



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 service on Sundays. So please don't worry if anyone with you makes a little bit of noise – 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

AUGUST 2018

5 AUG Disciple making;
where from & where to?

12 AUG Titus #1
Ch 1:1-5

19 AUG Titus #2
Ch 1:5-9

26 AUG Titus #3
Ch 1: 10-16



On Saturday a bunch of us spent the afternoon with “Worship Curator” Mark Pierson. Mark also curated our worship on Sunday morning and preached. Here is a summary of the content with some initial thoughts about how this might apply to West.

Firstly, let’s define some key words:

Church - exists to sustain people in their following of Jesus Christ in the world (and to introduce others to that journey)

- by building connections, telling the story of God, telling our stories, offering acceptance and forgiveness, modelling a new way of being and doing
- At the end of 2018 we will be having a service dedicated to responses to the question: “how has West helped sustain you in your following of Jesus in the world this year?”

Worship - the practices of a person / persons in response to the Trinitarian community of God that engage heart, soul, mind, strength (passion, prayer, muscle, intelligence).

Worship is about:

- “the formation of hearts and desires” James K A Smith, desiring the kingdom
- growing people who are “building for the Kingdom of God” N.T Wright

Curator - a maker of a context for worship. Not a presenter of content.

This comes from a context of taking care of souls – which is what we’re seeking to do – preparing a time, place and space for people to engage with Trinitarian God and in doing so have our souls (whole lives) *formed* in Christ likeness.

Mark helped us focus on practices that help us engage with the Trinitarian God (Father, Son, Spirit). The goal is engagement so that formation in Christ likeness would happen, and therefore, any practices that help us with this are possible.

Mark stressed that context is very important. What fits and works for one group of people will be different for another group of people. Therefore, what Mark has said and done, taught and modelled needs to be “west-ised” – contextualised for us. Two examples of this are how we make material (like colouring sheets, clipboards etc) available to people during the service. The West way we want to encourage is that children be supported to engage as much as possible during the service next to their family, and that colouring/drawing etc could be something done during a sermon whilst sitting next to an adult. A second example of contextualising Mark’s Sunday order of service is that we would want to have some specific activity (interactive, visual, tactile etc) that people can join in with, that will help us all engage and open our minds and hearts to the topic of the morning (aka a ‘hook.’)

One of the stand-out reminders for me was that information isn’t a goal – but rather formation. Formation is about the growth of people into increasing Christlikeness. “God loves us just the way we are, and God wants us to be more like Jesus.”

Information seeks to change one’s thinking which assumes changed living will follow. However, it is changed hearts that lead to changed lives. It is worship (practices in response to Trinitarian God) that forms our hearts and desires. Information is needed too :-)

If it’s true that “we get the kinds of Christians that our worship aims at,” then growing in how we think about and plan times of worship is extremely important. We are truly blessed to have so many people willing and able to thoughtfully make a context for worship! Yay for our curators! If you would like to have a conversation about curating at West, please have a chat with Liane or me.

Mark commented that developing a regular order of service can be helpful in that we are more likely to include practices that help us engage with our Trinitarian God. It also helps with the creating of worship for our curators. There is a lot of freedom and flexibility still in having a regular order. This is something our curators will be considering further.

I wonder how you found Saturday and/or Sunday’s gathering? Where was God for you? What did you find helpful? What ideas do you have?

Andrew 😊

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, Mikayla and Malachi (S Asia):** Please pray for protection for all 4 of us. The spiritual oppression of living in this city is significant and we felt it as soon as we flew back but we know that prayer changes things and God can lift this oppressive weight from us. Sarah and Paul are undergoing a regular registration process. Please pray for them.

Carley (S Asia): We have 9 students sitting their O- level exams pray they will focus and manage their studies as they prepare for the exams. Pray for Me and the other Teachers for wisdom in counselling thru their individual issues. This is their last time with us as student's, so we want them to finish well and go out and contribute to their country.

Jo and Charlie (N.Z. and S. Asia.): were married on July 14th and look forward to working together as a Married couple. They have been accepted by the Mission Council so pray for them as they prepare to raise support in New Zealand before they return to the field to work.

THANK YOU all from New Plymouth West Baptist Community Church for partnering with Tranzsend in its 2018 Prayer and Self Denial Appeal. We want to acknowledge your willingness to give to God and the work He is doing in the world. Your gift of \$3,444.10 will be used to enable our overseas workers to continue to be part of this, serving their communities, reaching, redeeming and restoring them through the gospel." Andrew P, team leader of Tranzsend.

Closer to home:

We love and partner with Spotswood Primary School, across the road. We're involved with gardening, orchard design, Reading with children, 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.

Spotswood Primary Chaplaincy. Andrew is a part of the school's pastoral care team which meets weekly to collaboratively support children and their families. He is about to start co-leading a group focussed on helping boys understand their emotions and process them helpfully, especially anger.

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: growing

We are about to start a new series in the New Testament letter of Titus. You may like to have a read through these three chapters, keeping an eye out for how the apostle Paul writes to Titus on the island of Crete in order to:

TELL the truth about God in such a way that they could HEAR IT.

SHOW the Grace of God in such a way that they could SEE IT

Blokes and Cokes. All men are welcome to share a drink and good conversation every fourth Monday, 7.30pm at Westside Grill (formerly known as 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 Westside Grill 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.

Music & Play. For parents and children under 5 years. We meet every Friday at 10am. Koha. Contact Shirley P on 751 0711

Impact Youth: (combined youth group with St James for year 7 - year 13 students) meet every fortnight. Upcoming events will be on Saturday 4th of August (games, 7pm at West); Saturday 18th of August ("Masterchef", 7pm at St James); Saturday 1st of September (Hall games, 7pm at St James). Also, on the Sunday evening of the same weekends a "home group bible study" for high schoolers meets at 63A Ngamotu Rd, NP.

The Music Group. This month's practice will be on the 2nd and 30th August, at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

west: in our community

Murray L and Naomi S are involved in garden and orchard design and work at Spotswood Primary School. Thanks to the excellent work of our West Baptist Community Trust, we have been able to donate funds for three apple trees. Aden L generously donated four mandarin trees from his "Fruity Gardener" business.

BREAD RUN: We deliver bread to people in need in our community every Tuesday afternoon. We would like some more volunteers please. Either as back up or as a regular deliverer (usually only once every 4 weeks) Bread needs to be picked up from Piccolo Morso in Fitzroy by 4 pm then distributed to 6 or 7 families the same day. If you can help, please see Heather B. ASAP.

west: people

We have several new people amongst us. Let's ensure all of them (including the children) are made to feel extremely welcome. This includes before and after the service. Also, time spent outside of Sunday Church is an important part of this.

A BIG thank you to Wayne. He has made some outstandingly practical and good-looking storage for our side room. Our various church ministries, activities and other groups will now have space for their needs. All we ask is that the entire room is kept tidy and clear. **Have a look and check it out!**

Brian and Judy have relatives visiting from 23-27 Dec this year and wondered if anyone needs house sitters for that time. We will mainly be cooking and eating at our house, but a few extra beds would be useful for us and we can take care of things at your place. Chat at church or call Judy (027 359 7833).

Please continue to **pray for and support** those who are struggling with ongoing health difficulties, and those unable to meet on Sundays; **Eric P, Ruth S, Lyn S, Marlinka R, Kathe M, Jocelyn D, Margaret S.**

west: events

AUGUST CALENDAR:

13, 27,	Lasses & Lattés , 7.30pm at Treehouse, Spotswood	4, 18, Sept 1, 6, 20,	Impact Youth , 7 – 9 pm Rainbow Group , at Heather H's, 1pm
2, 16, 30,	Chocolate Fish Group , at James & Carol's home	7, 14, 21, 28	Movie Group , at Grant & Megan's
2, 30,	Music Practice , 7pm at 69 Barrett Rd.	27 th	Blokes & Cokes , at Westside Grille 7.30pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Music & Play , at West, 10am		

west: pitching in

Morning tea and cleaning Lot's of us do this about 3 times a year. With Music and Play helpfully vacuuming and setting up the chairs each week during the school term, all that is left to do is clean the bathrooms and kitchen and do the morning tea on Sunday. If you are already on the roster could you please pass on the key to the next person on the list and give them a gentle reminder that they are on next. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please see Roi M (the roster is on our website http://www.westbaptist.org.nz/wp/?page_id=4153)

Prayer: If you have a prayer request, please contact Andrew who would be delighted to pray with you and/or put your request on the prayer chain.

We have an e-mail prayer chain where a dozen people are committed to praying for any request, as they are able. All West people are encouraged to be a part of this. If you'd like to join the prayer chain as a pray-er, please contact Andrew.

Each month we will keep the church informed of our progress. We have budgeted for \$9,500 per month in offerings; in June our offerings were \$9,105.

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	4 AUG Judy & Brian W Jude S-M	11 AUG Val & Allan W	18 AUG Lynda & Andy L Murray L	25 AUG James & Carol Mck	1 SEPT Roi & Jude S-M Roi M
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