

Service Schedule for July 2017

The Preaching Plan

- July 2nd:** Rev. Colin Gordon
(Communion)
- July 9th:** Rev. Warwick Hambleton
- July 16h:** Rev. Colin Gordon
- July 23rd:** Lester Simpson
- July 30th:** Multimedia Sermon

Pastoral Care Team

Lorna Nolan,
Nellika Duinkerke,
Willis & Robyn MacGillivray

Minister's Steward:

Lorna



Wellsford Duty Schedule for July 2017
Duty Stewards

02.07	09.07	16.07	23.07	30.07
S & N Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	A Clegg/ J Daken	A Clegg

Morning Tea

02.07	09.07	16.07	23.07	30.07
S & N Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	A Clegg/ J Daken	K Lennon / Ann Clegg

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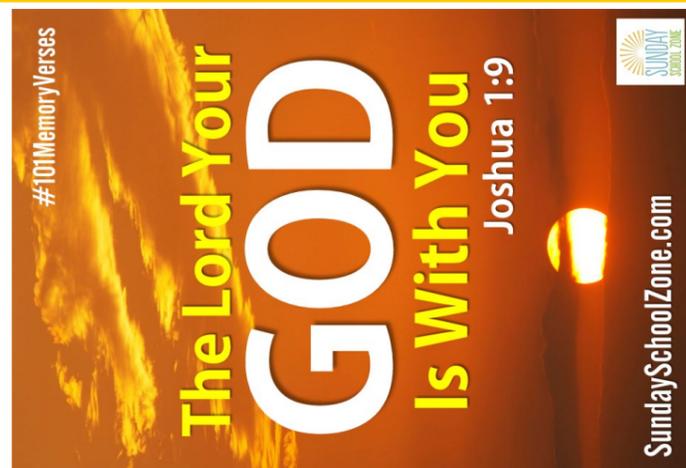
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The Monthly Message from the Minister: July 2017

Kia ora koutou katoa. Did you do the quiz and read the article from last months newsletter? I didn't get any feed back so I am not really sure where people sit and how they feel on issues such as interpreting the Bible, which in turn shapes your views of the world and others in it. So at the risk of repeating what you may have already read I want to reiterate some points from the article in fact I might just do one of the three spectrums for the next few months.

"First, the conservative hermeneutic group scores 52 or less. The strength of this view is its emphasis on the authority, ongoing and normative authority, of all of Scripture. It tends to operate with the line many of us learned in Sunday school: "If the Bible says it, that settles it." Such persons let the Bible challenge them with full force. Literal readings lead to rather literal applications. Most of the time. The problem, of course, is that very few people are completely consistent here. At times one suspects something other than strict interpretation is going on when the conservative is willing to appeal to history to suspend the commandment to observe a Saturday Sabbath, but does not appeal to history on other issues (e.g., capital punishment or homosexuality)."

Being conservative is not restricted to ones religious interpretations and practices. There are conservative farming practices, which implies a measured approach to land and stock management with measured results. Other than the unpredictable weather and many other outside influences the results are pretty much assured. Sport is another arena in which some individuals and teams are conservative. Opponents have a mixture of feelings when fielding against a conservative team. Playing against a conservative opposition does not imply an easy game with and easy win. It does mean you know how they will play their game, it also implies it will not be a sporting spectacular. I guess conservative and conservation have a common root meaning. Conservation is the sustainable use and management of natural resources including wildlife, water, air, and minerals. How we go about being conservationists comes in varying degrees. Being conservative is about predictability, assurance in the known, faith in past outcomes and a reasonable idea as to what the future holds. I am glad to see Team NZ are not sailing in a conservative manner. Have a wonderful wintry month. Peace CRG.

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There is an invitation for anyone wanting to gather around a book call 'Praying a New Way' by Micheal Morwood. "We have long been taught that nothing can exist outside of God. When we bring this belief to our understanding of today's universe, we realise we are not dealing with a deity who lives above us 'in heaven' but a reality beyond anything we can imagine. The 'new story' has the capacity to honour both God's immanence (God's closeness and accessibility) as well s God's transcendence (an unfathomable mystery beyond our words and images) It challenges us to change our thinking about a God who lives in the heavens." Come and join us Starting Thursday 27th July, time and venue TBC. Ring Colin Gordon to register your interest and find out the details.
Rev. Colin R Gordon

Loaves & Fishes

The first 5 months of the year has seen us very busy at the Food Bank. For 2017 we have averaged over 11 parcels a month. For the same time in 2016 we averaged 6 per month. Our collection points have slowed with donations. It maybe that Countdown is advertising that they are supplying Food Banks. Our small Food Bank doesn't benefit from this source. We rely on our collection boxes at Hospice and The CAB. We are very grateful to the Wellsford Community for their Donations which keep the Food Bank running.

What's Up in July?

Personal:

Please remember to contact the Pastoral Care Team or a member of the Parish Council if you, or others you hear of, are in need of our care.

Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) - ADVANCE NOTICE:

This will be held after the service on the **20th August**. All reports are due by the **16th July** and are to be printed in **Arial Size 12** font.



Women's Fellowship:

The Women's Fellowship meet **Tuesday 4th July at 10.00am for the Inter-Church programme** followed by a combined meeting at **10.30am**. All Welcome. In June we had a programme (led by the Catholics) about the Holy Spirit followed by a very interesting discussion.



Warm Movie Winter Afternoons: To all those interested in enjoying the third Sunday relaxing in Matakana, by watching a movie and being around great company, please let Ann Clegg know. So far we have seen "Their finest". "Read the review in the June edition of Touchstone". A thoroughly enjoyable movie. On the 18 June we saw "Churchill". Another really good and thought provoking movie. Afterwards, over lunch at a nearby cafe we talked about the historical accuracy of the movie. Did Churchill have Depression? Did he really try to stop the D-Day landings? Was he haunted by Gallipoli? Was he an alcoholic? We also saw some information on what promise to be great movies coming to Matakana. This month's movie afternoon (if something is showing) is scheduled for the **16th July**.



Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This will be held on **Tuesday 11h July at 10.30 AM**.



Parish Council:

The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 11th July at 5pm**. There will be a special meeting of the Parish Council after church on **16 July**.



Shared Lunch:

This will be no shared lunch for July. **The August shared lunch will be at the Nolan's home.**