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ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Newsletter March 2020 to April 2020



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Jill's Musings

Kia Orana Tatou,

I hope and pray that you had a restorative and peaceful time over the summer. It is unbelievable that as I write this, we are already midway through February.

Chris and I have just returned from a wonderful weekend in Northland where, among other things, we attended the Waitangi Day celebrations at Waitangi. It was quite something to be there in worship before dawn and to watch the sun come up over Waitangi on the 180th anniversary of the treaty that binds our nation of Aotearoa New Zealand. A moving moment for me was when we sang our national anthem, the words 'in the bonds of love we meet' which never felt more poignant.

The day began with a 5.30am service of worship, led by many of the nation's church leaders including our PCANZ Moderator Fakaofa Kaio, (whose Waitangi Day message is also included in this newsletter for your interest) as well as political leaders from across the spectrum. If this worship service was to be experienced by a newcomer to New Zealand, they could be forgiven for thinking that we are a very religious nation! We know though, that that is far from the reality with number of New Zealanders who have church affiliation dropping every census. Yet as we know from the regular 'sharing our faith' slot in Sunday worship, that our lives are so much richer and more full because of our faith in Christ. A significant part of our faith is our belonging to Christ's body, being grafted to the vine of God, experiencing God's grace and love through and beyond our church family.

We are also conscious of the suffering in our world, our nation and our local community – these are difficult times with things like climate chaos affecting so many with drought, flood, bushfire etc; as well as poverty and domestic violence; loneliness, depression and anxiety. Life is hard for so many.

For those of us, for whom our faith in Christ is central to our lives, we have much to draw on during the tough times that we experience whether it is reading the Psalms, other scripture or other books about faith that speak to us; spending time in prayer with God; or being re-centred towards God and each other in worship. It is in the challenging seasons of life, in particular, that we are thankful for our faith and we wonder how others cope with the hard stuff of life.

For people for whom church hasn't been part of their life experience, it can seem pretty strange, with the differing things we do like communion and baptism, as well as the language we use – there are so many church words that we take for granted that aren't in common usage outside church. It can be hard for people to find a way in, so much so that for many people experiencing a spiritual longing, church simply isn't a place they deem worthy of exploration.

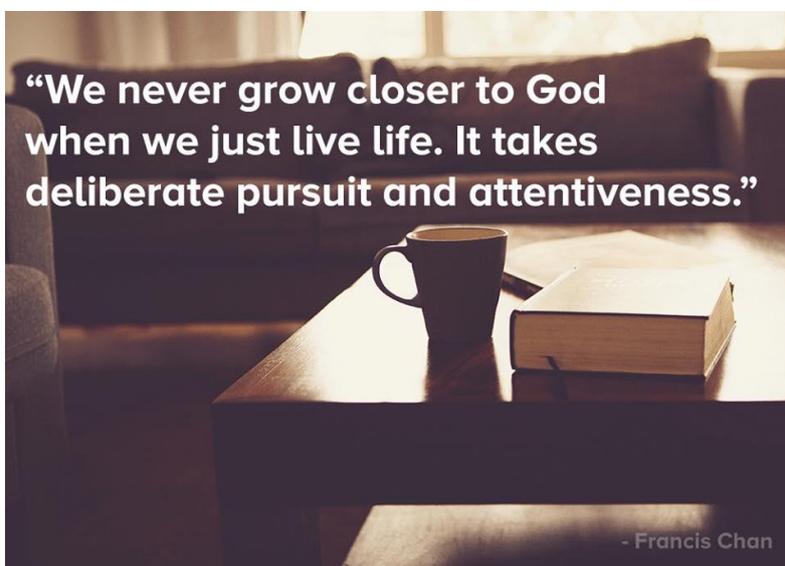
Last year we developed some new initiatives to help break down barriers: our Sacred Space Whakamoemiti providing a midweek time of silent reflection and meditation before God; as

well as our Mother's and Father's Day Lament services that provide a space for people for whom these are tough days, for whatever reason.

One of the things that came out of the Mission Plan that we worked on last year was that we want to 'Hosting and/or facilitating important discussions around current issues between church and non-church people in a way that fosters deep discussion and sharing'. We have applied to Presbytery Central for funding to run a public theology seminar series in a pub – the Common Room on Heretaunga St East. Find out more about this later in the newsletter.

As I prepare for this Sunday's worship, I have been very struck by the words of the prophet Moses to the people in Deuteronomy 30:19 *Choose life so that you and your descendants may live*. The life that Moses is laying out for his people, is life focussed on loving and holding fast to God. An important message for us in 2020 and is summed up well in this meme below. As we enter into the season of Lent and prepare for the rollercoaster of Easter, may you be attentive to God in and around you, making time to dwell in God's presence.

Arohanui
Jill



Moderator's Waitangi Day Message

This Treaty of Waitangi message builds on my corresponding message from last year (*See below for link or contact Jill for hard copy). The facts are all there, drawn from historical accounts of the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, 6 February 1840.

I acknowledge the deep grief and loss of the tangata whenua (people of the land) that will never be healed or restored again. I feel, also, the hearts and attitudes of the Crown, the generations that are regarded as Te Tiriti partner. And, I know the position of others, like me, who arrived to the shores of Aotearoa as immigrants (manuhiri, visitors), and our part in the nation's journey. It appears complicated, and that it will never be a perfect settlement. There are many and deep injustices and corruption. There is too much pain and suffering, which has left a scar on the land and on the people.

But, what is the way forward?



The Waitangi Tribunal is one means of redressing the wrong. And, there must be other ways of moving forward as a united nation. The answer is always in the people, the people, the people. We cannot turn back the clock. We can only go forward and move on in a deliberate path as a united nation. We must all contribute and be involved as citizens who love and care for each other, and for the land.

I believe that we have made progress in 180 years since the Treaty was signed. It is said that New Zealand is the envy of many nations around the world in regard to the status and recognition Te Tiriti offers Māori.

My perspective is very Christian: "love your neighbour as yourself". My answers are steeped in my faith in Jesus Christ and so, in my view, everyone is my brothers and sisters. It may seem idealistic and simplistic. But, I believe that the answer lies in the attitude and perspective that we can live and coexist as family, as neighbours, as whanau, as tangata tahi - as one people.

We will journey together, bear one another's grief, stand together, live side-by-side, and understand one another. This is my utopian answer to our journey in this God-given land of Aotearoa, New Zealand. We are the people, the people, the people. The generations of today can build an even better future than what is before us now.

Ke ora tatou i te aroha o Ihu Karaiti.

May we live in the love of Jesus Christ. Be sacrificial for each other.

Be unconditional in love for each other.

Blessings

Rt Rev Fakaofu Kaio

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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* for the moderator's Waitangi message from last year see link: <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/read-the-moderators-waitangi-day-message> or contact Jill for hard copy.



Notes from the Parish Council Clerk

I write this a day after the birth of our 2nd grandchild and first grandson -William James Spall. Isn't new life awesome – it brings a smile to everyone! I am also writing this from a very parched landscape where water is increasingly precious, and fire is a constant hazard. In our district we have had two formidable fires in the last two weeks, and these have only been contained by the combined effort of everyone: neighbours, volunteer and professional firefighters, and helicopter pilots. It is a reminder of how important community is and the amazing selflessness of so many. God is present in all those hands. When the rain comes, and we celebrate God will be there too!

Parish Council has already had its first meeting for the year. The Mission Plan is central to much of our thinking and planning for the year ahead. On that note we recognize the value of small groups for fellowship and enjoying activities that we have a passion for. To that end we will be encouraging their formation- the possibilities are as wide as our imagination, but suggestions made already include:

- meeting for coffee
- walking
- learning flower arranging
- cycling
- discussion/activity groups

I'm sure you could add to that list, and of course our weekly and monthly study groups and meditation will continue as they enable so many to grow in their faith.

We are also keen to engage with the wider public on topics of interest. There are many and Jill will be coordinating a program that will both invite debate and bring a Christian perspective to topics such as restorative justice and environmental issues.

Three dates to keep in mind are:

Sunday March 1st. After our service we will have our annual picnic this year in Cornwall Park. It will be a BYO with food to share.

Saturday March 14th Presbytery Central Gathering at St Alban's Palmerston North

Saturday March 21st. This year we will have a stall at the Maraekakaho Country Market Day. As a community group we will be provided with a site free of charge. This is a large event giving us exposure to hundreds of people, and also a chance to raise our profile where we oversee our second church building.

On Ash Wednesday 26 February we will begin the season of Lent. Our Moderator Rt Rev Fakaofu Kaio in his message for Lent says: “Lent, for me, is reminding us that our lives are measured, examined, re-examined and renewed in our commitment to Jesus Christ.” He

offers some helpful advice “... unclutter, clear out, put down what you do not need to carry and unnecessarily burden yourself with. Clear your mind, let go of lingering issues, free up yourself (physically and spiritually)”

Arohanui,
Jim



INTRODUCING TO



Te Ana Birch

Kia Orana

My name is Te Ana Birch, I am seventeen years old and I was born in Hastings, New Zealand. My immediate family “kopu tangata” consists of four, My parents and my brother and me. I began my education at Nawton primary, then Maeroa intermediate, and finally finishing of at Fraser high school and Flaxmere college. I have just finished high school. So, I would say I was a full-time school student

As a full time, school student, I am living at home with my family “kopu tangata” and have the best family in the world. Even though we may argue and fight, I wouldn't wanna have it with any other family “kopu tangata” I love them with all my heart. I have great admiration for them, my parents and my brother.

They have influenced me greatly, (my parents, and my mamas and papas who've passed on too). The number of stereotypes and judgements that they have had to face, not only from strangers but from those who are extending family, saying negative comments about them. And seeing them just comeback is inspiring and the work they do I couldn't ask for any other parents.

I also admire myself and I know it may seem vain but if you can't love yourself how are you able to love other.

There is one bible verse that I especially love and that is: **Exodus 3:14** "I am who I am"

Now I have my whole life ahead of me and I hope to one day have a career that I love, travel the world and eventually get married.

I am currently involved with St Andrews Culture group and my hopes and dreams for St Andrews faith community is to see more younger people, and more involvements with other culture groups, choirs etc.

You must be wondering what my hobbies and interests are and what I like to do for relaxation. Well for my hobbies I love cooking and tiktok (dance) and for relaxation, I enjoy listening to music and eating.

My taste in music varies I enjoy reggae, hip-hop, rhythm 'n' blues and pop.

Well that is me in a nutshell, I have nothing else to add accept to say.

Tauta tauta atu rai.
keep on keeping on.

St Andrews Mission Plan 2019-2025

Last year we worked hard to develop our St Andrews Mission Plan with the help of Rev Susan Blaikie. It was a great process and we appreciated the input from everyone in making this happen. Our mission plan was ratified at a congregational meeting in early December, which now means we have a roadmap going forward.

We have slightly refined our vision statement to this:

**Accepting all people, striving for compassion,
seeking to live out Christ's selfless love until we see God's justice realised
I te arikianga atu i tetai ua atu au tangata,
e te umuumu i te takingameitaki,
ma te kimi oonuanga atu i te inangaro e te aroa
ua o te Mesia e tae ua atu ki te tuatau ta te Atua i anoano.**

If you don't have a copy of the Mission Plan you can pick up one from the foyer at church or email jill@standrewshastings.org.nz

MANAGING CONFLICT IN OUR CHURCH

Wherever two or three people are gathered... there is bound to be conflict! One of the biggest barriers to loving and authentic community in Christ is unresolved issues, hurts or conflict. Whether it is family, our workplace, our church, or the place that we live, conflict will inevitably occur. In our new mission plan we identified this:

One of the We value reconciling faithfully and respectfully, face to face, when conflict arises in our church family

- ❖ Developing, preaching on and promoting the booklet 'How we manage conflict lovingly and faithfully in our church'
- ❖ Offering support, empathy and prayer for people in the church who may be experiencing conflict

The booklet 'How we manage conflict lovingly and faithfully in our church' is a really helpful guide for us. The two goals that underpin the conflict management process outlined in this booklet are:

- We strive to resolve conflict, and the harm from conflict, in a biblical, open and loving way that upholds the diversity and abundance of people's dreams, hopes, views and gifts in God's Kingdom
- We uphold conflict as a necessary and natural pathway to the wholeness God calls us too.

Healthy and loving conflict management enriches and grows us. It is also a powerful witness of God's love and reconciliation to others: Jesus reminds us in John 13:35 'the world will

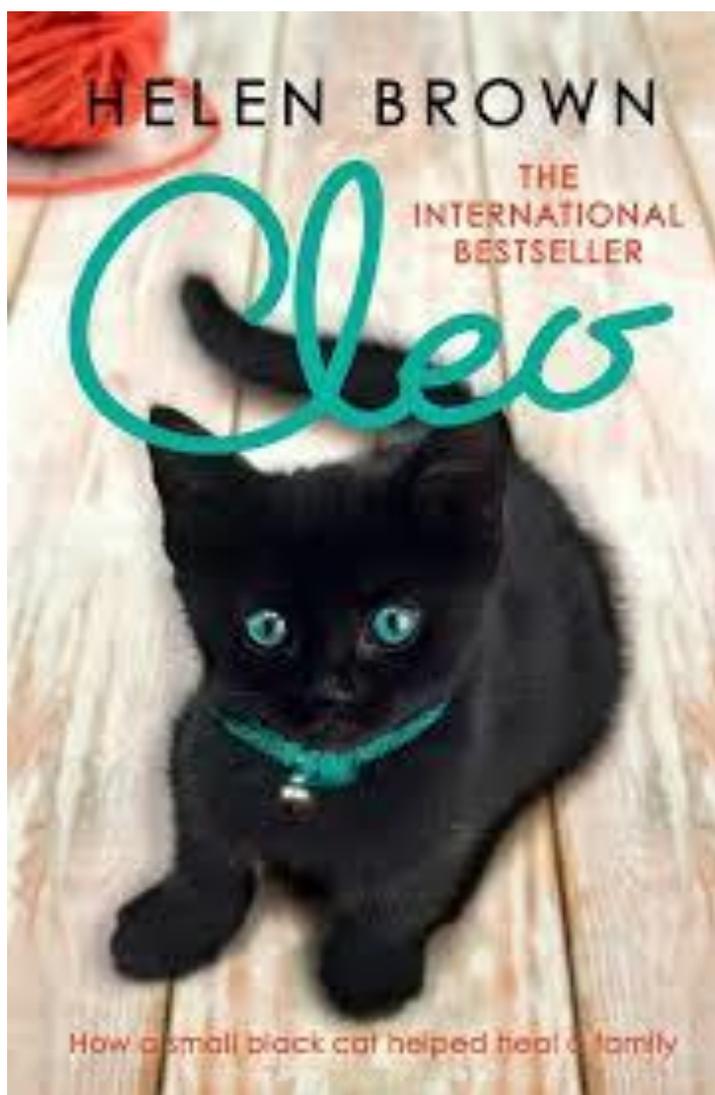
know you are my followers because of the way you love each other.'. The booklet is available in the church foyer for you to collect and read if you haven't already.

Book Club Review

Book club review is an introduction for anyone who has read an interesting book and wishes to share its review to all you readers. You may have a book at home or have found one in the library that you may wish to share. If so just email me a copy at denise@standrewshastings.org.nz or drop in a copy of the review at the office.

Here is a book that may interest all you animal lovers. The title of the book is called Cleo, written by Helen brown it is the story about a cat who helped mend the lives of a family after tragedy. A warm, incredibly moving, often funny book about love, loss and redemption and the small black cat who helped mend a family's broken hearts by sheer force of her feline personality. If anyone is interested:

NB: You can borrow this book from the library and Jill now has a copy to share





FINANCIAL REPORT



1 Jan 2020 to 31 Jan 2020

	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD
Income						
Car Park Rental	\$1,885.00	\$1,885.00	\$0.00	\$12,893.40	\$12,893.00	\$0.40
Hire - Church	\$1,106.66	\$1,250.00	-\$143.34	\$10,524.86	\$8,750.00	\$1,774.86
Hire - Hall	\$1,834.79	\$2,500.00	-\$665.21	\$16,776.30	\$17,500.00	-\$723.70
Offering	\$4,904.10	\$4,500.00	\$404.10	\$8,728.00	\$7,581.00	\$1,147.00
Total Income	\$9,730.55	\$10,135.00	-\$404.45	\$48,922.56	\$46,724.00	\$2,198.56
Expenses						
Operating Expenses	\$2,589.09	\$1,133.00	\$1,456.09	\$11,265.89	\$9,387.00	\$1,878.89
Fixed Expenses	\$13,076.56	\$14,170.00	-\$1,093.44	\$120,314.47	\$126,019.00	-\$5,704.53
Total Operating Expenses	\$15,665.65	\$15,303.00	\$362.65	\$131,580.36	\$135,406.00	-\$3,825.64
Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,935.10	-\$5,168.00	-\$767.10	-\$82,657.80	-\$88,682.00	\$6,024.20
Overspend in operating expense due to repairs to air conditioner in Commercial Office at Hall of \$1,754.00						
Kitchen Project expenses to date \$7,167.54, these funds have been drawn from the Property on Call account.						

CHURCH NOTICES



St Andrews is having a stall at the Maraekakaho Country Fair on Saturday March 21st and we need donations of chutneys, pickles, sauces, and preserves. Even small jars of chutneys would be helpful. Could you please leave all contributions in the kitchen? All contributions will be gratefully received thank you.

Theatre Hawkes Bay

presents

Shot Bro (confessions of a depressed bullet)

A story about a man's real fight with depression and a bullet. Inspired by true events, it's a journey of healing and self-discovery.

Showing @ Theatre Hawks Bay



Shot Bro
CONFESSIONS OF A DEPRESSED BULLET

Theatre Hawkes Bay
311 Alexandra St, Hastings
Thursday 2nd April - 6:00pm

Entry FREE or koha

Rob's real fight with depression and a Bullet

Inspired by true events, a journey of healing and self-discovery

Open to all whanau and families
Suitable for ages 10 and up

 **STAROS**

Sponsored by MW Lissette Ltd 

Written and performed by Rob Mocaraka - Directed by Erina Daniels

MORE NOTICES

The Common Good

We are organising a Public Theology Seminar Series in a public bar in the Hastings bar - Common Room. What is public theology you may well ask? Public theology is Christian engagement and dialogue within the church and especially with the larger society. It seeks the welfare of the state and a fair society for all by engaging issues of common interest to build the common good. It is where Christian theology that talks with society not just to society.

This is a way of offering a gospel perspective and a space for discussion on some key issues facing our society today. We are targeting an unchurched audience who are interested in social justice but who perhaps haven't encountered a church perspective on issues like justice system reform; gender-based violence; climate change and euthanasia as well as others. The presenters will be people whose Christian faith is foundational in their lives who are specialists in their field and motivated by Jesus to engage in the work they do. We already have Chester Borrowes booked in for Thursday May 14th, he will be reflecting on justice system reform.

The aims of this mission project are:

- To go to where the people naturally gather to connect the secular Hastings community with the gospel perspective on social justice issues
- To share the good news of the gospel in a natural life-giving way, as presenters share their own experiences of faith as part of their presentation.
- To create connecting points between the secular public and St Andrews Presbyterian Church as a starting point to build relationships
- To demonstrate that a Christian faith perspective is worth pursuing

Watch this space!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Kia Orana Tatou Katoatoa (Hello Everyone),

I am letting everyone know that I am not going to do the Church newsletters anymore because I am working now. I am still going to email the Church newsletters to the people also; putting the newsletters on our Church website and our Church facebook page. From 10th of February, I started working at Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand on 105 Market Street South as a Media Assistant. This is the first paid job that I ever had. Even though, I am a casual employee, I need to be free when they need me. I am only doing five hours per week however; it feels that I am doing forty hours per week.

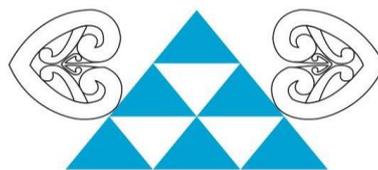
I am not just doing the newsletters, I am doing the community notices, weekly report, maintenance the website and I have to do my own timesheets. Plus, I am still doing my own business with my support workers. *Ngatamaine Tauranga Independent Funding*.

What is Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand? Kāpō Māori Aotearoa supports people who are blind and deaf. Kāpō Māori Aotearoa is a member-based society open to all people: disabled, able-bodied, Māori and Non-Māori. By supporting people, we bring hope, self-determination, independence, and individual and whānau well-being.

How did I know about Kāpō Māori Aotearoa New Zealand? I am a committee member of Mana Moana Pasifika Incorporated and in September last year, we were invited to attend to Biennial Conference in Napier by KMA. Only two committee members went to it which it was me and another member from Christchurch. In October, I wanted to have a part-time job because I was so bored at home and I want more money so, I decided to email KMA to see if they had got any jobs that I could do and sent my CV. Firstly, they said that they had never hired someone who has very, very high needs before; however, they would be in touch. A few weeks later, KMA emailed me and asked if I would like to do the newsletters and get paid for it. I replied and said, “yes please”. **I HAVE GOT A PAID JOB NOW!!!**

If anyone would like to receive the Church newsletters via email, please email me on ngaioanetauranga@gmail.com and then I will add you onto the Church mailing list.

Ka kite,
See you later,
Ngā-Maine Tauranga.



**Kāpō Māori Aotearoa
New Zealand Inc.**

<https://kapomaori.com>

INFORMATION FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER



Since this will be Ngā's last newsletter that she will be co-editing, I wish her well on her new career. She will still be emailing the Church Newsletters out to people or by putting them on the church's website and Facebook. In the meantime, any reports or material that you wish to go in the next newsletter, could you drop them into Wendy's office or email them to me by the **third Sunday** of the month. To contact me,

Contact Denise:

- Email: denise@standrewshastings.org.nz
- Phone: 8769632

Or if you wish to receive a newsletter by email then contact Ngā by:

- Private message on Facebook
- Email: ngaioanetauranga@gmail.com
- Text on 0275112619

Your feedback, both positive and negative about this newsletter would be most appreciative plus, whatever things you think need to change in the newsletter.

St Andrews has a Facebook page!! This is a great way to quickly share news and information. So, if you are on Facebook already it is a great way to connect! Our Facebook page is **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hastings**

March @ St Andrew's

NB. Sacred Space (Whakamoemiti) @ 12:10pm -12:30pm every Tuesday followed by lunch in the Red room.

Every Thursday morning study Group @ 10:00am in the Lounge.

Meditation Group every Thursday evening @ 7:30pm in the Blue room.

Sunday	1st	11:00am	Combined Holy Communion Service followed by church picnic at Cornwall Park
Tuesday	3rd	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting in Jill's office
Thursday	5th	6:30pm	Study Group at Jill and Chris's 'Transformed by Love'1
Sunday	8th	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Saturday	14th	10:00am	Presbytery Central Gathering @ St Albyn's in Palmerston North
Sunday	15th	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Thursday	19th	6:30pm	Study Group at Jill and Chris's 2
Saturday	21st	8:00am 10:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard Maraekakaho Market Day
Sunday	22nd	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service led by Rev Jill with Lindisfarne College Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Monday	23rd	7:30pm	Monday Evening Study Group @ Gerda Pronk's home (11 Christie Crescent Havelock North)
Sunday	29th	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald

APRIL @ ST ANDREWS

NB. Sacred Space (Whakamoemiti) @ 12:10pm -12:30pm every Tuesday followed by lunch in the Red room.

Every Thursday morning study Group @ 10:00am in the Lounge.

Meditation Group every Thursday evening @ 7:30pm in the Blue room.

Thursday	2 nd	6:30pm	Study Group at Jill and Chris's 3
Sunday	5 th	11:00am	Combined Holy Communion Service Palm Sunday
Tuesday	7 th	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting in Jill's office
Thursday	9 th	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	10 th	10:00am	Good Friday Walk and Worship
Sunday	12 th	10:00am 12:00pm	Easter Sunday Service led by Rev Jill McDonald Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Saturday	18 th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Summerset in the Orchard
Sunday	19 th	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service (<i>Leader to be confirmed</i>) Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Elders
Sunday	26 th	10:00am 12:00pm	Worship Service led by Rev Jill McDonald Kūki 'Āirani Service led by Rev Jill McDonald
Monday	27 th	7:30pm	Monday Evening Study Group @ Gerda Pronk's home (11 Christie Crescent, Havelock North)

MAY AT ST ANDREWS

Sunday	3 rd	11:00am	Combined Holy Communion Service
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