

Service Schedule for October 2016

The Preaching Plan

Oct. 2nd: Rosalie Gwilliam (Communion)
 Oct. 9th: Multi Media Hour of Power
 Oct. 16th: Rev Colin Gordon
 Oct. 23rd: Ann Clegg
 Oct. 30th: Multi Media Hour of Power



Pastoral Care Team

Lorna Nolan,
 Nellika Duinkerke,
 Willis & Robyn MacGillivray

Minister's Steward:

Mark

2 Oct. Runa

Wellsford Duty Schedule for October 2016

Duty Stewards

2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
J Daken/ Ann Clegg	S & N Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	R. Halfpenny	J Daken/ Ann Clegg

Morning Tea

2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
E & L Nolan	W & R MacGillivray	K Lennon / Ann Clegg	S & N Duinkerke	J Daken/ Ann Clegg

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The Monthly Message

October 2016

The first theatre performance I recall seeing was with my Grandmother in Gisborne it was "A Christmas Carol" I was about 10yrs old. All I seem to remember was the diming of lights and the rattling of chains, the actor's real and just in front of us, a theatre full of people and the sense of a great time. I don't recall it as scary but I do recall limited but vivid memories of the performance. Ratu my 34yr old son had a similar experience when he was about 10yrs old. We were in Christchurch and went to the 'Wind in the Willows'. Ratu has gone on to be a Lighting and Sound engineer and has worked on many and varied performances, but like me vividly recalls the first stage show he saw. I haven't gone on to be a lighting and sound engineer but like Ratu have seen many other theatrical performances. One memorable Christmas Carol produced as a satire based on NZ social polices in the 1990s for which I have hunted for a script to refresh my memory, as it was very pertinent for the era. Why do we like theatre? I guess the voices and presence resonates in first person the actors know they are immediately in front of an audience and play to us, eye to eye. Everything is alive on the stage, colour, movement, pageant, seeing a stage with a number of movements happening all at once capturing all of our senses.

Charles Dickens would have enjoyed the 1990 satirical 'A Christmas Carol' a critic of our inadequate social polices. Dickens was a great moralist and a perceptive social commentator. Although his fiction was not politically subversive, he called to remedy acute social abuses, the ills of Victorian Society. Because of Dickens mastery in communicating he was able to expose the ills of the industrial society including class division, poverty, bad sanitation, privilege and meritocracy and with his literary mastery came change. I guess Dickens could be seen in the mould of the Old Testament Prophets, confronting the unjust rulers, calling for change, using every bit of their skill in communicating social and spiritual exploitation.

This profound influence through theatre would have escaped me at the time, though the plight of Oliver Twist got to me even as a youngster, I knew something was very wrong for kids of my age being treated with such contempt. Subconsciously the influence of theatre, church, books, TV, the newspaper good schools and great school lunches were characteristic of my upbringing subconsciously formulating a social conscience.

I am grateful to my grandmother for taking me to that wonderful theatre all those years ago. Hear, hear for grandparents.

Peace to you all CRG

Colin



What's Up in October?

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.

Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship meet **Tuesday 4th October** at **10.00am**, followed by a combined meeting at **10.30am**. **Note the change of time this month.**



Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This will be held on **Tuesday 11th October** at **1pm**.



Parish Council Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 11th October** at **5pm**.



Shared Lunch:

This will be after the service on **October 2nd** at the home of **Dennis & Jocelyn Daken**.

The Shared lunch on **November 6th** will be at the home of Pam Tod's.



December's shared lunch will be at the home of Colin and Kim Gordon.

Parish Meeting: Advance notice of a meeting of the Parish, after the morning service on the **6th November**.