

PRAYER

Please pray for:

- *Adjustments as we make to te Whare Karakia our Church centre.*
- *Those who will not journey with us as we transfer our Sunday Worship to te Whare Karakia...*
- *The unwell: Shirley Redpath, Laura Bishop, Paul Evans, Jenny Lawrence and those known to us who have current health issues.*
- *Our Bishop Justin with his wife Jenny as they take study leave abroad.*

DIOCESAN DAY

Saturday 13 May
St Paul's, Paraparaumu

10am—All together

11am—A Just Church - Ngatiawa River Monastery

LUNCH PROVIDED

1 pm—Accessible Prophecy - Kathleen Andrei and Mel McKenzie

2 pm—Praying for Healing - Theology and Practise for Healing Prayer - Julie Rokotakala

4pm—Finish after all together time.

Terry is taking a car. He would appreciate company. **Leaving Porirua 9am. Home before 5pm.**
No Charge

DAY OF PRAYER SUNDAY 21 MAY

Set in the midst of our 'Thy Kingdom Come' eleven days, **this Day invites us all to spend a little extra time praying** in te Whare between worship services at 10am and 5pm. **We will divide the day into twelve (12) half hour slots from 11:00am until 5:00pm.** We ask that at least two people cover each slot for safety and security reasons. **Please complete the roster** on the table in te Whare which will be there from Sun 7th May. **Prayer guidelines will be available** and there will be **prayer stations** around the building to help you to focus in your praying.



THY KINGDOM COME 2023

Our annual special prayer focus, that we share with Christians around the world, will soon be upon us.

Watch the Porirua Anglican website, as we talk about keeping these 11 days of Prayer from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday.

18th—28th May 2023



PARISH NEWS
7 MAY 2023

NEW BEGINNINGS

Sunday 7 May marks another very significant day in the life of the Porirua Anglican Parish. As we begin worshipping in te Whare Karakia on Mungavin Ave. we give thanks for our journey thus far and we seize his new opportunity to glorify God in this new place.

It will feel different, it invites us to re-orientate, because it is challenging to be worshipping in a new place. While some of us have become familiar with te Whare over the last two years through the renovation, and through being part of the foodbank and attending various meetings here; we are all invited as a worshipping community and fellowship to embrace this warm place and be open to its welcome of us.

Indeed one of the common responses from people who have spent time in te Whare is summed up in the words: 'this is a warm and welcoming place.' Perhaps not so surprising given that this building has previously been used by the Plunket Society, latterly as their car seat hire centre. Nurses, other workers and volunteers have laboured here with the welfare of children in mind. Immediately we remind ourselves of Jesus' attitude to the children: "Let them come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God!" [Luke 18:16]

So, may this be a place of welcome for all as we enter into this phase in the life of Porirua Anglican. As discussed earlier this year, it will be for six months and maybe longer upon review in October. Let's make the most of this time; let's mahi and karakia with enthusiasm as disciples who are intent upon being the people of God reaching our from here.

Today, as we begin anew, we ponder Jesus' response to Philip and the disciples expressed powerfully in these words,

If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. [John 14:14]

Let's do lots of prayerful asking in te Whare Karakia. Let's be amazed at what God will do here and beyond... *Terry*

MAY 2023

CELEBRATION MONTH

DAY	EVENT
Wed 3 May	2pm Prayer Group 7pm Prayer & Discipleship Group begins
Sun 7 May	10am Worship begins in te Whare Karakia with Communion
Wed 10 May	2pm Prayer Group 7pm Prayer & Discipleship Group
Sat 13 May	Diocesan Training Day, St Paul's Paraparaumu 10am-4pm King Charles Coronation TV1 from 7pm
Sun 14 May	10am Worship & Communion—also Mother's Day celebration
Wed 17 May	2pm Prayer Group 7pm Prayer & Discipleship Group
Thu 18 May	Thy Kingdom Come Focus begins Noon Ascension Day Worship & Communion & Shared Lunch
Sun 21 May	10am Worship followed by Day of Prayer (no Communion) 5pm Worship with informal HC—followed by shared tea
Wed 24 May	2pm Prayer Group 7pm Prayer & Discipleship Group
Sun 28 May	Pentecost Sunday Celebration 10am Worship with Communion
Wed 31 May	2pm Prayer Group 7pm Prayer & Discipleship Group ends

FIVE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7-8:30 IN TE WHARE



PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

- What is Prayer? (3 May)
- What is Discipleship? (10 May)
- Why are Prayer & Discipleship so important? (17 May) Getting our hearts right with God.
- Thy Kingdom Come! (24 May)
- Thy Will be Done! (31 May)

THY KINGDOM COME

(TKC) 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.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves, respond and follow.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part and **join in 18-28 May**.

In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities—Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby

VISIT: <https://youtu.be/3k3plwVqisA>

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10am WORSHIP IN TE WHARE

We expect that we will experiment a little as we adjust to worship in te Whare.

We have capacity to seat up to 40 people in the worship space. As we begin we will set up 25+ seats, and pull others in as needed.

We will invite individuals to help themselves to communion at the front table, starting with those at the front and working back.

During the service please use the toilet outside the entry door. Seats will be in front of the inside toilet door.

At the end of the service please stack chairs 3 high and place them front right so we have space for fellowship and morning tea/lunch.