



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

FEBRUARY 2019

3 FEB Honouring Agreements

17 FEB Stories of the People

10 FEB Stories of our Land

24 FEB Stories from far away



What will 2019 be like? I find a New Year is always filled with hope and potential for goodness and growth. This year some of the things we have planned for Sunday's include:

- * Learning about the history and the future vision of our local area
- * A five week series of "Where God Leads" as a part of Lent and Prayer & Self Denial, featuring NZBMS leader Rachel Murray
- * Exploring and planning the sending of a team to travel to Bangladesh and India
- * A series about the future; specifically about death, life and especially hope.

I'm looking forward to another great year together at West.

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):

Pray for Paul, Sarah, Mikayla and Malachi as they rest together, receive counselling and enjoy their first Kiwi summer since 2013.

Carley (S Asia): We definitely still need your prayers as we are struggling to retain Teachers in the High School, especially for O levels. We need the right people with the right character to fit into the school. I know that our Father will provide these, our job is to keep lifting this to him.

Jo and Charlie (N.Z. and S. Asia.): We give thanks for successful surgery for Jo, time in New Zealand with family, for God's ongoing provision and grace in even the small things, for a successful Visa application, and support raising. They leave NZ in February and travel first to the UK to see Charlie's family and thank supporters there and then return to Sth Asia to begin work as a married couple.

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 spends Wednesday mornings at the school. He is a part of regular pastoral care team meetings which seek to collaboratively support children and families, and he spends time listening to and supporting 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: 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.) Our next meeting is on Monday 25 February. 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. We start the year on Monday 11 February 2019.

The **Rainbow group** meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons, at 1pm at Heather H's home. See events section for dates. We will recommence on Tuesday 12 February 2019.

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. The next Meeting will be at Linda and Andy L's home on Tuesday February 5th.

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. Music and Play has not started for the year yet. There is a meeting for anybody interested in being a part of the team on Friday 8 February at 9.30am at church building.

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. We will be beginning shortly, start date yet to be finalized.

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 Thursday 21st February at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

THE MUSIC GROUP: We would really love to have some more singers as part of the music group. If you can sing and would like to join us we would love to have you come on board with us.

We practice, usually fortnightly, on a Thursday from 7-8.30pm at 69 Barrett Road.

If you would like to know more please talk to one of the singers or talk to Gary B.

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

Key things we're working on are (1) helping us shift from doing things for people, to doing things with people. We want to help create community, and this means enabling our wider community to contribute, belong and own. We also want to (2) develop how we disciple and mentor our young people.

We have our second block course on:

Thursday 21 – Saturday 23 February.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Andrew.

Learning stories of our local land:

Come along on Tuesday 12 February at West. 6pm shared pot luck dinner followed by a 45 minute presentation. Part of learning to be people of the Treaty (Ngā tangata te Tiriti o Waitangi) is to learn how we can honour the Treaty. One way to do this is to learn stories of the land through a Māori lens. Shane Cassidy is going to help us do this! Shane is Ngati te Whiti - local hapū, has a background in education, and is actively involved with helping people grow in learning about Māori culture. Shane has been involved at Spotswood Primary and been very helpful.

Membership:

Membership is about committing oneself to God and each other. It's about saying that together we are God's people who are seeking to walk in all of God's ways and watch over one another with love.

If you'd like to find out more about this, please contact Andrew.

Carey Baptist College: Focus Webinar Series. For everybody, live on your own device!

Carey lecturers, live: First Wednesday of the month, March-October, 7.30pm. Bringing into focus: bible, theology and mission. Teaching by high calibre, research active, practitioner-experienced, Carey lecturers. Gain a better understanding of the world you live in. A stimulating training resource for the ongoing development of leaders, practitioners, volunteers, and active followers of Jesus. Each

month a new topic will be brought into focus from the areas of: Culture, Old Testament, Pastoral Care, New Testament, Youth, Mission, History, and Theology. Watch on your own, or create a group to join together for this 8-month series. A short reading list will be included with each

webinar. \$25 per webinar (individual or a group), or subscribe to them all for \$150 (25% discount: get two free webinars). More details online: <http://www.lifelonglearning.nz/focus>

west: people

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, Jocelyn D.**

west: events

Over 60's Group Syd & Cela are preparing an outing for February, and will be in contact with everyone shortly.

CALENDAR:

3,10,17,24 Feb	Picnic at Ngāmotu Beach, 5.30pm by Playground	21-23 Feb	Learning Community
5 Feb	Movie Group at Linda & Andy L's.	21 Feb	Music Group practice
8 Feb	Music & Play meeting at West, 9.30am	24 Feb	Curators Meeting at Liane & Wayne's, 5.30pm
11,25 Feb	Lasses & Lattés 7.30pm, Treehouse	25 Feb	Blokes & Cokes at Westbar 7.30pm
12 Feb	Learning our local stories with Shane Cassidy at West, 6pm, shared dinner	28 Feb	Chocolate Fish Group
		3 March	AGM after Service

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 December our offerings were \$9,465.

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	2 FEB Brian M Kathy M Wayne L	9 FEB Corey & family Andy L	16 FEB Bedford family Syd B	23 FEB Andrea M Tracey W Brian W	2 MAR Judy W Brian W Stuart W
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