



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

NOVEMBER 2020

1 NOV Prayer & Self Denial # 2
1 Thessalonians 5:14

8 NOV Revelation # 8. Chapter 21 & 22
All things new! Power: Insiders over outsiders

15 NOV How has West sustained you in following Jesus? Church Meeting after Service

22 NOV Prayer & Self Denial # 3
Lou G and Kolkata

29 NOV Advent Week 1.
Hope. Green

6 DEC Advent Week 2.
Peace. Blue



Kia ora West,

How has the life of West sustained us in our following of Jesus in the world in 2020?

This is part of what we want church (in it's broadest sense) to be about and so we want to pause and reflect on the year that nearly has been.

This is the question we'll be hearing short stories about on Sunday November 15. We'd love for lots and lots of people (think 30-ish people) to share a sentence or paragraph on how they've been

sustained in their faith this year through any aspect of West Baptist Community Church.

What is one thing that helped you connect with God?

What is one thing that helped in a situation you were facing?

What is one thing that's been an encouragement?

What is one thing you've learnt about God?

What is one thing you've come to love more about Jesus?

What is one way you've grown as a person?

What is one fruit of the Spirit that has developed?

What is one thing you've noticed in our church family that is precious?

* It might have been through a relationship...

- A conversation over coffee
- A chat at a church group
- A meal together
- A phone call
- A shared prayer
- An encouragement received

* It might have been through a part of a Sunday service...

- We've had wonderful curating with prayers, reflections and creative opportunities to connect with God
- We've had a variety of people preaching earlier in the year (it seems so long ago!);
Rob R, Michael P, Mouse, Damon R (down at Otaka Pa), Brian W.
- During lockdown we had videos from each of our Leadership Board Members; Lyn, Carol, Michael, Andy and Isabel – as well as the fabulous Family Faith Night video with Tim, Isabel, Michael and Liz.
- There was Gary's Beatitudes sermon series. Blessed are...
- And Andrew's Revelation sermon series. Dominant powers are not ultimate powers.
- We've heard from many people we partner with in God's mission: Lance P with Mosaic Youth, John T with Carey Baptist College, Joe G with Hospital Chaplaincy, Carley B with Tranzsend, and our very own Meryl.
- We've grieved the loss of our Lisa.
- We've celebrated the new life of our Anne. As well as blessed Michael and Liz on their way to greater family involvement in their lives.

How has the life of West sustained you in your following of Jesus in the world in 2020?

With grace and peace

Andrew 😊

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/ NZ)

Continue to pray for the team at the workshop. Ask that the Spirit would guide, direct and encourage us as we lead from afar.

Carley (S Asia): Pray for Carley as she visits groups and churches as part of her return to NZ. Pray for good times of connection, and encouragement for the future. May Carley's stories of her time in South Asia inspire others to consider their role in global mission.

Charlie & Jo (S Asia): COVID is on the rise, and there are a number of people with positive tests and fever in our area. This causes worry and stigma for those affected. Pray for health and peace. We both have paper work due soon for registration purposes. This work can be stressful and drawn out. Pray for peace and help!

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.

west: growing

The **Movie Group** will meet weekly at various homes on Tuesday nights to watch and discuss movies on the themes of our sermon series. Phone Megan C for details of venues. 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. If anyone new would like to join us, you're welcome to come along.

Music & Play group is for preschool children and their parents or caregiver. Friday mornings at 10am during the school term. We begin with fun and interactive songs with lots of musical instruments, parachutes and ribbons. Followed by a yummy morning tea and playtime. The group is an open

welcoming space for all who would like to be a part of it. For more information, feel free to check out the Music and Play Group Facebook page or phone Naomi on 021 203 3653.

Young Adults:

One day conference with great people!! Check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgdh1XdJEIQ&t=10s>

Mosaic Youth For those of high school age will continue fortnightly on Fridays during term 4. See James M for details (or better yet, ask to be put onto one of the Mosaic Youth WhatsApp groups for kids or parents.)

The Music Group This month's practice will be on Thursday 12th and 26th November at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

west: in our community

Parenting: If you or somebody you know would like to participate in an outstanding parenting course, we have funds available to support people to do this. We are no longer running parenting courses, but can help connect people into them. Please contact Andrew, Naomi, Alison or Chris D, or Val W.

west: people



We've been sent a beautiful thank you card by the Keith family from Northpoint Baptist Church following on from our church's contact and gift to them on the death of young Noah. The card says: "Dear West Baptist church family. Thanks so much for the care and kindness you have

shown our whānau. We appreciate your aroha and ongoing support. Thank you for standing with us.

Thank you for your prayers, the generous gift, and your care at this time of great loss.

Doug & Melanie & kids.

Ruth Sayer is now living in Marinoto Rest Home in Inglewood.

West has a private Facebook page for connecting with each other. "**West Baptist New Plymouth Connection.**"

Please continue to **pray for and support** those who are struggling with ongoing health difficulties, and those unable to meet on Sundays – **Margaret O, Eric P, Ruth S, Lyn S, Marlinka R, Jocelyn D.**

west: events

Church meeting after the service on November 15th.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

5,19 th	Chocolate Fish Group, at McK's	10,17,24 th	Movie Group at venues TBA
6,13,20,27 th	Music & Play, at West, 10am	12,26 th	Music Practice

west: pitching in

West Baptist assist regularly at **Spotswood Primary School** in preparing **Breakfast** for the children. We are short of volunteers for Fridays this term – if you think you might like to help please chat with Erin.

Jill & Ian McKillop advise that they used to have eight in **West's Chapel Support Team**, but they are now down to only one other helper. It's an easy and pleasant role and only involves 3-4 Sundays per year (and you don't have to help every time). So if you could help them, both Joe Gray (the Chaplain) and they would appreciate it! Please talk to Jill or Ian.

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 September our offerings were \$10,086.

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	7 NOV	14 NOV	21 NOV	28 NOV	5 DEC
	Roi SM	Bedford family	Sangsters	Sue J	Gane
	Jude SM		Erin R	Steve J	family
	James McK		Brian M		Isabel B