



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.

This month we're celebrating men in our community and in history with a moustache competition and Sunday focuses on inspiring men.

See inside for more...

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

## NOVEMBER 2010

7 NOV

**MOVEMBER MEN #3**  
**Martin Luther King Jr**  
Simon Cannell curating  
Gary Bedford preaching

14 NOV

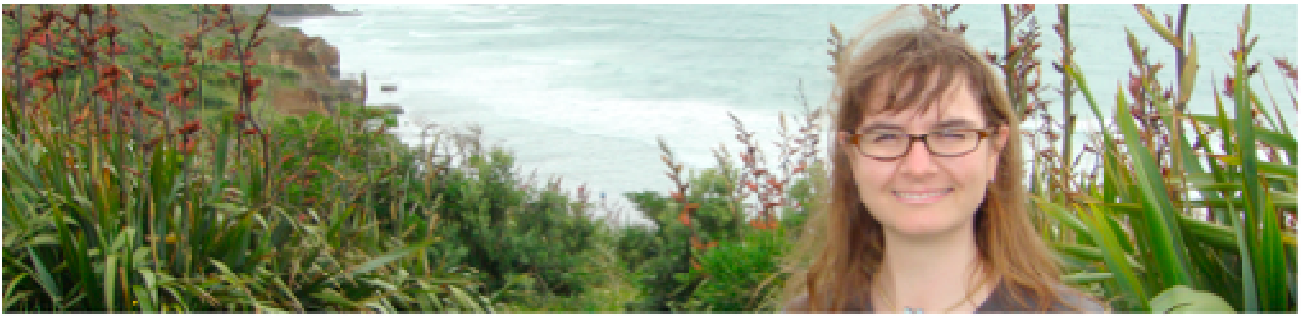
**YEAR IN P/REVIEW**  
**A chance to reflect and look ahead**  
Cairan Finnerty curating  
Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching

21 NOV

**MOVEMBER MEN #4**  
**Alongsiders Church Camp at West**  
Simon Cannell curating  
Mick Duncan preaching

28 NOV

**ADVENT WOMEN #1**  
**Mary (wear green)**  
Gary Bedford curating  
Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching



## west:pastor

The night when Peter, one of our Movember Men, stepped out of the boat onto a stormy lake, and walked towards Jesus on the surface of the water can be seen two ways. It can be the night he failed and fell, or the night he alone of the twelve disciples in that fishing boat trusted Jesus enough to walk on water.

I think it's worth remembering Peter's trust and how Jesus kept him afloat. Peter's experience shows that Jesus can be trusted to help us do miraculous things, and also trusted to pick us up when we risk something and fall down.

The Board and I think God is leading us to follow Peter's example in 2011 and beyond.

It's very exciting! We think God is inviting us to step out of the boat, together and individually, to discover

what God wants to teach us by experimenting, by doing; to act on what we have learnt by listening to sermons and reading books.

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We're in the early stages of figuring out what this means for us in 2011, and we'd love your input. Feel free to borrow a copy of the first chapter of the first

2011 Book-in-the-Jar, John Ortberg's book on Peter's experience, *If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat*, listen for the Holy Spirit's leading, and let us know what you think we could try next year.



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. **Paul and Sarah B** have begun a year's language study in Bangladesh to prepare for running a fairtrade business in South Asia. **Tipan** 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 Primary School**,

across the road and are working on providing a full-time Family Mentor for the school community.

This month's updates: **Meryl** has left Ethiopia and enjoyed a time of retreat in England, which was a huge blessing to her. She arrives in New Zealand on 13 November, and we will have a chance to see her here in New Plymouth sometime after that.

**Graeme and Christine** are still hoping for more orders to come in to keep the business going. **Paul and Sarah** and their two children are settling in well and have started intensive language study.

## west:groups

Do you knit or would you like to learn? **Wrap with Love** is a new knitting charity and we are looking at starting a knitting group during the week where people can knit together, teach, learn and socialise. Speak to Alison if you're interested in joining.

**Seedpods** is our new weekly themed play and friendship group for parents with young children, and it's going brilliantly! We would love some more helpers to host and bake; please speak to Tania S-A (758 3829) if you can help out.

**Carol and James McK** host a fortnightly Bible study group on Thursday nights; the **Rainbow group** meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at Heather H's place.

The **Movie Group** meets weekly at Grant and Megan C's place on Tuesday nights to watch and discuss

movies on the themes of our sermon series. Anyone's welcome to drop in.

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. **NADM** are having a tidy up in the gardens at Spotswood Primary School on Saturday 13 November, with afternoon tea to follow. See Alison for more details. Lyn, Tiffany and Jason are organising the next event for the **Sewell** group and will be in touch with details later.

**Get Real** is for all young people from year 7 up, their friends, families and mentors; speak to Alison D (751 1005) to get on the contact list. At the moment they're having a great time meeting each Sunday afternoon at Emma L's place to do an **E100 Bible study**; all welcome.

## west:people

Today is the latest **Visitors and Newcomers Lunch**, a chance to get to know those who have been recently worshipping with us. Emma L is hosting the luncheon for new people interested in meeting the leadership team and learning more about West.

Little Emma W is still seriously ill at Starship. Please remember her and the family in your prayers.

Will and Hester and family have moved to 297 Frankley Road.

**Heather H** has been enjoying a wheelchair friendly cruise and will be back with us soon.

The very successful **Spring Fair** held recently raised around \$1,030. A big thank you to all who made it such a success.

Please continue to pray for and support those who are struggling with ongoing health difficulties, especially those unable to meet on Sundays, **Lyn S, Grace and Lloyd D**.

## west:events

**November** is a big month! As well as watching **moustaches** grow, we'll be celebrating 2010 and anticipating 2011 in our **Year in P/Review service**, and getting together for a weekend of hilarity, learning, worship and good food at our **Alongsiders Church Camp**. Then we're straight into **Advent**, so get out your Jesse Tree books, kids!

Come along to the **Year in P/Review Service** with your specific reflections on our *7 Day Faith* journey in 2010, your hopes for our experiment in trusting God in 2011 as we are called to *Step out of the Boat*, along with any other thoughts you'd like to share. Share them from the front or put them on the website (more details to come).

**Parachute Festival** is coming up 28-31 January 2011! For the cheapest tickets and the best tenting site, join the Naki group and get your tickets for only \$139 before 31 December. See **Heather B**, ph 751 3113 or 021 032 6859 for a registration form and details.

31 Oct Shaving Day  
 31 Oct Visitors and Newcomers Lunch at Emma L's house  
 1 Nov Movember begins  
 1 Nov Amy J Stevens concert, Central Baptist, 7pm, \$10 tickets to support orphanages in China  
 4-7 Nov Thalia at Baptist Assembly in Tauranga  
 11 Nov Music Practice, 7pm  
 14 Nov Bed Pushing at Taranaki Base Hospital  
 14 Nov Quarterly Meeting with shared lunch  
 19-21 Nov Alongsiders Church Camp! Sleep at home, spend the rest of the weekend with us.  
 Take a registration form from the foyer and let Alison know you're coming. It'll be awesome!  
 25 Nov Music Practice, 7pm  
 28 Nov Advent begins. Hope Sunday (wear green)

## west:pitching in

West Baptist regularly helps out with '**bed-pushing**' at Taranaki Base Hospital so that patients can attend the morning Chapel Service. Our turn comes up on 14 November, so please Let Grant C know if you can help.

Our thriving Seedpods group is looking for a portable **cd player**. If you have one you can lend or donate, please see Tania S-A (758 3829).

We also discussed the need for people with roles of responsibility in the church to have good team support. If you are in one of these roles, please give some thought to who might be able to share your load.

Huge thanks to the team who have transformed the basement and side room (the former chapel) into clean, tidy, lovely spaces. Please help us keep them like that by putting things away after use.

Our **lawn-mowing** roster could do with some fattening up. If you could help out with mowing the church lawns every so often, please contact Margaret S on 753 6621.

Syd and Cela coordinate the **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.

Donations for our **food cupboard**, particularly of canned vegetables and food suitable for dinners, are much appreciated after requests for food parcels last month.

If you'd like to set up an automatic payment or coded envelopes to contribute financially to the work of the church, please see our treasurer, **Tania S-A** (758 3829). 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 (7536621, [mjsewell@actrix.co.nz](mailto:mjsewell@actrix.co.nz)) with any info by the previous Wednesday.

	7 NOV	14 NOV	21 NOV	28 NOV	5 DEC
Cleaning & Morning Tea	Gary B Heather B	Tracey W Stuart W	James McK Carol McK	Alison D Margaret O	Hester M Will M
Lawnmowing	Stuart W	James McK	Judith S-M	Murray L	Roi M

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