



Kaimai Gathering

Exploring church & ministry expressions done differently

Saturday 9 September 2023
9:30am - 3:30pm
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
22 Meura St Matamata



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Darryl Tempero



Keynote address:- Rev Darryl Tempero is from Kiwi Church which is a network of small church communities in Christchurch who explore life together with God in ways that are different from your usual expression of church.



ST DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OTOROHANGA

SEPTEMBER 2023 Ranfurly St Otorohanga

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The Editor

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The Managers have been confronted with a variation on a familiar problem: parts no longer available. The batteries that power the emergency exit lights are no longer being manufactured. This means that as each light eventually fails, it will have to be replaced with a new light. The old light will end up in landfill. Yet we are supposed to be minimising waste and working towards sustainability.

As Christians we want to fulfil God's injunction to human beings to look after his creation. We believe in conservation. Planned obsolescence is just one of the factors making this difficult.

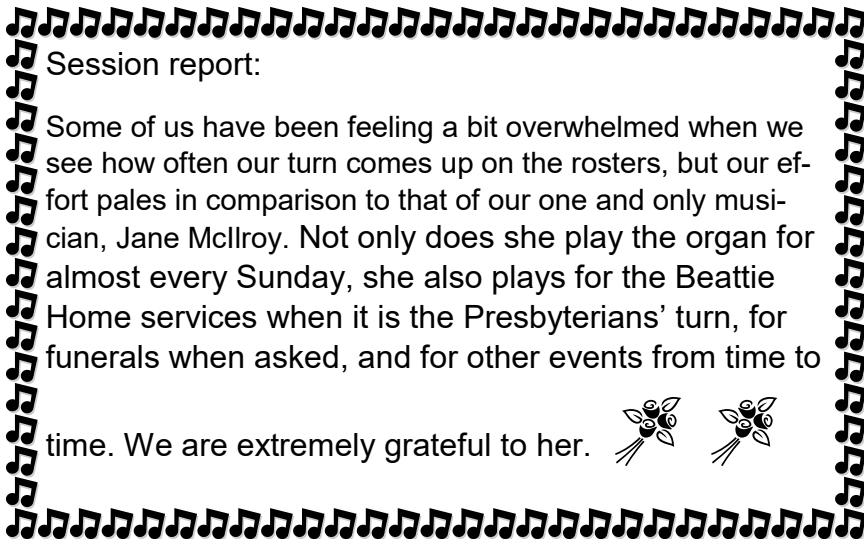

Calendar for September

- Fri 1 10.00am Cuppa & Chat
- Sun 3 10.00am Morning Worship
- Sat 9 Presbytery Gathering, Matamata
- Sun 10 10.00am Communion 
- Wed 13 2.00pm Managers
- Sun 17 10.00am Morning Worship
- Wed 20 9.30am Session
- Sun 24 10.00am Morning Worship
- Wed 27 to Sun 1 Oct General Assembly
- Sun 1 Oct 10.00am Morning Worship



Session report:

Some of us have been feeling a bit overwhelmed when we see how often our turn comes up on the rosters, but our effort pales in comparison to that of our one and only musician, Jane McIlroy. Not only does she play the organ for almost every Sunday, she also plays for the Beattie Home services when it is the Presbyterians' turn, for funerals when asked, and for other events from time to time. We are extremely grateful to her.

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Preaching Roster

Sept 3	Terry Cowland
Sept 10	Keith Budge
Sept 17	Dawn Phillips
Sept 24	Terry Cowland
Oct 1	Terry Cowland

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Cuppa & Chat

On July 28, twenty attended the morning when the Otorohanga District Council worked with Nina and Betty to present a morning about mobility scooters. An agent from Tauranga came, bringing a range of scooters from the smallest to the largest. An interesting and enjoyable morning.

On 4 August, another enjoyable morning was held, with Keith Budge continuing his presentation on early settling in KioKio. Then Ken McKinnon spoke about the fire in the Benneydale coal mine as told to him by his father who worked there.

Our next morning will be on September 1. All are welcome. Perhaps you have some interesting bits and pieces to tell us.

Nina.



Advance Notice: **Spring Fair**

It is proposed that we hold a **Spring Fair** in the church car park on November 18 starting at 9.00am. **Anyone who would like to run a stall for your own organisation, please get in touch with Nina** (phone number on the front page of this newsletter). The church itself will have a garage sale.

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Light Party

The Otorohanga Ministers' Association are planning to hold a Light Party on Windsor Park on October 31, as has been the case for a few years now, except when Covid restrictions rendered that impossible.

We Presbyterians are responsible for providing a couple of old-fashioned games, such as three-legged races, sack races, egg and spoon races, or something else we haven't thought of. What did you play when you were children? Any good ideas, please forward to the Session Clerk.

Services at Beattie Home

Each Saturday afternoon, one of the churches in Otorohanga leads a short worship service for the residents in Beattie Home. When it is the turn of the Presbyterians, what a privilege we find it to be. Lovely to see people who don't go out much and whom we miss seeing round about town. We sing familiar old hymns, share a Bible reading and prayer. These folk remember well the faith of their youth.

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As mentioned once before in this newsletter, the word "Presbyterian" is an anagram of "best in **prayer**".

We are a church framed in and based on prayer. We start and finish every meeting with prayer. Although we have no minister, elders are always willing to pray with you, whether in person or over the phone. Our current active elders are Sol Nelson, Keith Budge, Nina Mark and Dawn Phillips.

If you request prayer, you can be sure that this will be treated confidentially. We know you need such support only if you tell us.

James wrote: "So then, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect." James 5:16.

And Jesus said, "Bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11