



A special welcome to visitors to West, a place of shelter, faith and laughter. We are an all-age, all-stage community where everyone is included.

We especially love having kids involved in the whole service on Sundays, in all their wriggling, noisy glory, so please don't worry if you or anyone with you makes a bit of a racket - we're glad to have you with us!

Morning tea is part of our time together, so you're warmly invited to stick around for a cuppa and a chat after the sitting-down part of the service.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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| 4 OCT | SAINTS AND HEROES 4 | 11 OCT | SAINTS AND HEROES 5 |
| | The Twenty Cent Saint | | JRR Tolkien |
| | Liane Lovegrove curating | | Gary Bedford curating |
| | Chris Grantham preaching | | Nathaniel Manning preaching |

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| 18 OCT | SAINTS AND HEROES 6 | 25 OCT | SAINTS AND HEROES 7 |
| | Jeremiah | | Samson |
| | Roi Monod curating | | Brian Manning curating |
| | Robyn Lewis preaching | | Mark Fisher preaching |

OCTOBER 2009



west:pastor

Thalia is away on annual leave until 29 October. While she's away, please contact a Board member if you need anything.

Don't lose your peace

One of the greatest promises in the Bible is "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You because he trusts in You."

Who are you trusting to solve your problem, God or yourself? You need to live by the principle 'Do your best and let God do the rest.' Too many of us have the idea that it's wrong to enjoy ourselves while we have problems. We grow up believing that if we can't do anything else, the least we can do is worry, act stressed out and be miserable. The Bible teaches us that when adversity

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comes we must stay in peace. Satan doesn't know what to do with us when he can't get us upset, we've taken a powerful weapon out of his hands.

Keeping your peace doesn't exempt you from life's difficulties, it just allows God to have the last word. By trusting him completely you are no longer at the mercy of circumstances, other people, or your emotions and limitations. When things go wrong do what God leads you to do, then rest in him and watch him work on your behalf.

west:making a difference

The basics: **Meryl Ashworth** works in education in Ethiopia with SIM; **Graeme and Christine T** work in business and medicine in South Asia; **Juam** is a student whose education and board we sponsor in Feni Baptist Hostel in Bangladesh; The New Plymouth **Street Vans** provide friendly and safe hospitality downtown on weekend nights; **Kingdom Resources West** provides budgeting help and interest-free loans to people in New Plymouth; we have a special relationship with **Spotswood School** over the road.

west:groups

Anyone is welcome to come to the **movie and discussion group** meeting at Grant and Megan C's place, 7pm on Tuesday nights; recent movies include "Les Miserable" and "Joyeux Noel" particularly enjoyed by all. Coming up are several of the Lord of the Rings movies with their links to JRR Tolkien who features in our Saints and Heroes series, followed by "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe" by CS Lewis, also in the Saints series. Carol and James M host a **study group** on the first and third Thursdays of the month; Thalia is running a **baptism+ group** following the material from the Sunday morning Story series at the Watsons' place. The **Rainbow Ladies** have recommenced at Heather B's home on Tuesdays. This week they

meet at 1.30pm, and are studying the prayer of Jabez.

Everyone in the church is in one of four **family groups**, who meet for social activities throughout the year and help out in practical ways in tricky times. **McKillop** Family Group are having a pot-luck Dinner at James and Carol's on Saturday 17 October at 6pm and they hope to see you there. **Sewell** Family Group are having a pot-luck meal at Val and Allan W's also on Saturday 17 October and Val will be in touch with more details later.

Get Real is for all young people from year 7 up, their friends, families and mentors. Get Real meets 6.30-8.30pm each Sunday of the school term at the church. Get Real has finished for this term.

west:people

Congratulations to **Judith and Roi** on the birth of their daughter **Madison Brooke** born 10 days early on 29 August, 6lb 7oz.



Maureen and Jim C are hopeful of finding another house/pet-sitting position for the period of mid October - mid December. If you're planning an overseas holiday, and would like your house to have security, and your pets to be cared for, they will be happy to assist. Contact them on 753 3459 or Mob. 0211441763.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Jun and Emma L and family are now at 37A Hobart Drive, Spotswood. ph 751 2727

Mark and Kirstyn F are at 70C Karamea St. ph 751 4474

Tiffany and Jason R are at 153 Veale Rd.

Matt and Thalia K will be at 85 Hine St.

ph 759 0179

Check out the West Baptist Church website, www.westbaptist.org.nz to see photos of **Matt and Thalia** on their wedding day in Auckland.

west:events

A big thank you to those involved in making the pre-wedding "DO" such a success for **Matt and Thalia**, - it was a lot of fun and enjoyed by all. It was nice to meet Matt's Family, his Dad, Mum and Sister out from the UK. for the Wedding. Hope they enjoyed their time in NZ.

MUSIC PRACTICES For the rest of this year most of the **music practices** will be at 7pm on a Thursday at the church. Gary is going to be away in Wellington most Monday evenings in October and November. And due to popular request we are going back to fortnightly.

So Music practices for the rest of the year will be as follows:

October 8 (Sorry folks there will only be one in October as we will be in Melbourne for the following fortnight.)

So that we don't clash with the McKillop study group, our next practices will be: **Nov 5 & 19** and the last practice for the year will have to be on **Monday Dec 7**, as on the Thursday we will be heading to Auckland to help Gary's parents celebrate 60 years of marriage. Heather & Gary

2010 Parachute Festival Jan 29 - Feb 1.

Join the Naki group and get the cheapest tickets and the best campsite. Tickets are \$132.00 and are available from Heather B. Grab a registration form, fill in the details and hand it over with your dollars to Heather before December 31. If you want to know more, talk to Heather or phone her on 751 3113. Alternatively, check out the website: www.parachutemusic.com/festival

In October we continue celebrating *Saints and Heroes*, getting ourselves inspired by people who have followed God before us.

west:pitching in

Calling all photographs... Heather B is collecting photos to put in our next **church phone book** - very helpful for those of us who are newish. She has old ones of most of us, which she'll use if she doesn't get a new one from you! So please send a single photo of the people in your household to gary-heather@clear.net.nz or give one to her on disk.

Thanks very much for all your contributions to our **food cupboard**. We would love more food support for two particular families we're working with, and supermarket vouchers are great for nappies and formula - these can go to Ruth M.

Like all good things, **Winter Soup Lunches** have come to an end. How about having your own pot-luck after-church lunches with a few people? Maybe get to know someone new?

The **prayer room** has moved into Xanthia's old study. You're all welcome to gather there before Sunday services to pray with the prayer team. Cela and Syd B (753 3459) coordinate the **prayer chain**, so call them with any needs we can pray about (or Cath and Eric P on 758 3546 while Syd & Cela are away in the UK from 9 August to mid-October).

Alan and Gwen B take care of **church bookings and hireage**. Please remember to check with them (751 2095) whenever you want to use the building.

If you'd like to set up an automatic payment or coded envelopes to **contribute financially** to the church, please see Erin R, our treasurer. You can get a whole third of your giving back as a donations rebate at the end of the tax year, now.

We are currently looking for people to help with free **babysitting** occasionally and someone who likes **interior design** to take charge of how the inside of the church looks.

Margaret S collects information for this **newsletter**, which comes out on the last Sunday of the month. Please contact her (753 6621, mjsewell@actrix.co.nz) with any info by the previous Wednesday. We'd also love to feature a different **photo** of west NP on the cover of each newsletter - let Thalia know if you've got one that might suit. The mountain counts! Pics that have we can put text over are best.

| | 3 OCTOBER | 10 OCTOBER | 17 OCTOBER | 24 OCTOBER | 31 OCTOBER |
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| Cleaning & Morning Tea | Liane L Wayne L | Megan C Grant C | Kirstyn F Mark F | Judith S-M Roi M | Lyn B Lynda C |
| Lawn Mowing | Grant C | Simon C | Alan B | Stuart W | James McK |
| Board Member | Wayne L | Gary B | Carol McK | | |