

## PRAYER

Please pray and give thanks for:

- *Thanksgiving as we make te Whare Karakia our Church centre.*
- *The Papps family—Ian has died Fri 26th May. Funeral service in Whenua Tapu Chapel Tues 30th.*
- *The unwell: Shirley Redpath, Laura Bishop, Paul Evans, Jenny Lawrence, Barbara Cosgrove and those known to us who have current health issues.*
- *Our Vicars General Julie Rokotakala and Stephen King in the absence of Bishop Justin who is overseas on study leave.*

## Jesus is Looking for Disciples



At te Whare Karakia we have a third Sunday **monthly guest service** at 10am. Nothing flash: just good music, a simple message, a few prayers, friendship and a great morning tea afterwards.

In June we will consider why Jesus is still looking for disciples: what it means, what it costs and who is qualified to be one. **Come and check us out.**

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TESTIMONIES  
FROM OUR MEMBERS

If we walk with God we will always have a testimony to share about many issues, like:

- Why I believe in God
- How God has changed my life
- An answer to prayer
- A coincidence; or, a God incident?
- When God empowered me...

On 11th June Charles Nikora, a new Church member, will share a testimony about how God has worked in his life and faith.

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## CHURCH BIRTHDAY, TESTIMONY & GUEST SERVICE

A lot happened in May as we transitioned to te Whare Karakia and made it our Church Centre. We called it a *Celebration Month* and that is what it has been: we've welcomed newcomers, we've adjusted to our pleasant, new environment, we've done a lot of praying prompted by our *Thy Kingdom Come* focus and as this newsletter is distributed we arrived at **Pentecost Sunday: *The birthday of the Church.***

*Be Our Guest*

Springing from our Pentecost celebration and worship, June will have us beginning Sunday worship reflecting on the Trinity: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit and their unity as the godhead. Charles will bring **testimony** about the work of God in his life on Sunday 11th. And our new **Guest Sunday Service** begins on the **18th June** as we consider the theme: **Jesus is Looking for Disciples.** **Please consider inviting a person/s whose not normally at church to come to this service which will conclude with an enhanced morning tea.**

While we did not label our 3rd Sunday in May, **Guest Services**, the two services that day had a very different look and feel as we kept a **day of prayer**, focused on eight prayer stations set up around te Whare. The day concluded with a pizza tea attended by ten of our faithful ones.



## CALENDAR

### JUNE

DAY	EVENT
Tues 30 May	Ian Papps Funeral—Whenua Tapu
Wed 31 May	2pm Prayer Group
Sun 4 Jun	10am Worship & HC—Trinity Sunday—Morning Tea
4-8 Jun	Terry on leave out of town
Wed 7 Jun	2pm Prayer Group
Sun 11 Jun	10am Worship & HC—Te Pouhere Sunday—Morning Tea
Wed 14 Jun	2pm Prayer Group
Sun 18 Jun	10am Guest Service Worship—No Communion Enhanced Morning Tea
Wed 21 Jun	2pm Prayer Group
Sun 25 Jun	10am Worship with Communion—Morning Tea
Wed 28 Jun	2pm Prayer Group

### WE ARE A CHURCH IN MISSION

During May we have focused on the Thy Kingdom Come international focus on reaching out to those who either do not know Jesus, or who follow Him with little conviction. We have been praying for five people to know Jesus; or to know Him better. This evangelism and discipleship focus is our first response to Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20.

A second, and equally important mark of mission for the Church is mission overseas. Praying for and sending Christians into mission overseas also involves us in prayer that people may know Jesus. It also invites us to be a generous church supporting mission and aid workers, and contributing financially to the work they do whether it be church or community focused. As Anglicans we support both the NZ Anglican Missions Board and the Church Missionary Society. We also support the Barnabas Fund and Open Doors, two international mission agencies that we have supported for some time.



## THY KINGDOM COME

invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to know Jesus. TKC has become a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. This year TKC ran from 18-28 May.

TKC makes many resources available to the local church to assist this initiative. Amongst these resources are a number for children called **Cheeky Pandas**: <https://cheekypandas.com/>  
You might like to check these out.

On Sun 21 May we had a Prayer Day in Te Whare Karakia that ran from 10am to 6pm—beginning and ending with prayer and worships services. Inbetween we walked around the eight prayer stations that had been set up in te Whare:-

1. Pray for Five
2. Wailing Wall
3. Signpost Cards—creative response
4. Pray for our Church
5. The Bible on Forgiveness
6. Barnabas Fund Mission prayer info
7. Thanksgiving Reflection
8. Commune with God Outside

There are many ways in which **Prayer Stations** can be setup, even in your own home. Their value is they encourage us to pause, think, pray and respond to God in some impactful way.

Ask us if you would like more on this.

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### 10am WORSHIP IN TE WHARE

We expected that we would experiment a little as we adjusted to life and worship in te Whare. Well, we have been experimenting during May as we moved worship and Church life to 49A Mungavin Ave., Ranui.

While we have not had large services, we have felt very comfortable in our new environment. We are inviting individuals to help themselves to communion at the front table, starting with those at the front and working back. During the service we have used the WC outside the entry door and have placed seats in front of the inside WC. At the end of the service we have stacked chairs 3 high and placed them front right so we have space for fellowship and morning tea/lunch. Also, we have a porch noticeboard and a bin for recyclable aluminium cans for fund raising. We have also instituted a **Guest Service** on third Sundays—no communion, but an **enhanced morning tea for those who come**. Check out our **Information brochure** for further developments...