

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 fairtrade tea or coffee after the sitting-down part of the service.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY 2010

28 MAR EVERYDAY JESUS 6
Matthew 5:27-32
Matt Kehoe Rowden curating
Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching

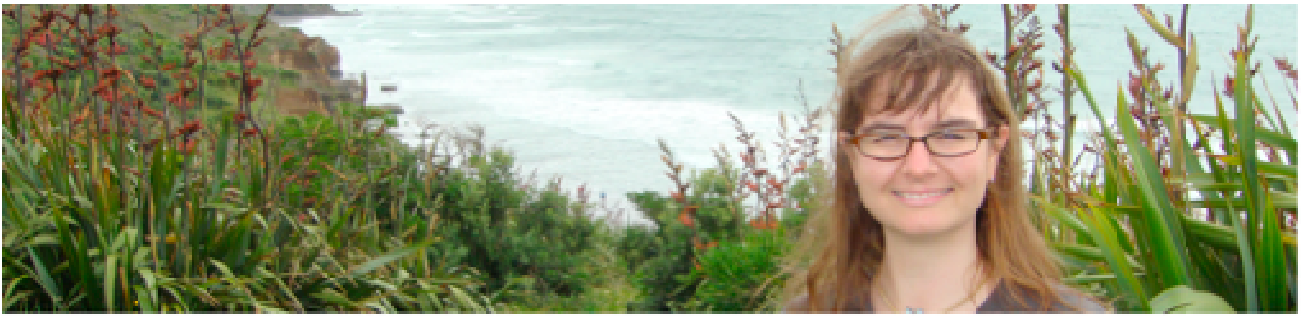
1 MAR SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS
Contemplation of Matthew 26-27
7.30pm, all welcome
Thalia Kehoe Rowden curating

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Matthew 27:67-77
9.30am, all welcome
Thalia Kehoe Rowden curating

EASTER FEAST
Matthew 28
11.30am for a celebration lunch
Thalia Kehoe Rowden curating

EASIER SAID THAN DONE 1
Matthew 6:25-34 'Do Not Worry'
preaching

EVERYDAY JESUS 4
Matthew 6:5-15
Gary Bedford curating
Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching



west:pastor

How can we make a long-lasting, sustainable, meaningful impact on our community? We have ideas! Come along to the Pancake Party AGM on Shrove Tuesday, 16 Feb, at 6pm, to hear them.

How can we give our family groups a lift this year? Come to the Pancake Party to find out!

What are West's 'Books in the Jar' for 2010? Come along on 16 Feb to eat pancakes and witness the unveiling!

What will we do together this year to build on the 'making room' momentum of last year? Come to the Pancake Party and get your own 2010 West Essentials calendar to be in the know.

How can we regain control of our busy, crowded lives? Listen in to our Unplug and Plug In series, beginning 7 Feb, to be inspired to live differently in 2010.

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Get on board right at the beginning at our Pancake Party as we unveil some significant new initiatives and launch the year at West. Don't miss out!



Thalia (pastor@westbaptist.org.nz)

west:making a difference

We have a portfolio of people and communities we support around New Plymouth and the world. 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.

Closer to home, **Kingdom Resources West** provides budgeting help and interest-free loans to people in New Plymouth, and we have a special relationship with **Spotswood School**, across the road - and this is about to get more exciting in 2010...

west:groups

Anyone is welcome at the **movie discussion group** meeting at Grant and Megan C's place, 7pm on Tuesday nights; recent movies include *The Lord of the Rings* and *Shadowlands*. **Carol and James McK** host a fortnightly Bible study group; **Liane L** is hosting a 16-week **discipleship group** on Thursday mornings, starting mid-March; the **Rainbow group** meets on Tuesday afternoons at Heather H's place.

Everyone in the church is in one of four **family groups**, who meet for social and service activities throughout the year and help out in practical ways in tricky times. This month the **McKillop FG** will kick things off with a BYO picnic tea at Ngamotu Beach, 5.30pm 13 Feb, bring togs

and games, wet weather venue is 3 Skinner St.

Wayne and Liane L will host a shared relaunch lunch (try saying that five times in a row) for the **Cannell FG** on 21 Feb after church.

Erin R is on duty this month for the **Sewell FG** and will be in touch with info; ditto Alison for the **NADM FG**.

Get Real is for all young people from year 7 up, their friends, families and mentors. In 2010, Get Real will meet three times per term, beginning with a mentor-mentee activity on 28 Feb; details to follow.

west:people

Joanne and Mike Watson have had a rollercoaster year. Two weeks after wedding on 9 Jan, their toddler, **Emma** was diagnosed with leukaemia and they are in Auckland while she has chemotherapy. Please pray for Emma and all who love her.

A warm welcome to **Will, Hester, Levi and Shania**, and to **Katrina Fankhauser**, who have joined West recently - it's great to have you all with us!

Grace D came through hip surgery with flying colours in Dec; **Cela B** has just had hers done on 28 Jan; and **Judith M** is having eye surgery on Feb 11: we wish them all a speedy recovery.

Lynette A has resigned her membership to join a church closer to home, and has also welcomed a new grandson, Aiden Jay. We look forward to seeing her on visits.

Anna-Lee L is leaving for Wellington to begin paramedic training, **Daniel L** is heading to nursing school there too, and **Charlotte V** has led her family there while she starts a commerce degree at Victoria. Perhaps we should start a West church in the capital?

Congrats to all the **students** who've had pleasing results from NCEA, Cambridge and tertiary courses over the summer. So many bright sparks and hard workers!

A couple of new ways of keeping in touch with each other have mushroomed over the summer. Check out the church blog at www.westbaptist.org.nz to join the discussions we have during the week, and join the West facebook group to help keep up with each other socially. So far we have 34 West people on facebook - not bad! It's proving to be a great way to increase our contact during the week.

west:events

We launch a new year of church events at our fun and yummy **Pancake Party AGM** on **16 Feb, 6pm**. Lyn B will be in touch with catering details. Come anytime from 5.30, and we'll be all done by 8.30pm at the latest.

4 Feb	Family Group leaders' meeting at the McKillops'
5 Feb	Board meeting at the Watsons'
16 Feb	Pancake Party AGM, 6pm at church
17 Feb	Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent
20 Feb	Lent Quiet Day at St Mary's, 9.30am-3pm, register with Gloria on 753 4050
20 Feb	Bizarre Bazaar festival fundraiser for <i>tranzsend</i> at Central Baptist
28 Feb	Mentor training afternoon and mentor-mentee social, details to follow

west:pitching in

Our **lawnmowing** roster has got a bit lean lately with people moving away. If you could help out with mowing the church lawns every so often, please contact Margaret S on 73 6621.

Our **music team** has been particularly affected by the farewelling we've been doing lately, so we'd love a few keen guitarists, keyboardists and drummers to join. Speak to Gary and Heather B (751 3113) if you're interested.

Syd and Cela B coordinate the confidential **Prayer Chain**. Call them on 753 3459 if you'd like the chain to pray about anything.

Gwen and Alan B manage the **hireage** of the church building during the week, so please check with them (751 2095) if you'd like to use it. We'd also like to have a few more groups using the building, so feel free to let people know about us.

We emptied our **food cupboard** over Christmas, giving hampers to six Spotswood School families and then responding to two other crises. Thank you for all you contributed to those acts of generosity and compassion. We're starting from scratch again now, so please consider bringing a few staple grocery items on Sundays to build up our stocks.

If you'd like to set up an automatic payment or coded envelopes to **contribute financially** to the work of the church, please see Erin R, our treasurer. The government will rebate a full third of what you give, so you can arrange your affairs accordingly.

Margaret S collects information for this **newsletter**, which comes out on the last Sunday of the month, so please contact her (653 6621, mjsewell@actrix.co.nz) with any info by the previous Wednesday.

	6 FEB	13 FEB	20 FEB	27 FEB	6 MAR
Cleaning & Morning Tea	Megan C	Mark F	Roi M	Lyn B	Emma L
	Grant C	Kirstyn F	Judith S-M	Lynda C	Rebekah L
Lawnmowing	Roi M	Alison D	Wayne L	Allan W	Grant C

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