popular speaker in churches, open air campaigns, conferences, revival meetings and youth outreach events. God uses him to deliver a powerful word with a focus to reach the lost and to re-equip the saints for the work of the ministry.

Request from Kim and Mary Robertson in Thailand.

Kim and Mary are due for leave in NZ next year and would like to live in the Wellington area to support Grace through her first year at university and to be near Anna, Andre and Eva.

Does anyone know of accommodation available from mid-Dec 2018 or mid-Jan 2019 through to end of Sept or early Oct? They are happy to share a house or flat with others or to rent a two bedroom place themselves. Grace will probably live in a hostel but they would like to have a place for her to come home to at weekends or holidays. Lesley Anderson has contact details.

AAW meeting 10am Sat 1 Sept

Meet at Linden station to take 9:30am train to Waikanae for coffee. More details available from Margaret Herbert

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:

- Sat 8th Sept Dio training Day
- AYM Houses open day

Prayer at Parliament - Next meeting is 7:20pm, Thurs 6th Sept. A great opportunity to hear about some of the issues that are being debated and the ways in which our Parliament works. People attending need to register by Sun 2 Sept to meet the security requirements. For further detail see Bill or Christine Darnell.



Fiona and Krystina Wymark wish to thank everyone for their support and prayers during this sad time of Paul's death. We

have felt God's calming presence during this time. We, along with our family, would like to add a huge thank you to all who helped to make Paul's memorial service such a fitting tribute. We have had so many lovely comments about the music and the afternoon tea.

Phil McCarthy has agreed to become the new Vicar's Warden following the retirement of Mike Henderson. We thank Mike for his many years of loyal service in this role.