



**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.

Look out for people assembled in the area near the side exit door – they will be happy to pray with you after the service.

See inside for more....

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

MAY 2016

**1 MAY** Walking Alongside at WITT  
Guest: Tuari Reweti

**8 MAY** Mother's Day Brunch  
Spotswood Primary School

**15 MAY** Beyond Betrayal #1  
Culture & Prejudice

**22 MAY** Beyond Betrayal #2  
Our Story 1300 - 1840

**28 MAY** Beyond Betrayal #3  
Saturday evening with Keith Newman  
Our Story: 1840 - 1899. 6pm \$15

**29 MAY** Beyond Betrayal #4  
Guest: Keith Newman  
Where do we go from here?



We've been thinking about mentoring; "lovingly walking alongside somebody in their life journey for a while." Here is the 1st XV of mentoring, borrowed & adapted from Carey Baptist College principal Charles Hewlett. These apply to many relationships and situations.

#### 1. Work hard at developing the relationship

Mentoring is all about the relationship. Remember there is no formula, no ideal model, and no programme of steps to success.

#### 2. Maintain regular contact

Develop ways of regularly communicating with the person you are mentoring. Write a note, send an e-mail, a text, or even a phone call! Sit by them at church, etc and let them know they are important to you.

#### 3. Establish Expectations

It might be as simple as saying "we're going to meet once a month for 1 hour, and we'll each bring one thing to talk about."

#### 4. Provide a safe space

When mentee and mentor know the other is for them, when there's trust, and openness, we're providing a safe place to ask questions, to explore topics, to be creative.

#### 5. Listen (cause it's not all about the mentor!)

We need to let the mentee speak and listen to them well and carefully. It is important to listen behind the words, to try and hear what is going on inside the person's heart as well as head.

#### 6. Ask good questions

Mentoring is more about asking good questions than giving good answers. It is very easy for us to answer and to tell someone what to do – but good mentoring resists this.

#### 7. Provide some new information

However, do try and contribute information that might be new. Put time aside in preparation.

#### 8. Encourage theological (God) reflection

Try to encourage people to think with a Kingdom of God mind-set. "Theological reflection occurs when the events of life are examined through the eyes of faith in order to integrate experience and faith."

#### 9. Be transparent

Mentoring is about the sharing of life and experiences, the successes and failures, the good times and the bad. When mentors and mentees open their hearts and minds to one another they make themselves vulnerable - this is the heartbeat of mentoring.

#### 10. Be honest

A mentoring relationship is only worthwhile if we are able to speak the truth to one another. A good mentor will have the ability to lovingly and gently confront.

#### 11. Be creative

Don't always do everything the same – it tends to get a bit boring!.

#### 12. Provide encouragement and hope

Don't hold back on the affirmation. Affirm people's efforts and let them know when they have done well. Often you will see the potential in the people you are mentoring before they do – so tell them.

#### 13. Be an advocate

There will be times when we will be required to support and even speak up for a mentee. It's so important they know we are for them – even when things are hard.

#### 14. Be prepared to learn

The Christian life is a relational life that recognises our common humanity. We journey through life with others, we are equals, partners together in God's mission, co-workers the Bible describes us as.

#### 15. Encourage holistic development

At Carey there is a learning model with four components; knowing (knowledge), doing (skills), being (character) and feeling (empathy & passion.)

Andrew 😊

## west: making a difference

We have a portfolio of people & communities we support around New Plymouth & the world. The basics:

**Meryl** Having been here for almost three and a half years, I am planning on soon returning to New Zealand for my home assignment. Although in the past I have taken a full 12 months 'furlough' back home from Ethiopia, this time I will be coming for only 8 months, from mid-June (after this Spring term finishes) to mid-February. I am planning that, God willing, I will return in time to teach again in the Spring 2017 term which starts at the beginning of March.

I hope to again be based in the central/western part of Auckland, but will need somewhere to live as well as the use of a small car. Are you able to help? I am open to any/all suggestions but obviously need to be independent and able to move around when necessary. (Of course, I am willing to pay expenses.) Please contact me by the end of this month if you can help or have any suggestions for me.

**Paul and Sarah B** The Loyal Workshop needs to employ 2 skilled locals now, one to take the heavy administration load off Sarah, and one to take the full time burden of laser cutting the leather off Paul. When these are filled, Paul and Sarah will be much less swamped and able to focus on the most important aspects of our Freedom business. Please pray God sends them to us soon.

**Jo R.** Give thanks for the steps we continue to take towards new business establishment, and freedom for more at-risk and trafficked women. Please pray for the courage to speak up, and not assume that everyone else knows better than I, and to always see myself as a valuable team member.

**Carley.** Pray for new teachers for GEMS. We specifically need a primary school teacher, or two, who

**Awesome Whānau Parenting Course** has finished for Term 1. Term 2's course has been cancelled, but we'll look to run another one in Term 3. Thanks for the support.

**Play and Parent Support Group** has stopped, but may re-start following the Building Awesome Whānau course.

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.

**Lasses & Lattés.** A chance for the women of our church (and friends) to get together, every second

have the right heart and are willing to learn (local teachers) and we need a Science teacher for the High School (local or foreign).

**Alton Chakma** is a student whose education and board we sponsor in Feni Baptist Hostel in Bangladesh. Our sponsorship enables Alton to live in the Feni Boy's Hostel which provides food, education, clothes, medical care and spiritual development in a sound Christian environment.

Closer to home:

**Kingdom Resources West** provides budgeting to people in New Plymouth.

We love & partner with **Spotswood Primary School**, across the road. We're involved with HPP Reading, KickStart Breakfast Club, Pastoral Care, Mother's Day Brunch, Morning Tea for staff at the start of each term, Citizenship Award, and other areas individuals volunteer in. There are many ways you can serve our school community if you're interested.

Just letting us all know, there are children and teens in our Spotswood community that we have had a fair amount of contact with, who would love to have, and need to have an adult spend regular time with them.

**Spotswood Primary School:** We have people volunteering with serving kids breakfast, reading with children, making morning tea for staff, and on the Board of Trustees. If you're interested in finding out more of what's involved in serving, speak to Andrew, Erin, Syd, Robyn (& more!)

## west: groups

Monday, at 7.30pm at the Treehouse on Devon St West All women welcome.

**Carol and James McK** host a fortnightly 'Chocolate Fish' Bible study at their home. See 'events' section for dates.

The **Movie Group** will meet weekly at Grant & Megan's home on Tuesday nights to watch and discuss movies on the themes of our sermon series. On the first Tuesday of the month members take part in a Quiz night at Westbar at 6.30pm.

The **Music Group** practices will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm. If anyone is interested in joining the Music Group, we would love to have you come along and join us. We would

especially love to have some new musicians and singers. Most practices concentrate on learning new songs. See Gary B if you are interested.

**Get Real** For all Year 7 – 13 students, and their parents/grandparents. Friends, fun, faith, food! We meet each Sunday during term time. 6.30 – 8pm in the downstairs part of our building. See West:events

section for exact dates. Contact Hester or Andrew for more info.

The **Rainbow group** meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons, at 1pm at Heather H's home. See 'events' section for dates.

**west: people**

Happy big Oh Birthday to Murray E!

Please continue to pray for and support those who are struggling with ongoing health difficulties, and

those unable to meet on Sundays, **Cath P, Lyn S, Lloyd D, Marlinka R.**

**west: events**

**Over 60's Group.** Carolyn would love to hear offers from folk wishing to organise an event for our Group. Please phone her with your idea!

**Saturday 28 May.** 6pm. Journalist and author **Keith Newman** will be with us to share about Taranaki history, and the special relationships Christian missionaries had with local Māori. This will be great! \$15 for dinner, presentation, and with time for questions and responses. See website or Alison for bookings.

**Get Real** is a fun and safe place for young people (Year 7 up) to explore faith and build relationships. [We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in the youth room downstairs.](#) On the 8th, 15th and 22nd May we will be looking at some of the stories Jesus told, followed by a Social Event on 29 May. The young people will also be helping out at the Mother's Day Brunch on 8th May.

**Mother's Day BBQ Brunch** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. Join us at Spotswood Primary School and bring blessings to your community!

2,16,30 May	Lasses & Lattés, 7.30pm at Treehouse, Spotswood	10, 24 May	Rainbow Group at Heather H's home, 1.00pm
8 May	Mother's Day BBQ Brunch at Spotswood Primary School Hall	12, 26 May	Chocolate Fish Group, at James & Carol's home
8,15,22 29 May	Get Real, 6.30pm at Church	12, 26 May	Music Practice, at Gary & Heather's, 7pm
9,23 May	Blokes & Cokes at Westbar 7.30pm	28 May	6pm Dinner & presentation with Keith Newman \$15, at the Church
10,17,24,31 May	Movies night at Grant & Megan's home		

**west: pitching in**

**Each month** we will keep the church informed of our progress. We have budgeted for \$9,835 per month in offerings; in March our offerings were \$7,917.61.

**Prayer** If you have a prayer request, please see Andrew. If you'd like to join the e-mail prayer chain as a pray-er, please talk to Andrew.

If you'd like to set up an **automatic payment** or use envelopes to contribute financially to the work of the church please see our treasurer, Brent G. (751-0010) The government will rebate a full third of what you give.

**Cleaning & Morning Tea Lawnmowing**

**7 MAY**  
Alison D  
Lisa A  
Alison D

**14 MAY**  
Val & Allan  
Angela Glen

**21 MAY**  
Sangsters  
Erin R  
Wayne L

**28 MAY**  
Sue J  
Steve J

**4 JUNE**  
Hester M  
Will M  
Andy L