



shelter



faith



laughter



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 2019

1 SEPT Father's Day
Learner #9 Temptation!

8 SEPT Partnerships
How we all Benefit

15 SEPT Courage – 1 Samuel 17
Mark Fisher

22 SEPT Nehemiah #1

29 SEPT Nehemiah #2

10th

6 OCT Nehemiah #3



Pastor's Bit:

So, I've been going on about this thing called 'discipleship' for ages now. Why? Well because for Jesus, growing disciples was his big plan for his bigger plan of bringing Glory to his Father who is reconciling all things to Godself.

We have been called to be disciples. We have been called to help grow disciples. And so it's no surprise that two years ago when we started asking people what was on their hearts for West that deepening a culture of discipleship amongst us was one of the key themes raised – which is why it has a prominent place in our "West Way Forward."

What have we covered over the nine weeks of this teaching series?

1. **Superheroes.** Who are we looking to lead us? Why learning from Jesus is best. That's discipleship.
2. **Dust.** Discipleship isn't just for the best of the best. It's about learning to do what Jesus did & become like Jesus
3. **Doubt.** Jesus is ok with it. As evidenced by disciple Thomas who was welcome and stayed around.
4. **Choice.** Choice to see what Jesus is into (the Kingdom of God), and join in. Choose to follow Jesus' ways.
5. **Invitation & Challenge.** Lance P encouraged us to welcoming involvement in our lives and challenge us to grow.
6. **Views of God.** Discipleship is a journey where our understanding of God evolves to better ways of seeing God. Like Abraham's did.
7. **Risk.** Disciples take risks to follow God's way's and God's call – even when a successful outcome is not guaranteed. Like Joseph did.
8. **Baptism.** Deciding to follow God's ways which are often in contrast to society's ways. It's evidence of a radical re-think (repent) of what's important and of commitment to God's ways. Sometimes submerging under water isn't possible or healthy. In these rare instances, the outward reality may match God's intent for baptism – and so alongside affirmations of faith, membership and leadership roles can be encouraged.
9. **Temptation.** Like Jesus, we too are tempted and can know we are feeling tempted while staying faithful.

We have heard several people share about their discipleship journey. That has been fantastic! Thank you, Elizabeth, Naomi, Erin and Tracey.

How has it been for you? In what ways have you been encouraged? In what ways have you been challenged?

A group of us have been participating in a 'Learning Community' to help deepen a culture of discipleship at West. There have been things happening behind the scenes, and we will be communicating more in time to come. We have another block course/Learning Community on 5-7 September and would appreciate prayers for insight and wisdom as we listen, think, discuss, pray, and decide on actions.

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) We continue to give thanks for this incredibly rich time of rest. Please pray that God would continue to use heal, restore and rest them in his own beautiful way.

Carley (S Asia). Pray for two of our students who are preparing for October O level exams, that they keep focused, healthy, and to believe in themselves. Pray for the teachers of Gems that they grow as teachers and grow spiritually to become leaders, both in the school and in the community.

Jo and Charlie (N.Z. and S. Asia.) The recent monsoon rains bring out the mosquitoes in force as well as many other kinds of illnesses. Please remember to pray for our staff (both local and foreign) and their health during this time of the year.

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 **The Treehouse** Please note the change of venue. 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** 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. Term 3 got off to a great start for Music & Play. We have a great team working well together with lots of families

participating in the program, and more importantly participating in community and friendships. We meet every Friday at 10am.

Family Faith Night Sunday Sept 1st. **For Families**, Food, Fun, Faith. 5 – 6.30pm on the first Sunday of each month. We start with shared kai.

Impact Youth - for years 7 to 13: On Friday Sept 13th we'll be having the Amazing Race. Then on Friday 27th it's the end of another school term so we'll celebrate with a movie and/or video games night.

See James M for more details

Impact Senior Youth - for years 10 to 13: On Sunday Sept 1st, 15th,m & 29th. Meeting at the Fawkner's house.

Contact James M if you want 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 19th September at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

Taranaki Restorative Justice Trust is running a Treaty of Waitangi workshop at St James on Wednesday 18th Sept 9:00 - 3:00 (Koha) covering: Personal culture, NZ Culture, NZ history pre-1840, The treaty, Post treaty breaches especially in relation to

Taranaki, Recovery from colonisation, Conversation concerning how this relates to us and our respective organisations.

If you are interested contact Delwyn Bennett, 06 769 9005 or trit@trit.org.nz

west: people

Breakfast in Schools It only takes 1.5 hours of a morning once or twice (or more?) a term to help feed kid's 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. See Jill if you'd like to purchase any.

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.**

Our Sympathy to Maureen C on the recent loss of her father in Australia.

Congratulations Tiffany & Jason on your 10-year wedding anniversary!

Congratulations Elizabeth & Michael on your pregnancy!

Great effort Aaron on winning the Spotswood Primary Cross-Country run!

10 is such a great age to turn! Yay for Maddison!

west: events

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

12,26th Chocolate Fish Group, at McK's.
 6,13,20,27th Music & Play, at West, 10am
 13th, 27th Impact Group 7–9 pm
 1,15,29th Impact Senior Youth, 7-9pm
 1st, Family Faith Night, 5pm
 2,16,30th Lasses & Lattés, 7.30pm

19th Music Practice
 23rd, Blokes & Cokes at The Treehouse 7.30pm
 10, 24th Ladies Tuesday Group at Heather H's, 1pm
 10,17,24th Movie Group at Grant & Megan's
 5-7th Discipleship Learning Community.

September 22nd - Over 60's; M & M invite the over 60's to 14 Mayfair Place at 2pm to a travel afternoon with Ian & Jill.

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 \$8,498.

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	31 AUG Cory & family	7 SEPT Kathy & Brian	14 SEPT Khon & Nang A	21 SEPT Meryl & Tracey	28 SEPT Judy & Brian
Lawnmowing	Allan W		Wayne L		Andy L