



**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

MARCH 2017

**5 MAR** Judy Wood

**12 MAR** Gary Bedford

**19 MAR** Andrew Sangster  
Self Denial Intro

**26 MAR** Andrew Sangster  
Self Denial #1



For some reason beyond my comprehension, I offered to do a Blurb for the monthly newsletter in Andrew and Roi Nu's absence!!! Crazy lady!!

However, I have had on my mind the verses about the "body" in 1 Corinthians 12:12 onwards - believers being the body of Christ. I'm sure you will know the verses well but read them again sometime to refresh your mind. I love it that we are all different and yet all important and all working towards the same goal.

Using the analogy of the body, Paul emphasises the importance of each church member. If a seemingly insignificant part is taken away, the whole body becomes less effective.

Thinking that your gift is more important than someone else's, or looking down on those who seem less important, or being jealous of those who have impressive gifts is not what it is all about. We must use the gifts we have been given and encourage others to use theirs. If we don't, the body of believers will be less effective.

Over the last 3 months with Andrew on sabbatical and Roi Nu taking over a summer pastorate role I have been SO impressed with the level of commitment, help, love and watching people quietly going about using their gifts. I don't know of any major hiccups along the way but it is all in part due to YOU - yes YOU!!

Thank you for loving and serving.

Lyn

## west: making a difference

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

**Paul and Sarah B** Sarah has been feeling unwell for a few months. It has dragged out and been pretty draining on all of us. Pray she will get better soon.

**Jo R.** Give thanks for another great Freedom Encounter Course that ran last month and for the progress being made – in small ways and large – as we seek to expand the freedom business community throughout South Asia. Thank God for the cooler weather and the joy it brings, and being able to concentrate on work more. Pray that with the many visitors who are coming to spend time here, that their time will be fruitful in many ways, and a time to remember in the future.

**Carley.** Please pray for a daily focus on the blessings God has put in my life, rather than focus on the negative. Please pray that the right teacher trainees will come to the training this month.

**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:

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:** Spotswood Primary Chaplaincy: Along with contributing to the school's pastoral care team, Andrew has been spending individual time with four children.

**Hospital Chapel Service support.** Hospital Chapel Service Support: West helps with the hospital chapel service occasionally. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Ian & Jill M.

## west: groups

Another free and fantastic '**Building Awesome Whānau**' parenting course is coming up. Starting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It runs for 6 weeks at 9.30 - 11.30am on Friday mornings. Parents who have attended this course have enjoyed watching the funny and informative DVD's, as well as talking with others in the group about the course topics. The topics are:

Building your family on aroha,

Protecting your whānau,

Boundaries to keep the good stuff in and the bad stuff out,

Keeping it sweet – atmosphere of the home

Communication, and Living in the big wide world.

Naomi is facilitating the course in her home. Babies and toddlers are welcome. For more information or to register, please phone 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 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. Anyone looking for a fortnightly home group is welcome to check us out. The group is currently following a video series on the book of James.

**Get Real** We are hoping that Get Real (for Intermediate to high school age kids) will be kicking off again soon. If your child is in this category you will be contacted directly, or if you know of any other kids that might be interested please contact James M on 7511025 for more information.

**The Music Group** This month's practices will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 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.

## west: people

**Jocelyn D** is recovering from a cataract operation, and Meryl was able to come for a quick visit to see her before returning to Korea.

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

those unable to meet on Sundays **Eric P, Lyn S, Lloyd D, Marlinka R, Kathe M, Jocelyn D.**

## west: events

**Church Picnics** Every Sunday evening (weather permitting) we meet from 5-7pm at the Eastern end of Ngamotu Beach. Bring your own food and come and enjoy the fellowship.

2,16,30 Mar Chocolate Fish Group, at James & Carol's home

7,21 Mar Rainbow Group at Heather H's, 1pm

9,23 Mar

13,27 Mar

Music Practice - Gary & Heather's

Lasses & Lattés, 7.30pm at Treehouse, Spotswood

## west: pitching in

### Breakfast in Schools volunteers:

Do you have a spare 2 ½ hours on a Monday or Friday morning once, twice, three times – or more a term? We require more volunteers to help give the kids at Spotswood Primary a good start to the day by feeding them breakfast. If you are interested, please contact Erin.

### The Food Cupboard:

The food cupboard needs replenishing. We need things like pasta, rice, breakfast foods, Juice sachets, coffee, tea, tins of veges, fruit, meals, soup, flour, sugar, etc. If you could bring along one thing each week we will soon have the cupboard restocked.

**Each month** we will keep the church informed of our progress. We have budgeted for \$9,835 per month in offerings; in January our offerings were \$9,831.19.

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.

### A message from Andrew:

I've now finished my time out at Parihaka. The main project involved clearing an overgrown site for a 10m<sup>2</sup> shed to be built. As this 'shed' was built, it was plumbed, planned and prepared to be a bathroom. Although, a bathroom without power – in light of the owner wanting to live sustainably with little or no electricity usage. This meant a solar light was installed and a different system for hot water.

Jobs I've been involved in initially included clearing, digging, lifting, and carrying. There's been lots of measuring of dimensions, floor, walls, cavity batons, external batons, flashings, spaces for bath, toilet, vanity unit and shower. I've become somewhat proficient at cutting (with handsaw, jigsaw, skill saw, drop saw). I've helped line up walls, insert window frames, hold up ply for ceilings, fill, sand, prime, paint. Nails have been hammered, many screws have been screwed. With excellent help from Andrew Williams and Ian McKillop we have built a ramp from the owner's bedroom to the new bathroom. This involved building a small retaining wall, filling it, working out best levels for a safe decline and corner, and concreting it all.

It was fantastic to have a number of West people come out for a day to contribute to what will make a huge difference for this family. I'd like to especially mention Andrew Williams who came out many times and was a real asset to the project! Great stuff West!



**Cleaning & Morning Tea  
Lawnmowing**

**4 MAR**  
James McK  
Carol McK  
James McK

**11 MAR**  
Lynda L  
Andy L

**18 MAR**  
Alison D  
Lisa A  
Jude SM

**25 MAR**  
Val/Allan W  
Michael P

**1 APR**  
Sangsters  
Erin R  
Murray L