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OUR VISION

a bridge to the city
- where love and
friendship meet



OUR MISSION

to worship and
work with God
in the world.

The Bridge

CHORUS:

I am the Light of the World

You people come and follow Me.

If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be.

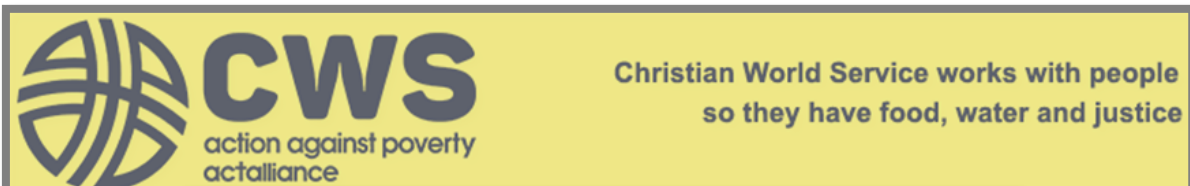
1. When the song of the angels is stilled.

When the star in the sky is gone.

When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home.

The work of Christmas is begun!

(Verses 2-4 on page 2 ...)



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Luke 2 : 13-14

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: *"Glory to God in the heavenly heights! Peace to all men and women on earth who please him."*

Ruka : 2 : 13-14

Nā, ohorere tonu ko tētahi ope nui o te rangi e tū tahi ana me taua anahera, e whakamoe-miti ana ki te Atua, e mea ana: *"Kia whai korōria te Atua i runga rawa, kia mau te rongō ki runga ki te whenua, me te whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata."*

누가복음 2:13-14

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평화로다 하니라.

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2. To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal that broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below the sky above!
3. To free the prisoner from his chains,
To make the powerful care,
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,
To call a man your brother everywhere.
4. To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old man's heart,
And sing to the colours of the earth!

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A JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



I am writing this before a journey – another one you might say!

In the three years we have been here, this will be our third trip to Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada. It's what

can happen when some of your family settle overseas. It began as a five-year opportunity for the children to get to know the other part of the family and vice versa. And then of course "life happens". Right now, they are where they need to be and that is what really matters.

Of course, the number one bonus with having family overseas is that it gives you the opportunity to visit, to get to know another part of the world, the place and the people. It can help to broaden your view of things and to form friendships with people you would otherwise not have met. And it can happen that such friendships are even more special because of the distance and the novelty of difference.

Well, anyway, Sandra and I got to know Gordon and Darlene, the parents of Carla, our daughter-in-law, in-laws of our elder son, Rob, and grandparents of our Kiwi/Canadian grand-children, Lucas and Erin. While the rest of the family have been busy, Gordon and Darlene have taken it upon themselves to take us to some of their favourite places, to give us a Canadian's-eye-view of what we are seeing and sharing their stories of wild-life encounters and their enthusiasm for the sport of ice-hockey. Of course, the thing that makes it really special is that we are included and treated as family. One highlight of all of this occurred in June of this year, when, on the day of their 49th wedding anniversary, Gordon and Darlene took us to

one of the most magnificent waterfalls anywhere.

Well, the last couple of months have been absolutely terrible. Out of the blue Darlene developed an illness which can occur for about one person in a million which literally attacks the brain bringing the most troubling of symptoms. Now, sadly, she has died. We have been on the end of a telephone giving what support we can from this distance, but we are soon to be much more closely involved as the family has asked us to travel to Canada so that I can take her funeral service.

As we are preparing for this journey I am thinking of all the various journeys surrounding the season of Advent and Christmas. The Christmas story itself is set in the midst of one of the most brutal situations of political intrigue. And when we look at that part of the world as it comes to us on our TV screens we could be forgiven for thinking that not too much has changed. And yet, and yet, and yet, it is out of that situation that we get the most encouraging story there is – the story of wise men following a star, of shepherds on the hills experiencing the singing of angels, of a baby being born in a stable, giving hope to the world.

Surely it is because these things are recognised in the midst of some of the hardest, most difficult situations of life, that we are able to appreciate the importance of lighting the candles for hope, peace, joy and love, of lifting our spirits and celebrating what really is worthwhile no matter what our circumstances may be.

Let's do it!

With the warmest of Christmas and New Year greetings.

Ken Wall

Transitional Minister



EXPLORE THE “ON FIRE” GOSPEL

I recently saw a short video about a Bangtan Sonyeon Dan (called BTS) composed of seven Korean boys representing K-Pop culture, which is based on South Korea and is spreading around the world fast. In the video, I was able to see how enthusiastic the young French girls and boys were when BTS visited France this year. The car carrying the BTS quickly drove through the waiting crowd which was enthusiastic and cheering. It took just under a minute. They were thrilled and amazed when they saw the BTS boys waving to them. Even though the car had already disappeared, the girls in the crowd were in tears. They were so excited that nobody left the place, and they continued to shout loudly not knowing how else to respond.

If the French girls and boys knew that there was a greater, more complete emotional and satisfying presence than the BTS they would have flocked to it. They would have been captivated by the excitement. Moreover, knowing that the presence, beyond liberating a mere individual, is willing to restore all human beings and the wounded present-day world to a place of complete justice and peace, they would stake all their lives on that presence.

But why are we getting colder and numb even though we already know of great and amazing things? New buds break through the earth and mysteriously emit the green light of life, and colourful flowers embody the beauty of life, and those young French people who are enthusiastic about BTS seem to ask us why?

Maybe we still do not know its greatness and the surprise of that presence yet? Just like the twelve disciples who were always with Jesus, but who did not know the truth and still had worldly desires.

However, these disciples changed after meeting the resurrected Jesus. Through the

resurrected Jesus, the disciples came to realise the meaning of Jesus' teaching and who He was. The disciples realised that Jesus, who was executed on the cross and had risen from death, was the Messiah who came to give the kingdom of God us. They realised that Jesus was the true God. They realised that Jesus was the King who would save all humankind and restore this world. As a result, although Jesus ascended and was not still among them, they followed Him and his teachings. They threw away secular values that they held when they did not know Jesus well, and gave their lives to Jesus and the gospel of the kingdom of perfect justice and peace which only God can bring.

During the time Paul was being held captive for the gospel of Jesus and the kingdom of God, he said to King Agrippa, Governor Festus and Bernice, "Whether a short time or a long time, my prayer to God is that you and all the rest of you who are listening to me today might become what I am - except, of course, for these chains." (Acts 26:29)

Paul was being tried by two kings. However, he was not ashamed of the gospel. Furthermore, Paul exhorts King Agrippa as the judge and Bernice to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, a true King. Thus, Paul was burning with Jesus, the Messiah, and the gospel of the kingdom of God. Before he knew Jesus, he persecuted believers. But after he came to know Jesus was the Messiah and God, Paul was the one who spent the rest of his life living for Jesus.

Delve into the Gospel to be filled with the best knowledge and information about Jesus. In it, meet the living Jesus, Jesus of the cross and resurrection, the Lord Jesus who came to restore all mankind and the whole world.



In the same way that new water flows through Hamurana Springs in Rotorua every day, day by day meet Jesus as He reveals new grace, power and glory. Meet Jesus, the King who leads the church and the saints who are called to work together for the kingdom of God. Finally, eat and drink the Lord Jesus who comes to fulfil the new heaven and new earth, the perfect kingdom of God.

This summer let 's all walk that way.

“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asked you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.” (John 4:10)

뜨거운 복음속으로 들어가라

최근 짧은 영상을 하나 보았다. 그 영상은 한국의 K-pop을 대표하는 7인조 보이로 구성 된 방탄소년단(BTS)에 대한 것이었다. 그 영상에서 방탄소년단이 프랑스를 방문했을 때 프랑스의 젊은이들이 얼마나 열광하는 지를 보여주었다. 방탄소년단을 태운 차는 열광하는 무리들의 기다림과 환호와는 상관 없이 무리들 사이로 금새 빠져나갔다. 불과 1분도 안되는 시간였다. 그러나 차속에서 팬들을 향하여 손을 흔드는 방탄소년단을 보고 팬들은 감격했고 열광했다. 차는 벌써 사라지고 없었음에도, 눈 앞에서 방탄소년단을 본 소녀들은 서로 부둥켜 안고 눈물을 흘렸다. 그들은 벅찬 감격에 아무도 그 자리를 떠나지 않았고, 그 놀라움과 감격을 계속해서 큰 소리로 떠들어댔고, 어떻게 주체 할 줄을 몰랐다.

만약 저 프랑스 소녀들이 방탄소년단이 주는 것보다 더 위대하고 더 완전한 감격과 만족을 주는 존재를 알았다면 그리로 몰려갔을 것이다. 동시에 그들은 그 놀람과 감동에 사로잡혔을 것이다. 더군다나 그 위대한 존재가 단지 나를 해방하는 차원을 넘어, 이 인류와 존재하는 이 세계를 완전한 정의와 평화의 땅으로 회복할 자임을 알기

에 이르러서는 그들은 자신의 모든 인생과 생명을 그 위대한 존재에게 걸었을 것이다.

하지만 우리는 위대하고 놀라운 존재를 이미 알고 있음에도 불구하고, 우리는 왜 점점 식어가고 무감각해 지는 것일까? 대지를 뚫고 올라와 신비한 생명의 초록 빛을 발산하는 새 싹들이, 생명의 아름다움을 품어내는 저 빛나는 꽃들이, 방탄소년단에 열광하는 프랑스의 저 젊은이들이 우리에게 묻는 것 같다. 왜?

어쩌면 우리는 아직 그 위대함을 알지 못하고, 그 놀라움을 제대로 알지 못하는 것이 아닐까? 늘 예수님 곁에 있었으나 그 실상을 알지 못하여 한쪽 발을 세상에 적당히 걸치고 있었던 열두 제자들이 그러했듯이 말이다.

그러나 이 제자들은 부활하신 예수님을 만나고 달라졌다. 부활하신 예수를 통하여 그 동안 말씀하신 가르침의 의미와 예수님이 누구인가를 제자들은 비로소 깨닫게 된 것이다. 십자가에 죽임당한 초라한 예수, 그러나 죽음을 깨트리고 부활하신 예수는 하나님 나라를 주시기 위해 오신 메시아, 진정한 왕이심을 제자들이 깨달은 것이다. 예수가 진정한 하나님이심을 그들이 깨달은 것이다. 예수는 온 인류와 이 세상을 새롭게 구하고 회복하실 왕이심을 그들은 깨달은 것이다. 그 결과 예수께서 승천하여 그들 가운데 계시지 않았음에도 그들은 예수와 그 가르침을 따랐다. 그들은 예수를 제대로 알지 못했던 때에 붙들었던 세속의 가치를 벗어던졌고, 예수와 오직 하나님만이 가져 오실 완전한 정의와 평화의 나라에 대한 복음에 자신들의 인생을 드렸다.

바울이 예수와 하나님 나라 복음 때문에 붙잡혀 재판을 받을 때 었다. 바울은 아그리바 왕과 베스도 왕에서 뜨거운 가슴으로 이렇게 고백했다. “말이 적으나 많으나 당신뿐만 아니라 오

늘 내 말을 듣는 모든 사람도 다 이렇게 결박 된 것 외에는 나와 같이 되기를 하나님께 원하나이다”(행26:29)

바울은 재판을 받는 처지에서도 의젓했다. 복음을 부끄러워 하지 아니한 것이다. 나아가 바울은 재판하는 왕들에게 자신 처럼 예수가 메시아, 진정한 왕이심을 믿는 자가 되라고 권면한다. 이처럼 바울은 메시아 이신 예수와 하나님 나라의 복음으로 활활 타오르고 있었다. 예수를 모를 땐 핍박에 앞장 섰던 이가, 예수가 메시아와 하나님 이심을 깨닫고 나자 예수를 위해 자기의 남은 생을 던지는 자가 되었던 것이다.

복음서를 펼쳐라. 예수에 대한 최고의 지식과 정보로 충만한 복음서에 빠져라. 그 속에서 살아가신 예수, 십자가와 부활의 예수, 곧 온 인류와 온 세상을 회복시킬 주 예수를 만나라. 로토루아의 HAMURANA SPRINGS이 날마다 새로운 물을 품어 내듯이, 날마다 새로운 은혜와 능력과 영광을 드러내는 예수를 만나라. 하나님 나라를 위하여 함께 일 할 자로 부름 받은 성도와 교회를 이끄는 왕이신 예수를 만나라. 나아가 마침내 새 하늘과 새 땅, 즉 완전한 하나님 나라를 이루시기 위해 오시는 주 예수를 먹고 마시라.

이 여름, 우리 모두 그 길을 걸어가자.

“네가 만일 하나님의 선물과 또 네게 물 줄 달하는 이가 누구인줄 알았더면 네가 그에게 구하였을 것이요, 그가 생수를 네게 주었으리라” (요 4:10)

Blessings on you all.

Ham Tae Ju



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

I am grateful for the privilege of representing our congregation at General Assembly, held this year at St Andrew's College in Christchurch. I felt as if I was going into the unknown as I had little idea what it would be like being a commissioner. The first event of Assembly was the Installation of the Moderator, Rt Rev Taimoana-fakaofu Kaio, beginning with a powhiri outside the beautiful St Andrew's post-earthquake chapel. The installation service was a very



dignified and moving occasion. The intensity of the singing, led by a very musical Pacific worship band, was an experience in itself. Fakaofu, with Samoan parents, but raised in Tokelau, has great facility with

languages. His ability to move with ease in different languages and cultures meant there was a wonderful ethos of inclusiveness and a valuing of cultural diversity which underpinned the Assembly.

I chose to live-in at St Andrew's College. It was a good move. I shared a room with Shona from the Southern Presbytery – a veteran assembly attender who was able to answer all my questions as well as being good company. Going into a crowded dining room where you can see no one you recognise can be daunting, but it enabled me to meet a variety of people. Twice I ended up sharing a table with international guests. It is amazing how community can develop very quickly within a large group who are open to one another. You have a good conversation with someone and they become a friend.

The pace of Assembly was quite fast at times, with a lot packed into each day. It was quite a challenge to be awake, alert and in the dining room for breakfast at 7 am, but it did have an advantage. I was able to fit in a walk every morning between breakfast and worship at 8.30. St Andrew's College is in Merivale, the flowering cherry suburb.

Business began at 9.00. There were 278 commissioners, plus others in official capacities. Over three days we worked our way through all the reports and recommendations in the 289 page White Book. We voted on 103 recommendations. Some recommendations did not need any debate, others were debated until a range of viewpoints had been expressed and then were voted on. I was impressed with the quality of debate and the respectful way people spoke, even when there were different viewpoints. When issues arose on which a range of opinions were expected, we were sent to our dialogue groups of about 20 people, selected to give a range of ages and diversity. We talked about issues such the End of Life Choice Bill, ways of sharing the Church's property and money and the Code of Ethics. During the business sessions it was not all debate and voting - we had keynote speakers, international guests and other visitors.

The evenings were more relaxed. One night we heard from a number of Christchurch Parishes. It was encouraging to hear about initiatives in which churches, which lost their

buildings or were disrupted by the earthquakes, have come to life in new ways and are doing church quite differently. Another evening we heard from a panel which talked about trends and needs in the church today. On the panel were a Roman Catholic bishop, a Pentecostal woman minister and a minister who had managed to escape from an alcohol and drug fuelled gang situation.

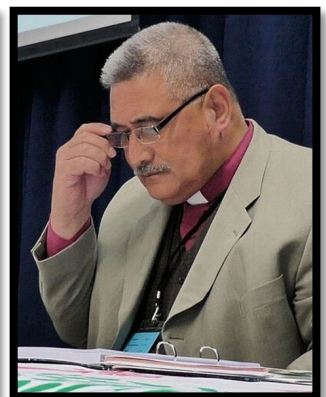
Being at Assembly was a positive and helpful experience which has given me a greater understanding of the wider church. I was impressed by the contribution of the young adult commissioners and also by the number of young ministers present. I have not given details of any of the issues debated. All are well covered on the website: <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/about-us/general-assembly/general-assembly-2018>.

Elaine Riddell

*We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.*

*Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.*

*Now we rejoice to name Him King,
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
This gospel message we proclaim,
We sing His glory, tell His worth. WOV 189*



SOCIAL & ECUMENICAL ACTION

Christian World Service [CWS] Christmas Appeal 2018

The CWS Christmas Appeal is a 73 year old tradition of New Zealand Churches. CWS is the official international development and aid agency of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (and some other Protestant Churches, including Anglican and Methodist).

St Andrew's has a long tradition of supporting CWS - by individual parishioners' donations and also with 50% of our Christmas Day giving. Earlier this year some of you gave towards, and prayed for, the CWS special Appeals for World Refugee Day and to help with recovery after the Indonesian earthquake and tsunami.

Since 1945, New Zealanders' combined giving has helped millions of people to survive disasters, build new livelihoods and find hope when none was on offer. Giving together is a visible sign of God's love for a world where every person is of value and the integrity of creation respected. CWS works with experienced local partners who achieve real gains in their communities. Please give generously to the 2018 Christmas Appeal and **"Be the Lifeline"**.

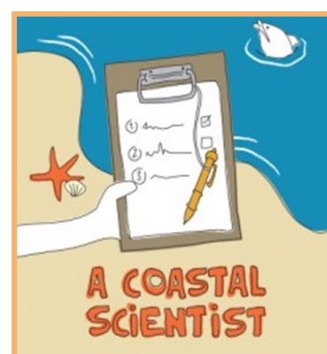
A postal donation envelope is tucked inside this edition of The Bridge, with further information. Website: www.christmasappeal.org.nz. Freephone: 0800 74 73 72.

About the theme - **"Be the Lifeline"**: The Christian faith was born with a vision that the world can be different – a vision which is to be found in the life and teaching of Jesus from Galilee. Through his words and actions we find inspiration to feed the hungry, to give water to the thirsty, and to respect the dignity of all. It is work we do together to make known God's love for the whole world. Your gift to this Christmas Appeal will make this vision real. You will keep the lifeline going.

Helping one person has a multiplying effect when they are given the right resources and training. This is a Gospel story: Good News for the Christmas season. There are very many agencies that we can choose to support who do similar work, but you can be assured that CWS can be trusted to deliver on its promises. Donations are tax-deductable.

Give a Gifted Gift, all through the year

CWS also makes giving easy through its Gifted scheme. You choose the right gift for a friend or family member (you receive a card to give them, with no indication of price) and CWS sends the money to a reliable partner-organisation to make change happen. A "Gifts for Change" catalogue is tucked in this edition of The Bridge. You may obtain further copies from CWS, freephone 0800 74 73 72 or browse www.gift.org.nz - there are new e-cards on offer too. You even get a receipt to claim a rebate from IRD for your charitable-donation!



LINK HOUSE FOODBANK

From 18 Nov until 9 December, we encourage you to take to up the theme of “Christmas Treats” when you buy items for the St Andrew’s food basket.

The social workers are preparing hampers customised for particular single-parent families. In this way you can help to brighten the Christmas table of those in need.

Your contributions might include tinned pineapple and other fancy fruits, bottles of grape juice, chocolates, lollies and chippies, crackers, nuts, a piece of Christmas cake, mince pies...

As Link House staff finish on 21 December, we are making 9 December the cut-off date for your Christmas food contributions this year, please. We shall re-start collecting for the foodbank on Sunday 13 January 2019.

Thank you for your support this year!

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (MSD) – CONSULTATION ON A NEW “POSITIVE AGEING STRATEGY”: The SEA Committee wrote a brief submission for the MSD consultation (24 August), commenting that the role which spirituality plays in supporting positive ageing needs to be better recognised and included in the draft new Positive Ageing Strategy. Traditional forms of spirituality expressed through the established faith traditions, as well as some trends for more unstructured ways of seeking spiritual sustenance, needed to be given more attention. Such consideration of spirituality in relation to ageing and holistic well-being would require the new Strategy to have specific goals developed.

At the same time, in our submission we gave appreciation for an MSD website link to a commissioned article by Dr Richard Egan and Hilda Johnson-Bogaerts, “Where is spirituality on New Zealand’s national health

agenda?”, authored out of the University of Otago School of Medicine and the Selwyn Foundation. This raises excellent questions: www.superseniors.msd.govt.nz/about-superseniors/ageing-population/spirituality/spirituality.html.

The SEA Committee recommended a very good article by Professors John Wattis and Stephen Curran at the University of Huddersfield, “How spirituality can help us cope with the trials of ageing”. The Conversation, 6 May 2016 online. <https://theconversation.com/how-spirituality-can-help-us-cope-with-the-trials-of-ageing-58180>.

The SEA Committee’s little effort was not earth-shattering but the more calls that the MSD received for consideration of spirituality with ageing and well-being, the more holistic the Strategy might turn out to be.

Translation of a poster now found in all churches in France:

By entering this church it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is less likely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter,



choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.

- Thank you, Jeanine Graham.

“Where did you get those 10 Commandments, Moses?”

“I downloaded them from a cloud!”

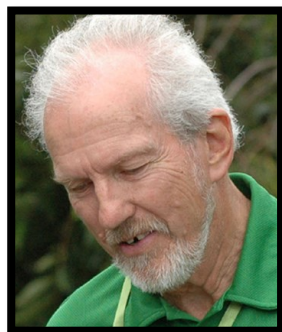
Conversation in heaven: “Things are tough all over. I had to sell my cloud’s silver lining!”

ADRIENNE & HOWARD CLEMENTS were married at the Baptist Tabernacle, New Plymouth on 15 November 1958 (just 60 years ago!!) - have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren - lived in Christchurch, Timaru, Palmerston North, Wainuiomata, Paraparaumu Beach before moving to Hamilton in 2013.

HOWARD - a prefect at Rongotai College, Wellington - then involved in the advertising industry most of his working life, latterly in his own business and dabbling in book design and production.

Church Secretary and Deacon at Wainuiomata Baptist Church, Rotarian, and 49 years devoted to Scouting as Cub, King Scout, leader and administrator - awarded Silver Tui in 1993. Selected for NZ contingent to World Jamboree in Austria in 1951. Presently organising annual contingent reunion in Hamilton March 2019.

Top athlete in younger days, also three racquet sports, then golf, achieving single figure handicap. Since 1990 keen volunteer at NZ Golf Opens.



ADRIENNE grew up in Wanganui, was baptised (as an adult) at the Ingestre Street Baptist Church. Attended Wanganui Girls College 1949-52, then Wellington Teachers College. Primary teacher until our children came along, then a stay-at-home Mum. Involved in many activities at Wainuiomata Baptist Church - Deacon, Women's Fellowship, Girls Brigade, Choir, Sunday School Teacher.

Outside interest was music (not a sporty type) - Wellington Orpheus Choir, Waikanae Ladies Choir, Kapiti Chorale, and a new-found love in Coasters Musical Theatre. I was in stage shows in my 50s and 60s and loved it. Howard and I managed the theatre's extensive wardrobe for many years. In 2001 we were both awarded Life Membership of Coasters.

We were delighted to be so warmly welcomed here at St Andrews and feel very much at home. Thank you everyone.

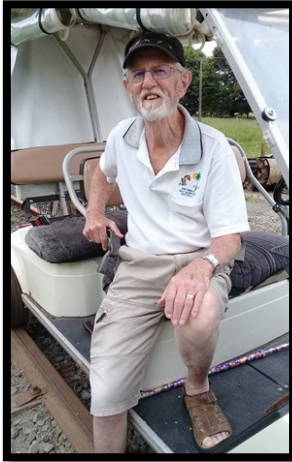
ROB THOMPSON

Born to a dairy farm couple I was cared for by grandmother while she ran the house until I was seven when she died. During this time Dad and Mum ran the farm clearing it of fern and rabbits. Being born into a Presbyterian family I was baptised in Knox Church in Morrinsville and in due course attended Sunday School in the Kiwitahi hall where mum was the leading teacher. Church services were held there once a month and "Uncle Tom" Bagnall allowed me to count the offering. Moving on to teen years I attended Bible Class and after a study became a communicant member Marriage to Joan took us to a teaching post in Kaingaroa Forest where services were held in the RSA hall with the altar at one end and the bar at the other! A return to Hamilton took us to Knox Church Hamilton until late 1973 during which time I spent eight years on the Board of Managers, four of which as secretary. In Whangarei we attended St Andrew's under the guidance of Lawrie Hampton where I was the Assistant Treasurer until our return to Hamilton followed closely by Lawrie. 1986 saw the start of the travel bug which began to Northern Ireland; the land of Joan's birth and to celebrate our Silver Wedding.

Moving on to Scotland we stopped at Gretna Green where we reaffirmed our wedding vows “over the anvil”.

St Andrews has now been my spiritual home for forty years. Here I have assisted in

various capacities and
feel at peace with God.



CHANGE OF PARISH CLERK

At the Parish Council meeting on 6 November 2018 Peter Gault was presented with flowers and thanked for his hard work as Parish Clerk since April 2014. We expressed appreciation, on behalf of you all, for his ongoing contributions - and diligence - as Parish Clerk. Strawberries and ice-cream accompanied the event.

Peter helped to bring our Church through a very difficult period at the start of his time in this leadership role. Peter has been involved in many situations that few others know about.

Throughout his 4 ½ years Peter has offered considerable support and pastoral care behind the scenes - to say nothing of his administrative prowess for the smooth working of the Parish Council and our Parish.

You are much appreciated, Peter! Your leadership has been invaluable, and we are glad that you will remain on Parish Council.

At its meeting on 23 October 2018 the Parish Council agreed to revise its existing policy about the roles of Parish Clerk and Parish Liaison (June 2012). Responsibilities and

duties were re-arranged and it was decided that the names for the positions would be “Parish Clerk” and “Associate Parish Clerk”. The Parish Council sees strength in this team approach, and in ensuring a deputising capacity. Parish Council appointed Elaine Riddell as Parish Clerk and Sue Dymock as Associate Parish Clerk.

Lance Kendrick

LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class:

God, forgive.

The covetous desires and people and nations
to possess what is not their own:

God, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human
hands and lays waste the earth:

God, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of
others:

God, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the
imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee:

God, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of
men, women and children:

God, forgive.

The pride that leads us to trust in ourselves
and not in God:

God, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,
forgiving one another as God in Christ
forgave you.

With thanks to Harold Woolford



The wedding of Yu Seung Wan and Kim Seo Hyun took place in The Link on Saturday 15 September 2018. Seung Wan (Joshua), son of Yu Seo Hyung and Ko Jung Mi “grew up” in the Hamilton Korean Church within St Andrew’s. It was a delightful occasion.



The first combined youth service was held on Sunday 18 August. 20 Kiwi, Pakistani and Korean youth and their leaders took part, singing songs, doing activities and sharing God's word. Afterwards everyone gathered at Ruth Barrowclough's home for fellowship and a pizza lunch.



On Friday 5 October, 16 leaders (including the Moderator) of Kwanack Presbytery within the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK) visited St Andrew’s. They were met by the Rev Ham Tae Ju, Moon Jum Soon, Kim Who Young (Justin), the Rev Ken Wall and Peter Gault. The PCK group had set up a sister church relationship with the PCANZ in Auckland 2 October.

Women's Group : 16 October 2018

This was a meeting with a difference as Lalita introduced 14 women to some basic Te Reo Māori. Fittingly it started by learning the different ways to say Hello. You can listen to this *waiata* by Roimata Smail on www.waiako.com.

Ata mārie - Good morning

Mōrena - Morning too (x2)

Kia ora, ngā mihi - Hello, greetings (x2)

Ata mārie—Good morning

Ahiahi mārie - Good afternoon (x2)

Kia ora, ngā mihi—Hello, greetings (x2)

Ahiahi mārie - Good afternoon

Pō mārie - Good evening (x2)

Kia ora, ngā mihi -Hello, greetings

To demonstrate that the women already knew many Māori words they were asked to pair the Māori words listed below with the correct English translation. Have a go yourself.

| | |
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| kai | stomach |
| ka pai | prestige |
| tahi | come here |
| whare | meeting |
| pōwhiri | be strong |
| puku | (that's) good |
| awa | welcome ceremony |
| haere mai | tribal meeting place |
| marae | gift / donation |
| mana | house/building |
| Kia kaha | food |
| hui | river |
| koha | one |

And of course it made sense to end by learning how to say Goodbye.

Haere rā (when listener is leaving)

E noho rā – ra / Noho ora mai (when the

speaker is leaving)

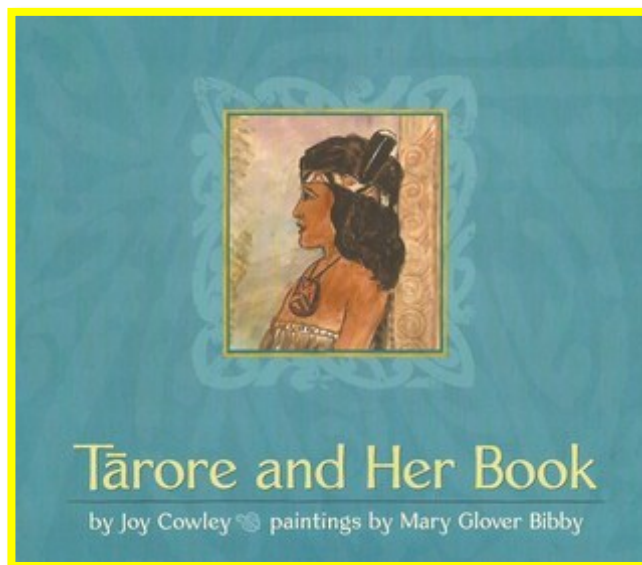
Ka kite (anō) - see you (again)

Hei kōnā rā - till we're together again

Mā te wā/Ā te wā - until we meet again



Remember this story?



Twice the **Worship Committee** has tried to arrange a congregational trip to visit her grave at Waharoa. Twice, for good reasons, those plans were thwarted. Perhaps over the holiday period you may like to take a trip there (with others).

The grave site is at 229 Dunlop Road, Walton, Waharoa. Travel down Dunlop Road, past the two cemeteries on your right. After the sign telling you that you are welcome to visit the grave, turn left and proceed down the sand road to the brown house. Follow the path to the left of the house to the grave. You may also like to visit Wairere Falls where Tārore was killed.

Search the website for Tārore for all the information you need.

Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank

2018 has been a momentous year for the Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank. In June, the volunteers won the team excellence award at the annual Volunteer Awards. Being acknowledged by other volunteers in the city was unexpected and appreciated. The Foodbank has also been in existence for 20 years, something it never anticipated. It was set up to fulfil what was thought to be a short term need and, here we are, still doing our best to provide food to Hamilton families who find it hard to manage on what they earn. High house rentals, low pay and the unexpected household emergencies that we all experience combine and families have to approach the foodbank for assistance. Other breadwinners find it difficult to find work, as they can't afford to run a car to get to work, nor can they afford the costs involved in owning a computer. In the 2017-18 year, 4052 food parcels were made up and sent to a total of 6956 adults and 6308 children.

The annual brown paper bag appeal for donations of food is underway. Paper bags are available at the church office. When filled, they may be left at the church office for collection, or brought to church on Sunday morning to 2 Dec. Please be generous, and help the foodbank volunteers ensure that families can have some of the things that we take for granted at Christmas. Do you have a spare hour or two during your week? And love in your heart for those who need a helping hand? The foodbank will always welcome new volunteers,

whether on a regular basis, or as a backup when others are away. We are a happy team and it is such a satisfying job to do. Please phone Louisa, 856 2520, email hccft@xtra.co.nz, or speak with me to find out more. Ailsa Petrie : 843 0326

Christmas Gifts for Single Parent Families of Link House

As in past years, we are asking for your help with donations of Christmas gifts for the children of the 600 single parents who are associated with Link House.

We need gifts suitable for children and youth aged 1-17 years, ideally gifts that are gender-neutral. If they are edible Christmas treats, gluten-free is preferred.

Please do not wrap the gifts as parents like to select a gift and wrap it themselves.

Bring your gifts to worship up until 2 December and place them in the box provided near the big wooden cross. The **Church Life Committee** will deliver the gifts to Link House social workers on 3 December. Thank you for your generosity.

Armistice Day – 11 November 2018





The Kirk Café

For students of Coffeeology:

Espresso yourself.

Better latte than never.

The Kirk Café is featured in the summer edition of *Nourish* magazine which is due out at the end of November. Copies will be available in the Kirk Café. And if you missed Denise Irvine's article in the Waikato Times on 10 November, visit <https://i.stuff.co.nz/life-style/food-wine/food-news/108304173/whats-good-spanish-seafood-paella-from-the-kirk-cafe-hamilton> – especially if you like Spanish seafood paella!

The café will be closed from 24 December until 7 January 2019 to allow Kersti and the team to have their one holiday of the year.

Thanks for your custom and support.

Kersti Mead-Johnstone

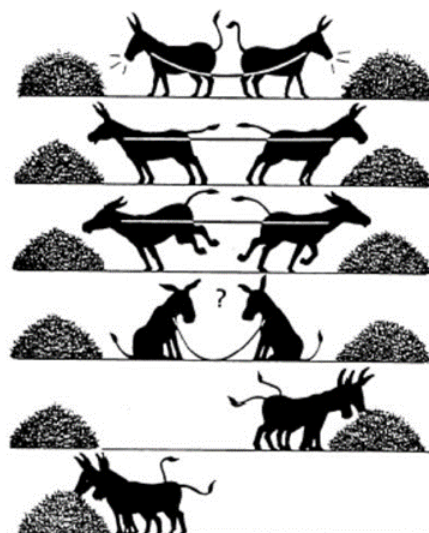


PARISH COUNCIL

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| Rev Ken Wall | Rev Ham Tae Ju |
| Peter Bayne | Marian Carmichael |
| Wynne Dymock | Sue Dymock |
| Peter Gault | Chris Grocott |
| Lance Kendrick | Ko Jung Mi |
| Pauline Milroy | Elaine Riddell |
| Alison Ringer | John Sinclair |

Another Korean elder to be elected.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



After a well-attended inter-faith service on Sunday 14 October, a small number of people gathered during the following week to meditate on and pray for world peace. The resource prepared to guide our reflections day by day was an eclectic mix of helpful and challenging statements which prompted much discussion. **Worship Committee** plans to promote this annual event and encourage greater participation in 2019.

The Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

SUMMER CALENDAR

Every Sunday, worship services in **The Link** are, unless otherwise notified, at

9.30 am English language and

11.30 am Korean language [also at 7.00 pm each Wednesday]

Every Monday during term time – Mini Movers from 9.30 am–11.00 am – pre-schoolers, parents and grandparents meet for music, play and socialising.

Every Tuesday – indoor bowls at 9.30 am – with a break during the holidays

Every Wednesday – 1.30 pm–2.00 pm communion service (until 5 December; starting again on 13 March 2019)

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| November | 28 | 9.30 am White Ribbon Sunday – SEA with Presbyterian Support |
| December | 2 | 9.30 am Advent Communion ; last day to donate Christmas gifts for Link House & return Christian Foodbank brown paper bags (full!). SEA's Annual Trade Aid stall after the service |
| | 4 | Noon Gold Coin Lunch |
| | 9 | 9.30 am Family Service with Christmas pageant for children and youth. Korean congregation will attend and participate in this service, the only service today. Special morning tea follows. Last Sunday for Link House Food bank |
| | | 2.00 pm Hamilton City Christmas Parade |
| | 16 | Usual services |
| | 23 | Usual services |
| | 24 | 9.00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |
| | 25 | 9.30 am Christmas Day Service |
| | 30 | Usual services |
| January | 6 | Usual services—Epiphany |
| | 13 | Usual services—Food Bank resumes |
| | 20 | Usual services |
| | 27 | Usual services |
| | 28 | Anniversary Day |
| February | 3 | Usual services |
| | 6 | Waitangi Day |
| | 10 | Usual services; contributions for Autumn newsletter due |
| | 17 | Usual services—9.30 service led by Worship Committee |
| | 24 | Usual services |
| March | 3 | Usual services—Children's Day |
| | 5 | 7.00 am Shrove Tuesday Breakfast Noon Gold coin lunch |
| | 6 | 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Service |



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For **additional information** about any event, please ...

- ⇒ see notices in the weekly service bulletins
- ⇒ call the office on 854 9737
- ⇒ visit www.standrewshamilton.org.nz