

Notices from St. Saviours

Our Special Series for Lent 2018

The first in the series have passed being taken by Pastor Ian and Lyn McNickle (18thFebruary) and Rev. Murray Olson (25th February). We hope there has been some thought on what has been shared. The whole series is designed to expand our intellect, our understanding about things and make *Thinking* about and questioning faith issues the normal. Intellect is one of the greatest gifts that our heavenly Father has given to each one of us and I believe that our Church should be a place where our intellect is challenged or feed. We may never find the answers but we will be able to engage with faith, broaden the mind and may even challenge us to think outside the box.

This coming Sunday, **4th March** - 3rd Sunday in Lent Mr. Graham Bull, a teacher and school principal will come and speak to us. He is currently Chairperson of the Waikato Region for Bible in Schools. He has been School Chaplain for Insoll Ave School for the last 8 years. Graham will bring us up to date with how Bible in Schools is still thriving in many schools in NZ and school chaplaincy in state schools is growing. The door is still open in many schools and we are needing more volunteer helpers. Graham will show how we sow the seed using new resources that keep up with the changing times and he'll explain how we are proactive when it comes to growing opposition.

So, please come along and join us.

11th March: 4th Sunday in Lent: Pamela McCarthy - Freeset, India

18th March: 5th Sunday in Lent: Mr. Owen Johnson - Chaplain, Waikeria Prison for Men.

Please Note: Worship at St. Saviours will be 9:00am instead of 9:30 so St. Saviour's could attend the AGM followed by Farewell Luncheon to Celebrate and give thanks to Murray and Jill's contribution to the Parish of St. John's.

25th March: 6th Sunday in Lent or Palm Sunday - Georgina Graham, Missionary to the Solomon Island/Teacher/Counsellor.

Every Tuesday - 10:30 am. Lenten Bible Studies - The Five Habits of Highly Missional People - Excellent topic during Lent - please come along and join us

Age Concern will be holding a meeting on Thursday 15th March at 7.30p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church. The subject is Elder Abuse - All welcome.



This week's reading - Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

Next week's readings - Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

The Third Sunday in Lent: 4 March

Sentence of the Day

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.' *Exodus 20:1*

Collect

**God of Moses,
you guide us with your law,
you welcome our worship on the mountain and in the temple;
we worship you.**

**Draw us deeper into you
that we will reflect your love and faithfulness
and serve your kingdom with holiness.**

**Through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Please Pray for: Heather, Margaret C, Ray Harris and family, Brian S, Phyl and Susan, May H, Matthew, Julia

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Parish Luncheon 18th March

following AGM: Let us celebrate the contribution Murray has made to our Parish over the last 6 years.

AGM on 18 March. Could we please have nominations for Vestry Members and People's Warden. These need to be in the office by 9 March. Nomination forms may be collected from the office or from the backs of churches.

Weekly pew sheets and the Bi-Monthly magazine are now published on the church website, stjohnsteawamutu.wainet.org

Hamilton Civic Choir presents

What: From Hamilton to New York

Where: St John's Church, Te Awamutu and St Andrew's Church, Cambridge

When: Saturday 24th, 2pm at Te Awamutu and 5pm at Cambridge

Tickets: Door sales only - Adults \$25, Senior and Students \$15, School age students free

Weekly Church Group Meetings

Monday

9:30am Knit and Natter
10am Prayer Group
10-2pm Pirongia Craft Group
5pm Outreach Meal

Tuesday

9:30am Pirongia Walking Group
9-10am Gardening Group (2nd Tue)
10:30 Pirongia Community Cuppa
AAW every second Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

9:30am Mainly Music *
7pm Pirongia Bible Study (2nd Wed, Jenny Taylor 8259812)

Thursday

9:30am Selwyn Centre

Friday

9:30am Mainly Music *
10am House Group
5:30pm Youth Group *

Sunday

9:30 Pirongia Sunday School

(Meetings with an * are term time only)

Te Awamutu and Districts Day of Blessing

Wednesday 7th of March

We have had a Day of Blessing in our town for a number of years. This is a very important day as we combine with all the churches in the town to pray for God's blessings on all aspects of our town and district.

There are three parts to this Day of Blessing and I hope that many of you will take part in them.

The first is the **Combined Churches Prayer Service** this Sunday (5 March) at the North End Church, commencing at 7pm. Here we will be praying for the town and district. We will also be praying for the Day of Blessing.

The second is a **week of unified prayer for our town and district**. This is something each of us can do on your own and there are seven topics to pray for:

- Families and whanau
- Media, arts and sports
- Business
- Service and volunteer services
- Central and local government
- Education
- The local churches

We are encouraged to pray for these at 7pm, but any time during the day will do.

The third is the actual **Day of Blessing** at the Te Awamutu Rugby Sports Club Rooms at 420 Albert Park Drive. It will start at 12 O'clock with a complimentary lunch and then there will be a speaker Andrew Stroud who was a New Zealand and world motor cycle champion. After that we will be praying for the town and district and it will finish at 1pm.

Please take part in these events and be part of God's blessings on Te Awamutu and the district.