



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 celebrate Advent and Christmas, when 'God became flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood.' See inside for more...

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS DECEMBER 2010

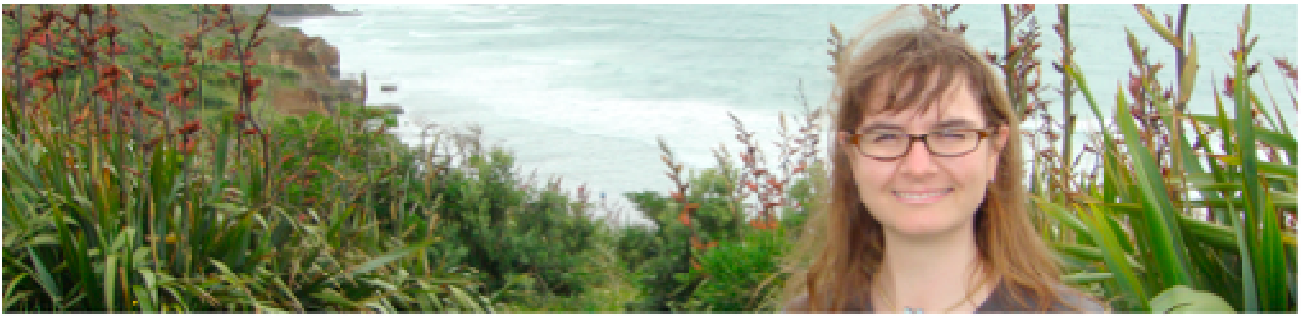
5 DEC **ADVENT WOMEN #2 (wear blue)**
Luke 1: Elizabeth
 Gwen Berryman curating
 Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching

12 DEC **ADVENT WOMEN #3 (wear yellow)**
Matthew 1, Joshua 2: Rahab
 Gary Bedford curating
 Will Mills preaching

19 DEC **ADVENT WOMEN #4 (wear red)**
Luke 2:36-38: Anna
 Brian Manning curating
 Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching

25 DEC **CHRISTMAS DAY! 9.30am**
All Welcome
 (No Sunday Service 26 December)
 Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching

JANUARY 2011 SERVICE DETAILS COMING SOON



west:pastor

One of my favourite things about West is our diversity. We have lots of different ages, stages, mother tongues, birthplaces, heights, styles, household structures, preferences, personalities and talents, and we choose to enjoy that diversity and extend welcome and grace to each other in our differences.

Last month we spent Movember focusing on the half of the community who are male, and I have been struck by how many different kinds of men we have at West.

In our community we love and appreciate men who put up wallpaper; men who cook curries; men who shave; men who sing; men who love books; men who love movies; men who pray; men who study; men who garden; men who bake carrot cakes; men who climb mountains; men who run around mountains; men who fish; men who golf; men who know their way around a toolbox; men who know their way around a balance sheet; men who give piggy-backs; men who look after their parents; men who build websites; men who build houses; men who teach; men who learn; men who visit people in

hospital; men who are patients in hospital; men who mentor; men who observe; men who encourage; men who think; men who love. And we love you all!

Movember has come and gone and left a legacy. We've seen the facial geography of some of our blokes change each week and we've been encouraged, challenged and inspired by Peter, Paul, Martin Luther King Jr and Jesus.

Now in Movember's wake, we are pleased to announce a new way to celebrate and support the wonderful men in our community.

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☺ Thalia (not a bloke, but a fan of them)
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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.

Graeme and Christine pray for energy and wise decision making and new orders for the two businesses they run. They are looking forward to having Jessica home for the holidays.

We have received another grant, of \$4065 from a government fund, for the **Family Mentor Pilot**. Please pray for the Trust's fundraising efforts as several more applications are considered this month.

Meryl will be arriving in New Plymouth around 15 December, so we will see her soon.

We will be delivering **Christmas food parcels** to some families from Spotswood Primary this month. Please bring any contributions you'd like to make on Sundays.

west:groups

As the summer holidays approach, many of our regular groups will take a break. **Seedpods, Wrap with Love, Movie Group, Rainbow Group, the McKillops' Study Group** and **Get Real** will meet again from February 2011.

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. **Seedpods** is a weekly themed play and friendship group for parents with young children. **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. **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

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 Christmas Bring and Share dinner at Robyn and Gary's on Saturday December 11, at 6pm. Dessert will be provided. For more details see Robyn or Alison. Something is in the planning for the **Sewell** group and Lyn will be in touch with details later.

west:people

Sadly we said goodbye to the **Emma and Rebekah L** family who have gone to Malaysia to join Jun who is working there, and to the **Youngin P, Yujin and Kate K** family who have returned to Korea. They will all be missed.

Joey and Lamie L dedicated their son Karl and daughter Jewel last weekend and will be joining us in membership shortly.

We also welcome several other new people into our church community: **Amy W, Toni F, Veronique B, Megan B** and **Layton C** to West! We'll be getting to know them all in services over this month.

Angela West and Glenn Adams were married on November 13 at the Pioneer Village at Stratford. Congratulations to you both.

Rachel Broderick marries Craig Riach in Christchurch on January 2. Lyn and all the family will be there to celebrate with them. Congratulations to you both. **John and Carolyn F** have a new grandson, a son for Daniel and Jaclyn.

James M has an entry called the "Soma Cube" in the Taranaki Kinetica art competition, which you can see (and vote for!) at Puke Ariki from 4-12 December.

After three months in Starship, **Emma W** and her family have returned to New Plymouth. Please continue to pray for them. 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

We had a great **Alongsiders Church Camp** with Mick and Ruby Duncan in November. We have several dvds of Mick and Ruby's seminar sessions to lend to anyone who missed one or would like to see one again.

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.

5 Dec The Hive (Community Environment Centre) opens today, 11-2, opposite Puke Ariki.
Thanksgiving service for Tennant family and other community leaders at the Cathedral, 5pm
9 Dec Music Practice, 7pm
25 Dec Christmas Day service
26 Dec **No Sunday service**

west:pitching in

The **Church Telephone Directory** is getting updated and Heather B would like new photos of everyone. Could she please have updated photos in digital form, especially family photos.

Our wonderful **Treasurer** Tania S-A is stepping down from the role and we are keen to hear from anyone who would like to serve in this area.

Could all reports for the 2010 Annual Report please be sent to Alison by the end of December. Email them to administrator@westbaptist.org.nz. Thanks!

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.

Are you keen to borrow from a large selection of books, DVDs and videos to enrich the minds of your children from 2 to 12 years with exciting stories containing Christian values, principles and character? Contact Alistair or Karen Morine during evenings or weekends on 758 5753 to access free library materials.

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 **use 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 Christmas treats, 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) with any info by the previous Wednesday.

	12 DEC	19 DEC	26 DEC	2 JAN	9 JAN
Cleaning & Morning Tea	Kevin F Sue F	Tania S-A Erin R	Brent G Murray L	Val W Allan W	Ricky M Ruth M
Lawnmowing	Wayne L	Will M	Allan W	Grant C	Simon C