



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

OCTOBER 2018

7 OCT Titus #7.
"In a way they can see it ..."

14 OCT Titus #8.
"In a way they can see it ..."

21 OCT Hospital Chaplain
Joe Gray

28 OCT Surprise!



What sort of Church is West?

We are an active church that does much good in the lives of our people, and in the lives of our community.

It's great we have so many people actively involved in using their gifts, time and energy through church ministries! This is A PART of what the Apostle Paul's letter to Titus was all about – doing good deeds.

In chapter one it is clearly implied that people who know God do good. Actions are proof.

In chapter two, line after line gives instruction for how all sorts of people are to do good. Remember Gary's outstanding sermon likening the characters in the Mercury Electric Vehicle TV ad, to the people on Crete that Titus is telling and showing how to do good?

Then in chapter three it's almost like we get a series of summary statements on what has gone on before:

Verse 1: They must always be ready to do something helpful

Verse 8: These teachings are useful and helpful for everyone. I want you to insist that the people follow them, so that all who have faith in God will be sure to do good deeds.

Verse 14: Our people should learn to spend their time doing something useful and worthwhile.

There are lots of ways we (as well as people in our wider community) can get involved with doing good. There are many ways to “do good deeds to meet urgent needs.”

Breakfast Club, reading with children, baking, making a meal, delivering bread, getting to know parents at Music & Play, being a “Big Brother” or “Big Sister” at Spotswood Primary, mowing the lawn, cleaning, serving morning tea, gardening, and many more. Praying is a super important way of helping and doing good.

If you'd like to be involved if you're not already, please consider having a chat with somebody about it!

But here's the thing – all these good deeds within the life of West are great, however, the last thing Paul, Titus, or anyone at West would want to communicate is that it's ONLY these things that matter. We are church when we gather on Sundays and in our various ministries, but we are also the church when we are scattered into our normal ordinary everyday lives. The good we do here is also what Paul and Titus are concerned with.

And so it's appropriate to remember and encourage and honour the good we do in our everyday lives. Here are a few very relevant examples; For the numerous West people who have and who currently are faithfully caring for their aging parents, may you know God's strength and wisdom, love and comfort.

For the numerous West people who are doing unseen things that often don't get noticed or mentioned – God sees and God knows. May you know the grace and presence of God in all you do.

For the pray-er's, who lift up our community, our church, our leaders to the God who can do immeasurably more than we can dream or ask – may you be strengthened in every good way.

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 & Sarah & family. Sarah is going to Thailand for 5 weeks for rest and recuperation as she has hit a bit of a brick wall and needs God's healing, pray for strength, wisdom and peace for her. Pray too for Paul as he shoulders Sarah's work load as well as his own the kids will be with Sarah most of the time she is away and Paul will join them for 2 weeks later.

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 are looking forward 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 too for our health during these last few months in NZ.

Closer to home:

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

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 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.

Impact Youth (for Years 7-13) activities for October will include: Saturday 13th, board games, hot chocolate, brazier and spa at James and Carol's (3 Skinner St). Also Saturday 27th, Fear Factor, meeting at West!

The Music Group This month's practice will be on 18th October at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

A team of West people started a journey together in a “**Learning Community**” to strengthen a missional discipleship culture here at West.

We’ll feedback to the church in the near future. It was a good time, and well worthwhile!

west: people

Welcome **Faye!** You’ve been here a while with us, and it’s great to have you as a part of us!

Welcome **Sio and Kathleen** It’s great to have you as 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

Over 60’s Group have an Afternoon Tea and ‘The Chase’ planned for Sunday 7th October, at 2pm. This will be at Maureen & Jim C’s home. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

CALENDAR:

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| 2,16,30 Oct | Rainbow Group at Heather H’s, 1pm | 9,16,23,30 Oct | Movie Group at Grant & Megan’s |
| 5,12,19,26 Oct | Music & Play, at West, 10am | 11,25 Oct | Chocolate Fish Group, at James & Carol’s home |
| 7 Oct | Over 60’s afternoon tea & Chase | 13, 27 Oct | Impact Group 7 – 9 pm |
| 8,22 Oct | Lasses & Lattés, 7.30pm at Treehouse, Spotswood | 18 Oct | Music Practice |
| 8 Oct | Blokes & Cokes at Westbar 7.30pm | | |

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 August our offerings were \$10,157.

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	6 OCT	13 OCT	20 OCT	27 OCT	3 NOV
	Brent G Murray L	Liane L Wayne L Andy L	Bedford family	Corey & family Syd B	Brian M Kathy M

Just one act of yours can turn the tide of another person’s life.