



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

SEPTEMBER 2018

2 SEPT Fathers Day
with Andy

9 SEPT Titus #4. Ch 2
with Gary

16 SEPT Titus #5 Ch3:1-11
with Andrew

23 SEPT Titus #6 Ch 3:12-15
with Andrew

30 SEPT Being Content
with Mark F.

7 OCT Titus #7 "in a way they can see it"
with Andrew



We are three weeks in at looking at the first chapter in the Apostle Paul's letter to Titus. Paul left Titus on the Mediterranean Island of Crete. That sounds nice. It wasn't. Violence and deceit described the culture. How were the small number of Jesus followers going to grow in their faith and reach out with a heart of love in this difficult environment?

New Zealand is not too different. This month in the space of one week I heard numerous stories of; violence (leading to protection orders, jail time and seeking out woman's refuge), deceit (where lies were told about others that spread and have caused untold harm, and people being deceived from the truth of their worth and value as humans).

Paul wanted Titus and the other believers on Crete 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.

The first thing Titus is to do is to appoint leaders in local churches. Healthy leadership which is determined by CHARACTER. Honesty, humility, gentleness, compassion, faithfulness, integrity.

Titus is then to make people quiet who speak in destructive ways.

Titus is to encourage people to be free to follow God, not be tied to distracting details.

Titus is to help people see that doing good shows they know God

Titus is to teach what will help people be healthy in their thinking.

We're starting to get a picture of how 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.

Let's be asking ourselves:

Where are our difficult places?

Who are our difficult people?

How can we tell the truth about God in such a way that people can hear it?

How can we show the grace of God in such a way that people can see it?

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):

Paul & I are facing a huge amount of opposition, threats and challenges it has been quite

overwhelming. Please pray for our health, protection safety and rest. We are also full of gratitude in the way the Holy Spirit has been working in our Loyal family, some are attending Church and others have started prayer meetings.

Carley (S Asia): Give Thanks for a relaxing holiday last month out of the country with friends. Pray for renewed strength for the rest of the year.

Jo and Charlie (N.Z. and S. Asia.): We give thanks to all who have prayed for us on our journey as a married couple. We are looking to start our support raising in the next few weeks and would value prayers for travel, speaking, meetings and all that is involved in that. Pray also for our health during the last few months in NZ.

Jo and Charlie have sent us a lovely card and wedding photo. Check out the noticeboard.

Closer to home:

On September 6, 7, 8, a team of West people will start a journey together in a “**Learning Community**” to strengthen a missional discipleship culture here at West. You may like to pray for us: Judy Wd, Ian M, Naomi S, Tracey W, Michael P and Andrew.

All men are welcome to share a drink and good conversation every fourth Monday at **Blokes and Cokes**, 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

We love and 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.

Spotswood Primary Chaplaincy. Andrew is co-leading a group for older boys focusing on anger. We've been thinking together about; how anger is an emotion, anger is normal, and that it helps to be able to say “I feel angry when...” Andrew is a part of the school's pastoral care team which meets weekly to collaboratively support children and their families.

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

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

Youth Group Fortnightly Saturday events for young people who are school year 7 through to year 13 (Form 1-7.) There are also fortnightly Sunday faith discussions for year 9-13.

Contact James M to be put on the text message group to find out about the events or any other info. Put a facebook request to the Impact Youth facebook page for updates, and Andrew will give you access to the closed group.

The Music Group This month's practice will be on the 13th and 27th September, at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

west: in our community

BREAD RUN: We deliver bread to people in need in our community every Tuesday afternoon. We **URGENTLY** need 2 volunteers or a couple to do a regular delivery (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. It would also be great to have another couple on standby. If you can help, please see Heather B. ASAP.

west: people

Kerry's mother and sister have both died (separately) in Melbourne. May God's peace, comfort and love surround you and your family Kerry.

Welcome Khon, Lou Mone, Ruth and Hparat! It's great to have you as a part of us!

Welcome Margaret E! It's great to have you be a part of us!

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.**

west: events

CALENDAR:

1,15,29 Sept	Impact Group 7 – 9 pm		
4,18 Sept	Rainbow Group at Heather H's, 1pm	10 Sept	Blokes & Cokes at Westbar 7.30pm
6,7,8 Sept	Learning Community on missional Discipleship	11,18,25 Sept	Movie Group at Grant & Megan's
7,14,21,28 Sept	Music & Play, at West, 10am	13,27 Sept	Chocolate Fish Group, at James & Carol's home
10,24 Sept	Lasses & Lattés, 7.30pm at Treehouse, Spotswood	13,27 Sept	Music Practice

west: pitching in

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 July our offerings were \$8,730.

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**

1 SEPT
Roi SM
Jude SM
Roi SM

8 SEPT
Michael P
Elizabeth P

15 SEPT
Sangsters
Erin R
Allan W

22 SEPT
Sue J
Steve J

29 SEPT
Alison D
Lisa A
Wayne L