



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 2019

4 AUG Lance Pilbrow
Discipleship

11 AUG Discipleship

18 AUG Discipleship

25 AUG Discipleship



I have been asked to do a little blurb for the Newsletter, so bear with me.

When I was young (a wee while ago) I would go with my Dad to another Church where he would have been invited to preach. I loved going for a few reasons. It was not because I loved hearing a sermon or going to Church, but because I loved spending time with my Dad. I loved the social aspect of going to another Church and sussing out the boys. The Brethren ladies were good cooks, so there was always a good feed afterwards.

I always told Dad that I would go if he didn't preach on the Prodigal Son, or the other son, or the Dad, etc. He would have had a killing if it was the Prodigal daughter! One more request was that he kept it short, only said what was necessary and then didn't waffle and shut up. Oh my goodness, wasn't I blessed that he loved me unconditionally.

So the moral to this story is that I haven't really a lot to say, So this is short, and no waffle, but I was challenged recently by a story that I received. I did use it once when I curated, but it flicked through pretty fast, so here it is again. I hope you read it and feel challenged or reminded of what our Christian life is all about. A short story of how we are all woven together in life. Let's be encouragers (*click the link below to watch the video*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGqQSKxvr14>

Blessings,

Lyn.

LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.

We are all involved in this journey called life.

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, Mikayla, Malachi (NZ/S Asia) We give thanks for this incredibly rich time of rest. Please pray that God would continue to use this opportunity to heal, restore and rest us in His own beautiful and wise ways.

Carley (S Asia): Carley (S Asia) Pray for the relationships between the school and parents of our students to be strengthened. We are starting some new initiatives to help with this so please pray that this will be successful. We need parent support and belief in the school.

Jo and Charlie (N.Z. and S. Asia.): Jo & Charlie (S Asia) Please continue to pray for our language acquisition, and the persistence and patience that it takes. Pray for our paperwork submissions- there is a lot of work to be done to get the approval that we need.

Conversations are continuing with NBMS about a West trip to see their work in South Asia.

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. Andrew is also working on developing a partnership

between West, School and Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring.

A new group for boys has started, focused on healthy anger. This is being co-led with Niki (Social Worker in Schools.)

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 **Ladies Tuesday Group** (formerly **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. Music & Play has started 2019 really well! We have a great team working well together and

lots of families participating in a programme, and more importantly participating in community and friendships. We meet every Friday at 10am.

Family Faith Night Sunday 7 July. Families, Food, Fun, Faith. 5 – 6.30pm on the first Sunday of each month. We start with shared kai.

Impact Youth Impact Youth (combined youth group with St James and West Baptist youth for years 7 to 13), meet every second Friday from 7-9pm, meeting either at West or at St James.

Impact Youth are meeting on Fridays August 2nd, 16th and 30th (7-9pm)

Also senior youth on Sundays August 4th, and 18th.

See James M for more details.

Also for **senior youth** (years 10 to 13) there is an additional bible study on every second Sunday evening 7-9pm meeting at 63a Ngamotu Rd.

Contact James M to be put on the text message group and/or find the facebook page for **Impact Youth New Plymouth** (Andrew will give you access to the closed group.)

The Music Group This month's practices will be on Thursday 8th and 22nd August at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

west: people

Breakfast in Schools It only takes 1.5 hours of a morning once or twice (or more?) a term to help feed kids breakfast at Spotswood Primary School. We are short of volunteers for Mondays and Fridays this term and welcome anyone who can assist – or be available for the odd slot as a back-up. Please contact Erin – 021 189 9373. **THANKS** for considering – on behalf of the kids.

Jill McK is making shopping bags, machine washable, priced at \$2.00 a bag! They are being made now, with a view for 'extras' in Christmas parcels or other gifts. The money raised will go to Tranzsend's Christmas Angel Appeal. So see Jill if you'd like to purchase any.

Lynda and Andy L have their house on the market. They will be looking for a cheap rental or house-sitting opportunity for the next 10 months after it sells. Please contact Lynda or Andy if you can help.

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

AUGUST CALENDAR:

1,15,29 th	Chocolate Fish Group, at McK's.	8,22 nd	Music Practice
2,9,16,23,30 th	Music & Play, at West, 10am	12 th	Blokes & Cokes at Westbar 7.30pm
2,16,30 th	Impact Group 7-9 pm	13, 27 th	Ladies Tuesday Group at Heather's
4,18 th	Senior Youth, 7-9pm		H's, 1pm
4 th	Family Faith Night, 5pm	13,20,27 th	Movie Group at Grant & Megan's
5,19 th	Lasses & Lattés, 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 June our offerings were \$8,498.

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	3 AUG	10 AUG	17 AUG	24 AUG	31 AUG
	Sue J	Alison D	Brent G	Liane L	Corey & family
	Steve J	Lisa W	Murray L	Wayne L	Allan W
	Murray L		Roi SM		