

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

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 17 Sept 2021 Supplement

Greetings, St. Andrews

Well, we have all been here before and yet this new normal does not seem that simple at times. In my sermon last Sunday, I mentioned that our calling is greater than our current challenge. Put differently: *when the going gets tough, the tough get going!* Keep on doing what you are doing. But more importantly - be tougher than the virus and get on with those positive activities that you enjoy and find fulfilment in. Go do more walking, change the features of your garden, try those long-forgotten recipes and chill out when tired!

Let's make the best of it!

Mario



Lockdown으로 모든 것이 멈추고, 나 자신이 아무것도 아닌 것 같이 여겨질 때 나는 묻는다. "던져진 돌맹이 같이 아무것도 아닌 것 같은 이 무의미를 어떻게 떨칠 수 있을까?" 곰곰히 나를 생각 할 때 하나님께서 주 예수 안에서 하나님께서 말씀하신다. "너는 나의 기쁨, 나의 자랑, 나의 찬송이라."(Eph 1:3-6,11-12)

Lockdown stops everything, and I ask when I feel like I'm nothing, "How can I shake off this meaningless feeling that makes me feel this way, like a stone thrown away?" When I really think about myself, I recall that God says through the Lord Jesus. "You are my joy, my pride, my praise." (Eph 1:3-6,11-12)

Be assured. *Tae Ju*



Would you believe it? These "cartoons" were published on 15 and 16 September 2020!



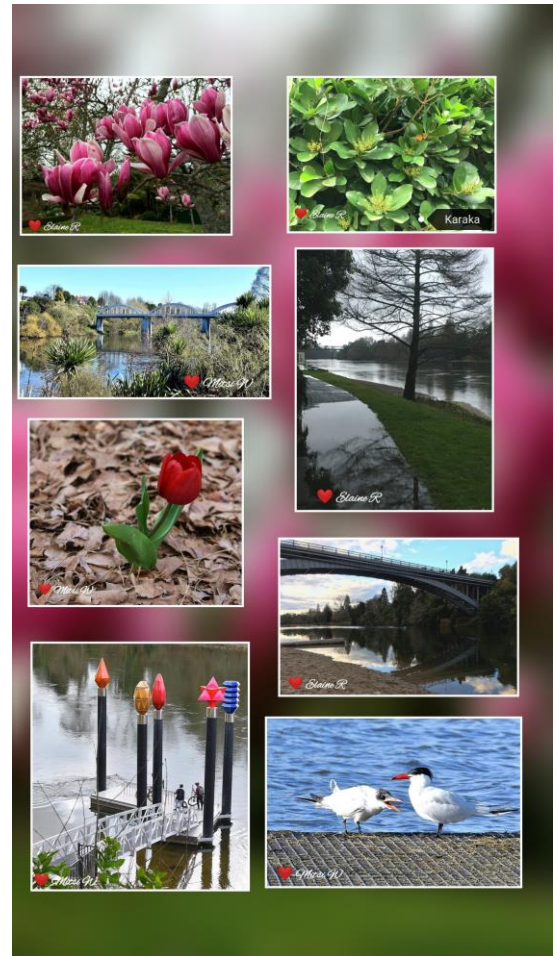
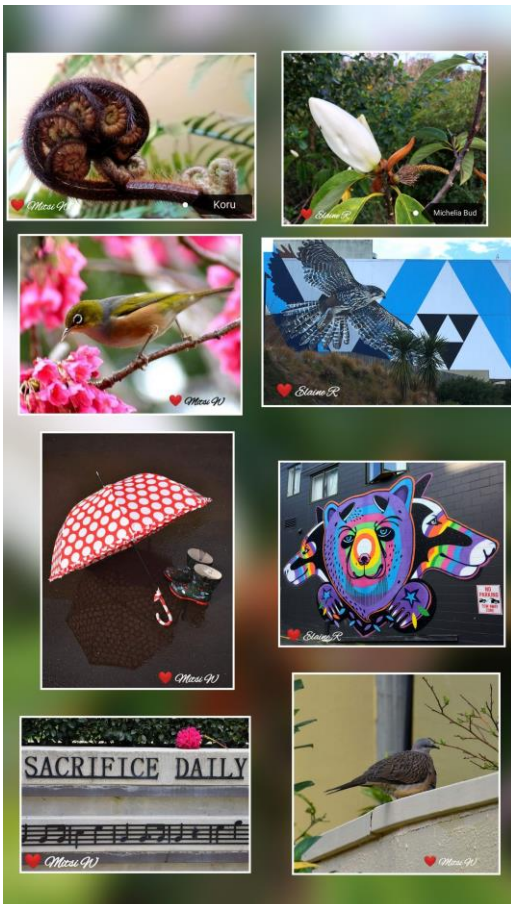
Unite
against
COVID-19

The Daily Photo: Elaine and Mitsi

It all began early in lockdown when Mitsi sent me a photo of a koru. I was on my daily exercise walk when it arrived on my phone. I replied with a caption, 'A fern in lockdown - but not for long.' Further along the path I spotted a Michelia tree and stopped to admire the buds. I took a photo of one and sent it to Mitsi. I wrote, 'We all need periods of lockdown on the way to something beautiful.'

Somehow this grew into a daily photo exchange, which we continued for 20 days through Level 4, Level 3 and into the beginning of Level 2. Each day on our separate walks we took photos and then chose one to send to each other. An early theme was "Guess where I took this?" We also drifted through a mural/street art theme and towards the end, I did a NZ native tree series. We are offering a sample of our photos for your enjoyment.

The task each day of finding something to photograph kept us mindful of the wonder of creation in the smallest detail and widest panorama.



It was fascinating how this simple daily exchange became significant for both of us. It was exciting waiting to see what would arrive each day and created greater anticipation than the daily Covid update and certainly was more fun. For me, living in a one-person bubble, it provided a helpful and creative opportunity to check in with a constant person every day. Thank you, Mitsi. *Elaine*

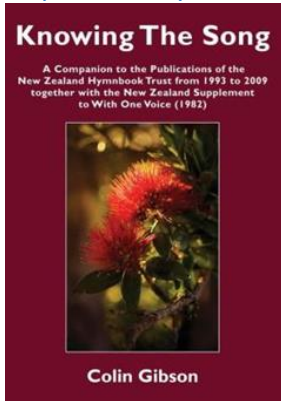
I could not have put it better. You were such a blessing to me, Elaine. You inspired me to learn the names of the trees, flowers and birds. As soon as I got home, I would grab my NZ Bird Book or Google to find the names of what I'd captured. Enjoyed it when we were searching together especially for the birds. I love your sense of humour. This was a wonderful experience which I truly enjoyed and yes it made lockdown a lot easier.

Lots of Love
Mitsi



Colin Gibson is a prolific New Zealand hymn writer and composer. We often sing his hymns – such as *He came singing love*. To listen to it, you can use the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGv_6PNCl_8



After hearing him talk about some of his hymns, we asked him if would publish that information. He said he was working on it and it has just been published. It is truly comprehensive. *He came singing love*,

we learn, was written in 1972 for a TVNZ national hymn-writing competition. It came second. It has been published in many collections around the world. An American Methodist family magazine prompted the words of the first verse. Colin extended this to include St Paul’s triad of Christian values – faith, hope and love. (1 Corinthians 13:13) He also added peace. Just some of the information about this hymn in *Knowing The Song*.

Message from NZ Police

We realise the many stresses the community is under presently and have been completely disheartened by the large number and variety of scams that are capitalising on COVID-19 environment.

We need to warn our communities about this urgently as we know the COVID-19 situation here and overseas has put some families in desperate need of “fast money” – normally with the intent on helping others.

It’s particularly important to protect information that can be used to access your accounts, build a fake online presence or impersonate you. If you believe you have been scammed, contact Koryn Dunstan on 021 1910 738 or Sean Choi on 021 1911 242.

NZ-ROK Friendship Society

An-nyong-ha-se-yo!

At 7.30 pm on Thursday 7 October, there will be an online talk and Q&A with Dr Leonid Petrov of Canberra. He was the lead presenter at the Pathways to Reunification symposium in 2017 to mark ten years of the Friendship Society. An in-person meeting is planned for 18 November, Covid alert levels allowing. Contact Richard Lawrence, Co-chairperson, on rich001@xtra.co.nz for more information.

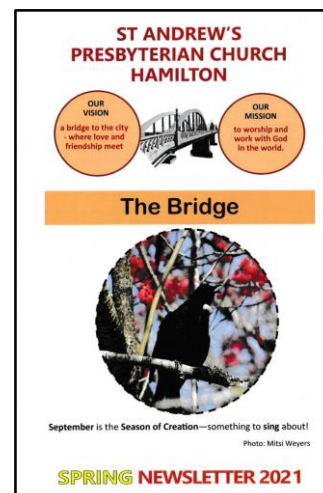
추석

Chuseok 21 September 2021

Chuseok ("choo-suhk") is one of the biggest holidays in Korea; a three-day holiday celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar on the full moon.

It is sometimes referred to as “Korean Thanksgiving” because it’s a special time for family, friends, and food.

To greet someone during Chuseok, you may say **추석 잘 보내세요 (chuseok jal bonae seyo)**. This means “Have a good Chuseok.”



If you would like a printed copy of the Spring issue of The Bridge, please contact Jacky in the office.

Sunday 19/9/21
Join 9.30 Service on Facebook thru’ Church website.