

## PRAYER

Please pray and give thanks for:

- *Thanksgiving as we enjoy te Whare Karakia our Church centre.*
- *The Papps family—and ealy those who remember the passing of loved ones and those terminally ill.*
- *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.*

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### PASTORAL CARE & COUNSEL

This is always available by appointment. Terry & others are available to join you at te Whare Karakia or elsewhere, as you choose, to discuss your issues and to pray about these. We believe in the fellowship of the saints and the value of talking through our issues.



## PARISH NEWS

July 2023

## MATARIKI

A bright spot in the heart of winter, Matariki now includes a holiday on Fri 14 July and an opportunity for us to enhance our 3rd Sunday (16 July) Guest Service by reflecting on some of the meaning of this new national celebration. Matariki has been a celebration/festival in the Māori community for centuries and, appropriately for a winter celebration, it has to do with light, the light of the Pleiades star cluster that arises around this time—the 7(9) stars with Matariki in the centre. That's not all of the story as a video we will watch on 16 July will indicate. The stars equate with tears occasioned by separation. It's at this point that we connect this story with the Gospel story which this year has us reading about the parable of the sower casting seeds on the earth...  
Terry

### Guitar is Back



Charles Nikora and Margaret Alve have recently reintroduced live guitar music

into our worship services. This began 13 June when Charles shared a message about reconciliation and pulled out his guitar which he plays by ear, for one song.

Margaret was so impressed that she made herself available to join him in playing - she reads music but hasn't played guitar since a serious car accident 15 years ago.

The outcome is that they will play guitar to accompany our singing on 1st and 3rd (and possibly the occasional 5th) Sundays.



During July we will be looking at some of the parables in the Gospels. In preparation you might like to check this link which provides a helpful backdrop to what Jesus's use of parabolic teaching was about:

<https://tinyurl.com/gospel-parallels>

## JULY

DAY	EVENT
Sun 2 July	10am Worship & HC—Theme: <i>Testing &amp; Morning Tea</i>
Wed 5 July	2pm Prayer Group
Sun 9 July	10am Worship & HC—Theme: <i>Humiliy &amp; Morning Tea</i>
Wed 12 July	2pm Prayer Group
Sun 16 July	10am <b>Guest Service</b> Worship—Theme: <i>Matariki &amp; Morning Tea</i>
Wed 19 July	2pm Prayer Group
Sun 23 July	10am Worship & HC— Theme: <i>Cropping &amp; Morning Tea</i>
Wed 26 July	2pm Prayer Group
Sun 30 July	10am Worship—Theme: <i>Parables &amp; Morning Tea</i>

**Friday Lunches**—join us for soup, buns, fruit & a cuppa Noon to 1:30pm Fridays in te Whare Karakia. Come and go as you can and be sure of a warm and friendly welcome each Friday during July.