



**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

JULY 2022

**3 JULY** "Humility towards One Another"  
1 Peter 5:5

**10 JULY** "Love One Another"  
John 13

**17 JULY** Surprise!

**24 JULY** "Accept One Another"  
Romans 15

**31 JULY** Surprise!

**7 AUG** Surprise!



Kia Ora whānau,

I love the cartoon on the back page of the newsletter. In it, Jesus looks in the mirror. What does Jesus see in the reflection? People. Lots of people. People who reflect Jesus themselves. People with different clothes, different facial expressions, different skin colours, different beliefs – people who are like Jesus in the way they reflect his kindness, love and compassion.

Let's remember to be kind, loving and compassionate to people, just as Jesus does. We're currently looking at some of the "One Another" passages in the Bible. There are 5 instructions in the New Testament on how to relate to one another.

As we continue to think about what it means to be church – committed in covenant partnerships with God and each other – how we relate with "one another" is hugely important.

Also, we are heading towards engaging again with the topic of marriage equality for the Rainbow community. As we open and study the Bible and discuss what this means for us today, these "one another" passages are ideally like the frame surrounding a piece of art. The frame ("one anothers") holds us together, provides boundaries for how we interact with each other, and in and of itself (how we relate to one another) can be an object of beauty and attraction.

Let's keep in the forefront of our minds these words:

Serve one another

Be at peace with one another

Clothe yourselves with humility towards one another

Love one another

Accept one another

And as the cartoon creator asks us to do – see Christ in one another – for we are all in Christ and Christ in us.

With love,

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/ NZ)**

Our family are happily settling back into the 3 C's, our caravan, train carriage and a cabin on the land of our friends in Karangahake. We are hoping to find a home or some land in the area eventually. The children are loving being back at school in New Zealand. Both Sarah and Paul have found part time work, and also some theological study is under way for Sarah.

**Charlie & Jo (S Asia):** Hey! We would love you to thank God for delicious mangoes and for extra capacity (people from NZ) arriving soon. We would love prayer for energy in this heat – it can be pretty tough to stay focussed! We would also love prayer for perseverance to be able to get through tasks, even when other things come up!

**Ryan and Sophie, Spencer and Emerson** – Please pray for Ryan, Sophie, Spencer and Emerson as they

settle into Christchurch and look for a home to make theirs. Pray that God would place people around them who would be supportive and joyful friends.

#### **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, such as sports team coaching. 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 with anybody connected to the school community.

## west: growing

**The Movie Group** On the first Tuesday of the month members take part in a Quiz night at Westside Grill at 6.30pm. We meet on the third Tuesday night of the month to watch and discuss movies. Phone Megan C for details of venues.

**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. We meet on Friday mornings at 10am during the school term. We begin with fun, interactive songs with lots of musical instruments, parachutes and ribbons and many other props. We follow this up with 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 Carol on 027 738 5465.

This term we have welcomed several newbies and their little ones which is great. Most of these little ones are in the 10-13 month age group so we have lots of crawlers.

**The Music Group** At the moment we are not meeting on a Thursday to practice. Will let you know when we restart Thursday Practices.

**The Music Group** meet at 9.30am Sharp on a Sunday Morning before the service to go through the songs for the service.

We would love to have more singers join us. If you feel this is something you could do on a Sunday please talk to Gary, Heather or one of the team.

**Pre-teen Ministry** Ethan and Andrew are building a team to run a new group for Year 6 (last year Primary School), Year 7 and Year 8's (Intermediate School.) Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more.

**Mosaic Youth** is for school year 9 – 13. This is our collaborating youth group with a variety of other churches. We meet fortnightly during term time for fun, food, and faith discussions. It's a great place to make friends!

**Pre-teen Ministry** We have an amazing group of school year 6, 7 and 8's (10 – 12 year olds.) Ros J is helping out now – yay! And so are Ruth and Tonia – yay! We'd love a couple more adults to come along to love these kids. Please contact Ethan or Andrew if you are interested in finding out more.

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

[board@westbaptist.org.nz](mailto:board@westbaptist.org.nz) This e-mail address can be used to contact our church Leadership Board. We are keen to hear from you. We love serving you.

The Justice Conference. Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. looks great! [www.thejusticeconference.org.nz](http://www.thejusticeconference.org.nz)

**Please remember** that if you have a concern – 'go to the source. That means, go and speak to the person you have a concern with Lovingly. Gently. With an open mind and heart. Ask questions to understand. If your concern still isn't resolved, or you'd like support to 'go to the source', contact me or your favourite Leadership Board member; Andy, Carol, Lyn, David.

## west: events

### JULY CALENDAR:

3<sup>rd</sup> Church Meeting  
7,21<sup>st</sup> Chocolate Fish Group, at McK's  
1,8,15,22,29<sup>th</sup> Music & Play, at West, 10am

8<sup>th</sup> Mosaic Youth  
19<sup>th</sup> Movie Group at venues TBA

## west: people

**The Church is people...** if you are thinking of somebody or praying for somebody, how about letting them know. Make contact. Ask how they are. Perhaps offer to share a coffee at your home/their home/café.

I'm sure it would be a huge encouragement. Is there somebody you're thinking of right now that might like a phone call or coffee visit? An older person? Somebody less able to get out?

**Being family**, we want to celebrate things in each other's lives. Each month, we'll acknowledge Birthdays and Anniversaries in the newsletter, with special birthdays acknowledged on Sundays.

### Here are dates for July:

3 July	Chris D
4 July	Libby
14 July	Marlinka
22 July	Connor

25 July	Andy L
30 July	Brent

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

**Kia ora West Baptist Whanau.** If you are a landlord looking for tenants or if you have nice, clean household furniture that you no longer need please let **Naomi** know on 021 203 3653.

**Facebook:** Are you awesome at this? Would you be willing to administer an events-type of Facebook page for West, for awareness/advertising purposes? E.g. Music & Play, Sunday morning services, other stuff.

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.**

## 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.

**Each month** we will keep the church informed of our progress. We have budgeted for \$10,833 per month in offerings; in May our offerings were \$11,076.

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.

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.

	2 JULY	9 JULY	16 JULY	23 JULY	30 JULY
<b>Cleaning &amp; Morning Tea</b>	Lynda L	Judy W	Val W	Meryl A	James M
	Andy L	Brian W	Allan W	Alison D	Carol M
<b>Lawnmowing</b>		Peter V		James McK	



# JESUS LOOKS IN THE MIRROR

