

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

NOVEMBER 2009

1 NOV	THE LOST ART OF LAMENT 1	8 NOV	THE STORY OF STUFF
	Lamentations 2		An economics interlude
	Lyn Broderick curating		Gary Bedford curating
	Miriam Bier from Carey preaching		Annie Leonard online

15 NOV	THE LOST ART OF LAMENT 2	22 NOV	THE YEAR IN REVIEW
	Modern Lamentations		2009 at West!
	Murray Lowe curating		Lyn Broderick curating
	Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching		Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching

29 NOV	ADVENT 1
	Hope
	Liane Lovegrove curating
	Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching



west:pastor

Thalia Kehoe Rowden

Seasons and calendars are great inventions! For me and My New Husband, last week it was autumn and daylight saving ended; this week there are blue skies and blossoms in our backyard.

It's good to be back! Matt and I have had a marvellous time, getting married *twice*, celebrating with friends and family in two hemispheres, and starting to build a life together. It's good to be home now, settling into our new house and starting new routines and practices, from after-breakfast prayer to after-dinner dishwashing.

November at West is a month where we try to acknowledge both the happy and the horrific in our lives. For two weeks we'll remind ourselves of the Lost Art of Lament, remembering that God has room for our

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despair as well as our excitement. A special guest from Carey, Miriam Bier, will kick this off for us, preaching from the often-flicked-past Old Testament book of Lamentations.

And then we have our annual Year in Review service, where we'll ask you all to contribute some thoughts on what 2009 has been like for you and yours and us: the laments, celebrations, growth and surprises.

It's a wonderful thing about calendars and seasons, that we get a chance to start again every year. I'm looking forward to hearing what this year has been like for you and what you are hoping 2010 will be like. May November be a month of insight and reflection before December's bustle.

Thalia ☺

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.

Meryl has returned safely to Makki with four new non-Mursi teachers so life will be busy again. Continue to pray for safety as she travels as the rivers are up and the roads covered in mud at the moment.

Graeme and Christine T are now in their own apartment and settling well. Both Jessica and Matthew have adjusted well to their new schools, Jessica at Hebron and Matthew at a local English Medium International School.

west:people

Murray L's daughter Bethany has won a Rebecca L Lynch Memorial Scholarship to the University of Idaho in the USA next year. She will possibly be doing a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree. Congratulations Bethany!

Marilyn V would like to say a big thank you for the support and practical help she received while she was recovering from shoulder surgery. Thanks for the meals, baking, cards, flowers and visits. John's Mum Jean has been transferred to a Wellington Rest Home ahead of their move there later.

It's musical houses at West! Here are some changes of address:

Jun, Emma, Daniel and Rebekah L are now at 37A Hobart Drive, Spotswood, 751 2727. Also, we will miss **Jun**, who is off to work in Malaysia for six months, starting sometime in November.

Mark, Kirstyn, Hannah and Millan F are at 70C Karamea St, 751 4474.

Tiffany and Jason R are at 153 Veale Rd, 753 8302.

Matt and Thalia KR are now at 85 Hine St, 759 0179.

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; Carol and James M host a **study group** on the first and third Thursdays of the month; the **Rainbow Ladies** meet at Heather H's home, on Tuesdays at 1.30pm.

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.

The **McKillop FG** will be going to the Fireworks display at the Bowl on Saturday Nov. 7th. Meet at Jude and Roi's first at 6.30pm, gold coin donation and BYO optional picnic tea. Lyn Broderick is

organizing the next **Sewell FG** event and will be in touch later with all the details.

Central Baptist has invited the young people from West to visit and try out their **youth group** this term, meeting on Friday nights from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Joining forces for 2010 might be a good option for West and Central young people, so this is a good chance to check it out.

Get Real will continue at West this term meeting on Sunday nights from 6.30pm (or 6pm if a movie is being shown). The final Get Real for this year will be Sunday 6 December which will be a mentor/mentee event (details to be confirmed).

west:events

November's a big month! We have a special guest from Carey, Miriam Bier, kicking off a mini-series on the Old Testament book of Lamentations, we celebrate another year of West in our Year in Review service, and the season of Advent begins, when we prepare to celebrate the Word of God who put on flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood. This year we'll be treating ourselves to some highlights from Handel's *Messiah* as we head towards Christmas. Bring your singing voices!

The **music group** is meeting on Thursday Nov 12 and Monday Nov 16 at the church at 7pm; please note change of day.

5-8 Nov Thalía at Baptist Assembly in Christchurch
 12 Nov Music practice, 7pm
 16 Nov Music practice, 7pm
 18 Nov Children’s Bible Ministries travelling Book Sale,
 Central Baptist Church Hall, 11am-6pm
 29 Nov Hospital Chapel service, bed pushing

west:pitching in

Thanks very much for all your contributions to our **food cupboard**. Please keep this in mind - there is always a need for food or supermarket vouchers.

It is our turn again on Sunday 29 November to do **bed pushing** at the Hospital; 3-4 people would be perfect. Meet at the Hospital Chapel at 10.30am for the 11am service and remain to return the beds at the end. Please let Megan or Grant C know if you can help.

Syd and Cela are back from the UK and again coordinating the **prayer chain**. Please ring 753 3459 with any requests. Thanks to Cath and Eric who took over while Syd and Cela were away.

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. Please see Thalía if you are available.

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 Thalía know if you’ve got one that might suit. The mountain counts! Pics that we can put text over are best.

	8 NOVEMBER	15 NOVEMBER	22 NOVEMBER	29 NOVEMBER
Cleaning & Morning Tea	Tiffany R Jason R	Jun L Emma L	Gary B Heather B	James McK Carol McK
Lawn Mowing	Daniel L	Jun L	Gary R	Roi M

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