



**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

NOVEMBER 2016

**30 OCT** James # 12  
5:7-20 (end)  
Conclusion (before we finish!)

**6 NOV** James # 11  
5:1-6  
Purity in Wealth

**13 NOV** Meryl Ashworth  
Serving in Mission in South Korea

**20 NOV** Year in Review – Our stories of God in our lives. Meet Roi Nu, Church meeting, Lunch

**27 NOV** Advent # 1  
Green for Hope!

**4 DEC** Advent # 2  
Blue for Peace!



Wow! Can you believe the front page of our newsletter?! Advent is upon us!!! Jesus is coming! What I mean is, Jesus is coming! Firstly that Jesus is coming again! Hope, peace, joy and love will reign as everything is made new!

Secondly, Jesus has come! For people living in Old Testament times longing for change, security and a future worth living for - Jesus came and brought Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We look forward to Jesus' coming again, we remember Jesus' first coming. We wait. Come Lord Jesus, come.

One catechism [describes](#) Advent like this: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation

for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's [John the Baptist's] birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'"

It is between the fulfilled promise of Christ's first coming and the yet-to-be fulfilled promise of his second coming that Karl Barth [penned](#) these words: "Unfulfilled and fulfilled promise are related to each other, as are dawn and sunrise. Both are promise and in fact the same promise. If anywhere at all, then it is precisely in the light of the coming of Christ that faith has become Advent faith, the expectation of future revelation. But faith knows for whom and for what it is waiting. It is fulfilled faith because it lays hold on the fulfilled promise." The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent.<sup>1</sup>

We wait together. Come Lord Jesus, come.

Andrew 😊

<sup>1</sup><http://www.christianity.com/christian-life/christmas/what-is-advent.html>

## west: making a difference

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

**Meryl** has requested prayer for her two co-workers, Jimmy and RoxAnne who have had to return to the USA to help in a family crisis. Also prayers for their son Steven who is unwell, and his wife Kunhee. It is not known when or whether they will return to Korea, and this may mean Meryl may need to cut short her time in N.Z.

Pray also for wisdom for Meryl and the staff at ACTS as to how best they can help. Meryl also thanks West folk for their various kinds of support shown in many ways.

**Paul and Sarah B** Our third intake of Women started their 6 months of training with us on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. They are courageous women who are determined to fight for their freedom out of slavery. Please stand with us as we support them in this fight, pray they have stamina and wisdom and that all seven will be set free and into God's family.

**Jo R.** Pray for Jo as she juggles a busy work schedule, pray she will have the wisdom to manage her schedule well.

**Carley.** Please pray for Carley's ongoing language learning. Pray that opportunities will arise which will allow her to practise her learning on a daily basis.

**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 Chaplaincy:** Andrew has finished co-leading groups for boys that help with

## west: groups

**Awesome Whānau Parenting Course** for any adults wanting to develop in parenting skills, aimed at 0 – 12 year olds.

Naomi and Liane are leading a third Awesome Whānau parenting group on Tuesday mornings this school term, 10am start. There are five participants on this course. Please pray for us and the group. For more information contact Naomi on 021 2033653.

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

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

The **Movie Group** will meet weekly at Grant & Megan's home on Tuesday nights to watch and

## west: people

Congratulations Jill M on your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Welcome back Margaret O! We look forward to hearing stories of your adventures!

Rachel M has her last ever day of school on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Then it's into study and exams! Go Well !!

Baby Eden is home from hospital and doing well !

Ross H is at home rehabilitating his knee post op. Keep up the hard work!

Congratulations to Michael P's "special friend" Liz, who has secured a job in Taradise starting March.

listening, being respectful, taking turns, and providing solutions to problems. It was hard work! Let's see what Term 4 brings!

**Hospital Chapel Service support.** Bed pushers and wheel chair pushers are needed on a roster basis for Services at Base Hospital. Helpers would be called on around three times a year. Co-ordinators are Ian & Jill McK, please talk to them if you would like to help.

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.

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

The **Music Group** practice will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 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** is all about friends, fun, faith and food. It's for young people who are year 7 through to year 13 (Form 1-7.) We meet on Sunday evenings from 6.30-8.00pm in the church basement. See West:events section for exact dates. Contact Andrew for more info.

Well done to Jason on a new job delivering much needed fertiliser to our farms.

Judy & Brian W's daughter Laura became engaged last month to her man Tim. Great Stuff!

Our Uni students Nathaniel, Matt, Jacob, Michael, and Deb-Lyn are all coming into exam time.

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.** A Lunch is planned at the home of Carolyn & John F, on Sunday 13 November after Church. Please bring a plate to share.

<p>31 Oct</p> <p>1,8,15,22 Nov</p> <p>6,13,20,27 Nov</p> <p>7 Nov</p> <p>8,22 Nov</p> <p>8,15,22, 29 Nov</p>	<p>Get Real to Light Party at Bell Block.5pm carpool at Church. All welcome</p> <p>Awesome Whānau Parenting Course at Naomi's home, 10am</p> <p>Get Real, 6.30-8pm. Church Basement</p> <p>Blokes &amp; Cokes at Westbar 7.30pm</p> <p>Rainbow Group at Heather H's,1pm</p> <p>Movies night at Grant &amp; Megan's home</p>	<p>10,24 Nov</p> <p>10,24 Nov</p> <p>13 Nov</p> <p>14,28 Nov</p> <p>4 Dec</p>	<p>Music Practice - Gary &amp; Heather's Chocolate Fish Group, at James &amp; Carol's home</p> <p>Over 60's Lunch, Carolyn &amp; John's home</p> <p>Lasses &amp; Lattés, 7.30pm at Treehouse, Spotswood</p> <p>Get Real end of year party with Year 6 students invited. Details to come.</p>
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## 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 September our offerings were \$10,758.50.

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.

**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.

We have our **John D memorial DVD collection** downstairs. If you'd like to borrow something, please take it, record it in the notebook, and return it to the correct place on the shelves.

<b>Cleaning &amp; Morning Tea Lawnmowing</b>	<b>5 NOV</b> Roi SM Jude SM Syd B	<b>12 NOV</b> Judy W BrianW	<b>19 NOV</b> James M Carol M Allan W	<b>26 NOV</b> Lynda L Andy L	<b>3 DEC</b> Alison D Lisa A Stuart W
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On Sunday 20 November, we will be welcoming our summer pastor Roi Nu Maran! Roi Nu will be with us until Sunday 12 February. Roi Nu is from Burma and has been in New Zealand since 2008. She is currently working on her Master's degree at Carey Baptist College as she heads towards completing her Pastoral Leadership training next year.