



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.

2011 is the year we at West will Step out of the Boat, particularly in the direction of connecting with our local community. See inside for more....

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

OCTOBER 2011

2 OCT

THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR BACKYARD #4

Ephesians 3:1-21

Matt Currill curating

Thalia Kehoe Rowden preaching

9 OCT

THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR BACKYARD #5

Ephesians 4:1-16

Brian Manning curating

Raymond McKie preaching

16 OCT

THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR BACKYARD #6

Ephesians 4:17-32

Gary Bedford curating

Will Mills preaching

23 OCT

THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR BACKYARD #7

Ephesians 5:1-20

Alan and Gwen Berryman curating

Raymond McKie preaching

30 OCT

THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR BACKYARD #8

Ephesians 5:21-33

Matt Kehoe Rowden curating

Geoff Dixon preaching

6 NOV

THE UNIVERSE IN YOUR BACKYARD #9

Ephesians 6:1-9

Lyn Broderick curating

Brian Manning preaching



west:pastor

I believe in the Church. And I believe in West.

What do you think of Michelle Christoffersen's multicoloured cross on the front page? Married to Dave, the Marfell Community Constable, she designed it with West in mind – an all-age, all-stage community, where we're all different, but all in it together, and our differences make for a bright, vibrant community that brings attention to Jesus.

Anyone can join. Drawn by the cross and the God-with-us it represents, we can latch onto this community at any point. Some people connect to West and to Jesus through friendships, some through mentoring relationships; some are connected by knitting or community service or being part of Spotswood Primary School. Come one, come all, come any way you like.

This kind of open-at-the-edges unity-in-diversity is a key message of Ephesians, the letter from Paul we are studying together at the moment. And it's a key part of why I love West and why I believe in the Church.

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Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us that we are important to God's aims for refreshing the universe. You and me. We are important. What we do here at West *matters*. Our multicoloured, patchwork community is how God is choosing to redeem, renew, reinvigorate our world, starting with Spotswood. You and I are part of something vibrant and amazing when we are drawn together towards Jesus and each other, and practise living in multicoloured unity.

This is why I moved to New Plymouth four years ago, and it's why I have loved being part of this community. Thank you for your bright, multicoloured generosity to me and Matt over these years. West *matters* to God and to our community, and we are doing a significant thing by working together to love each other and our world. May God continue to bless and use West in our love and unity, and give us each a sense of how important we are to changing the world, one coloured block at a time.

Love,
☺ Thalia
thalia.rowden@gmail.com

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 provide a **Family Mentor**, Dee Weir, for families in the area.

Meryl is feeling the pressure of work assignments and lectures, pray she does well. Pray for the work in Makki where she would like to return to, but new Government regulations may make this difficult.

Graeme and Christine Pray for new structures being implemented at Shelano, that they would serve all concerned well. Pray for a relaxed family holiday coming up and for the changes that will occur when they get ready to leave.

Jocelyn has great gift ideas that will help to make a difference in the developing world. To buy a \$5

peanut farm starter or a bunch of other practical gifts administered by **Tear Fund** or **Leprosy Mission**, see her for a pamphlet.

A message from **tranzsend**, the Baptist Missionary Society: 'We are at the end of the 2011 Prayer and Self Denial appeal and have an excess supply of watering cans. We would like to offer them for sale with all proceeds going to Prayer and Self Denial funds. \$1 each small can or \$60/box of 72, \$10 each large can or \$35/box of 4; postage additional. Please contact Anne on 09 526 8444 or admin@tranzsend.org.nz to have yours sent today.'

west:groups

All men are welcome to share a drink and good conversation every second Monday at **Blokes and Cokes**, 7.30pm at WestBar. See Brian M or Will M, and the events section over the page for dates.

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 home. Our **Knitting Group** meets every second Wednesday, 9.30-12pm at Church (see Jocelyn D and the 'events' section for dates this month.)

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 Kathy M (753 2604) 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. If you are new to West and would like to join a Family Group please speak to Thalia or Alison.

The **Coasters** are having a pot-luck lunch at Grant and Megan C's after Church on 9 October. The **Connectables** are meeting at the Kiosk in Pukekura Park on Sunday 9 October at 2pm, for refreshments followed by a wander round the Park if weather permits. **McKillops**, now run by Judith and Roi, held a get-together dinner at Jude & Roi's last night.

west:people

Thalia goes on parental leave in early October. She and Matt will continue to be part of West (just not at church so early!)

Our love and sympathy go to **Cath P** and **Megan C** who have both lost family members recently.

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

Recently we said goodbye to **Joey**, **Lamie**, **Samantha**, **Karl** and **Jewel L** who are now part of CityWestChurch.

Please enter these changes into your **Directory**:
Alison Marris has moved to 16 Albemarle Rd, Northland, Wellington.
Mario, **Chantell**, **Logan** and **Asher C** have moved to 122 Brooklands Rd this week.
Mario: 027 863 6307 cloetmario@yahoo.co.nz
Chantell: 027 299 0122 chanijab@gmail.com
Mario is available to do odd jobs, cleaning, handy work, etc, in exchange for food and petrol vouchers.

A warm welcome to **Allen Go**, a University Student from South Korea who has been worshipping with us recently. Allen is looking for accommodation/flat

close to town. If anyone is able to help please contact Alison or Allen direct: 021 082 61123.

west:events

- 3, 17, 31 Oct Blokes and Cokes, 7.30pm at WestBar
6, 27 October Music Practice
9, 16, 23 Oct Watch the Rugby World Cup Quarters, Semis and Final with West friends
Details to be confirmed as the tournament progresses
12, 26 Oct Knitting Group, 9.30am-12pm at Church, all welcome
28 Oct-6 Nov 'Not your Nana's Craft Fair' with West knitters, 3 Turakina St, 10am-4pm every day.
30 October West's turn for bed-pushing at the Hospital for Chapel Service, please contact Grant C to help.

Parachute Music Festival is from 27 – 30 January 2012. Join the Naki Group and pay only \$144 for your ticket before 30 December to get the cheapest tickets and the best camping site. See Heather B, 751 3113 if you are interested in joining the Naki Group for P-12.

west:pitching in

Breakfast at Spotswood Primary gets underway next term on Mondays, 8-9am. If you have not already offered your help but think you can, please let Dee know.

Thalia is finishing her time with us at West. At last month's church meeting, a **Pastoral Search Committee** was elected, and comprises Brian M, Roi S-M, Lynda C, Carol McK, Gary B and Hester M. There will be more information about the search process over the next few weeks, including who our Carey Baptist College summer student will be.

At February's AGM we agreed on a significantly reduced budget but are hoping to exceed it as the year progresses. Each month we will keep the church informed of our progress. We have budgeted for **\$7,667** per month in offerings; in August offerings were **\$6,459**.

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.

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

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Donations for our **food cupboard**, particularly of canned vegetables and food suitable for dinners, are much appreciated.

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, **Lynda C** (753 3641). 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.

**Cleaning &
Morning Tea
Lawnmowing**

2 OCT

Judith S-M
Roi M

9 OCT

Erin R
Amy W
Murray L

16 OCT

Lynda C
Kathy G

23 OCT

Gary B
Heather B
Murray L

30 OCT

Tracey W
Stuart W