



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.

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.

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!

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

MAY 2021

2 MAY Connecting with people – communication
Andrew with Jesus and a Canaanite

9 MAY Mother's Day Brunch
Spotswood Primary School

16 MAY Jo and Charlie
Prayer and Self Denial Introduction

23 MAY Prayer and Self Denial Week 1
Andrew with book of Esther



Kia ora West,

This photo of Tim, Lance and me is at the East Cape Lighthouse. We climbed up here to start our Kōpiko Aotearoa bike packing trip which took us all the way to Cape Taranaki.

This year at West we're focusing on growing in compassionate understanding of ourselves and others. This has been reflected in hearing stories from West people about key transitions in their lives (like starting a new school, a new job, ageing, death of loved one), through practicing conversation making with people, and from Naomi's understanding neurodiversity message.

I came across this little piece on Facebook and thought it was quite clever for how it reverses the more commonly told narrative to see things from another perspective. When we can see things from somebody else's perspective, we see a fuller more accurate picture, which nurtures understanding and compassion...

April 27 was Moehanga Day in the United Kingdom. Moehanga was from Ngāpuhi in the North of Aotearoa. On this day in 1806 Great Britain was discovered by Moehanga. Of course, various indigenous, white-skinned tribes had already inhabited the British Isles for thousands of years, but Moehanga was the first Māori to discover Britain. The British natives were in awe of Moehanga's tattoos and they insisted he meet their chieftain King George III.

When Moehanga arrived on the island he saw families living in primitive, damp and unsanitary conditions and a brutal society that punished almost any act of disobedience, from theft to wearing a disguise, with death. The Britons were a warlike people, renowned and feared for their prowess at fighting other European tribes and even raiding and conquering lands and taking slaves on distant continents.

Today Britain is a thriving multi-cultural nation, producing a range of quality exports whilst preserving it's rich heritage and traditions. Happy Moehanga Day!



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're hopeful that the time over Easter for our people will be filled with the hope and joy of the Resurrection. We hope it will inspire them to follow him and his way closely.

Charlie & Jo (S Asia): Pray for Jo and Charlie as they spend time with family and visit churches. Pray for refreshment and renewal. Thank God for his blessing and protection over this 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. Andrew is also working on developing a partnership between West, School and Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring.

Primary School Reading: Would anybody like to change the life of a child by sitting with them as they read a book at Spotswood Primary School? If so,

please contact Syd (our resident child reading superhero, or Andrew.)

Kickstart Breakfast Club.

If you or somebody you know would like to help serve breakfast to students at Spotswood Primary once a term/month/fortnight/week, please contact Carol or Andrew. 7.45am–9.15am, Mon/ Weds/Friday.

Coffee! We'll soon be using Common Good Coffee.

Common Good Coffee exists to support positive change in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in the world. They're the crew behind Addington Coffee Co-op in Christchurch, Crave and Kind Cafes in Auckland, and the Common Ground Coffee pop up in Whanganui.

Common Good Coffee say:

"We've partnered for good, because we reckon that we're better working together, and that alongside you, we can unite to make a positive difference in our wider world, (and drink amazing coffee along the way!)

Three times as good as regular coffee:

1. Drink Gooder. Made from the best tasting organic beans, expertly roasted in small batches.
2. Feel Gooder. Beans are ethically traded to ensure producers are paid fairly.
3. Do Gooder. Profits go to creating a better world through investment in community transformation.

Are you able to open your home for somebody from Taranaki Retreat? Right now or in the future? Contact Andrew.

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 play time. 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.

The Music Group This month's practice will be on Thursday 13th and 27th May at 69 Barrett Road, starting at 7pm.

Learning together about curating services and the church calendar. A bunch of our curators are meeting occasionally to engage with Mark Pierson's teaching on curating services. Contact Liane on 027 240 7237.

If you'd like to find out more about **study at Carey**, or tapping into their wonderful webinars, hit <https://www.carey.ac.nz/>

west: in our community

Singing with Laura and Julian. Would you like to join in singing and music from different cultures around the world? Julian and Laura run a singing group on Monday evenings from 7-8.30pm at Knox church hall in Fitzroy and everyone is welcome.

BAKING: We love our precious partnership with Spotswood Primary School! Once per school term we communicate something of God's love by making a yummy morning tea for the staff. It is always highly appreciated and an opportunity to mention the partnership, our affection for the school community and especially the staff that input so beautifully into lives in our community.

Would you like to help with the baking for this? We generally make four plates of food for morning tea and have two people doing this. (ie two people making two plates each) Currently we have four people sharing this (ie twice a year each). Please contact Heather B if you'd like to find out more about helping.

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 me, Naomi, Alison or Chris D, or Val W.

Let's be responsible and caring by ensuring we use the contact tracing app or sign in everywhere we go – including at services on Sundays.

The Annual Giant Plant Sale Fundraiser for Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy

Saturday 25th September 2021, 8am – 12 noon

We now invite you to collect some cuttings, select some seed trays, pot up some plants, and trees and prepare for this GIANT plant sale

Thank you to all who have supported this event in the past - we look forward to seeing you all again this year! We have seed trays and pots available if you need them, just contact us - Louisa at Hospital Chaplaincy on 753 6139 ext 7968.

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west: people

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

Congratulations Michael and Zoe on your engagement!

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

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH/BBQ

Sunday 9 May at Spotswood Primary School Hall - 10am – 12 noon.

West Baptist hosts this annual event. It's one way we can serve the local community, build relationships and provide a treat for the families. **Helpers needed!** Please sign up on the form on the noticeboard.

CPR Course on a Sunday afternoon. It's great having Kareen back! She has kindly offered to run a CPR course on June 20. The class covers choking, CPR and safe use of an AED for infants, children and adults. It takes 2hrs and everyone will get a certificate. Classes are free. This is a great opportunity to get to know people at West. After the service there will be a pot luck lunch for people attending the course. Please contact Kareen or Alison, bring along some food to share, connect with people and learn some life-saving skills!

MAY CALENDAR:

6,20th Chocolate Fish Group, at McK's
7,14,21,28th Music & Play, at West, 10am
9th Mothers' Day Brunch

11,18,25th Movie Group at venues TBA
13,27th 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 Carol.

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 \$9,600 per month in offerings; in March our offerings were \$10,615.

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.

	1 MAY	8 MAY	15 MAY	22 MAY	29 MAY
Cleaning & Morning Tea	James M	Roi SM	Bedford	Sangsters	Sue J
	Carol M	Jude SM	family	Erin R	Steve J
Lawnmowing		Syd B		Brian W	

