



You are invited to a *Mid Winter Luncheon* at  
St David's

Presbyterian Church Hall

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 12noon for a meal at  
12.30pm.

Beatrice Hofer and Singers will entertain dur-  
ing the afternoon.

If you can come please contact one of the  
people on the front page of this  
newsletter or Jane McIlroy 022 011 9626.

If you require transport please contact Janice  
Davis, 027 201 9413, who will organise this  
for you.



A memory of last  
year...



**ST DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OTOROHANGA**

JUNE 2023

Ranfurly St  
Otorohanga

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Linked together as disciples of Christ to share our faith with  
and give loving service to the community.

MODERATOR'S 2023

**PENTECOST  
MESSAGE**

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When the day of **Pentecost** came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. Acts 2: 1-4.

We celebrated this "birthday of the Church" on Sunday 28 May.

#### CHURCH & Parish Life contacts

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### Cuppa & Chat

About 13 people attended in May. We look forward to hosting  
even more on the first Friday in June.

Ted Fraser is going to show us his match-stick art.

See you there.

Nina



### Session report

Dawn participated in the Ethics Course run by the PCANZ on 2 May via Zoom. It was very thought-provoking. The Church has an Ethics policy and ministers have to brush up on it every three years. It is recommended that elders do the same.

Keith and Dawn attended the Kaimai Presbytery Gathering in Tauranga on Saturday 6 May. The guest speaker was Phil Guyan from the Christian Broadcasting Association. He was supported by Rev Frank Ritchie, their chaplain. Their subject was: "How can Christians avoid contributing to the polarisation of today's society?" Keith attended the workshop called: "Discovering God's will for the future." This was an extremely worthwhile day.

We have registered to participate in the nation-wide Church Life Survey.

Please contact a Session member if you would like a visit, or a prayer over the phone.

Dawn Phillips (Session Clerk)

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## PRATTS PLUMBING

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We too are people who carry the story of the risen Christ; we are people of the Spirit.

As we reflect on the needs of our young, and the exciting narratives of the early church and our Presbyterian heritage in this land, may our hearts cry out for the Holy Spirit to do a new thing with us!

The Scripture that most speaks to me about this right now is Ezekiel 37. As the prophet wandered despairingly among the dry bones of his people, the Lord empowered him to bring flesh and breath to those bones. As we survey the dry bones of despair in our youth, may we too listen carefully to the call of God to be bearers of God's hope-inspiring message and life-giving Spirit to a new generation.

*Right Rev Hamish Galloway*

Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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**Moderator's Pentecost Message**

This month the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission released the results of a new study that speaks about the causes of the high levels of stress, anxiety and social isolation impacting our young people. One of the four causal factors they identified was intergenerational disconnect!

It used to be that the church was a primary place of intergenerational connection in our society. That was certainly my experience as a child and young person at Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church! It was a common story of big Sunday Schools, youth groups and Boys' and Girls' Brigades often led by our parents – we young people developed special helping connections with the older members of the parish. And this was part of a bigger story in Aotearoa as Presbyterian men and woman, empowered and led by the Holy Spirit, planted this huge network of churches, social service organisations and schools that is the Presbyterian movement in this land.

But times have changed. Part of that change is the increasing level of hostility towards the church in the younger generation. Certainly, as I move around the country, I see a huge network of Presbyterian churches who are struggling to connect with young people. This is so challenging at many levels

So, what has Pentecost and the Holy Spirit got to do with that? Well, the early church context was also hostile and challenging! Yet, fresh from the jaw dropping spectacle of Jesus risen from the dead, the early Christians had a compelling story for the telling. And then the book of Acts tells of the added injection of the Holy Spirit. Spirit-filled and Spirit-led action dominated the life of the fledgling church - and they met hostility with resilient love that spurred spectacular growth in spite of the challenges!

**Calendar for June**

Fri 2	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 4	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sat 10	4.00pm	Beattie Home service
Sun 11	10.00am	Communion
Wed 14	2.00pm	Managers
Sat 17	4.00pm	Beattie Home service
Sun 18	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 21	9.30am	Session
Sun 25	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sat 1 July	noon	Mid-winter Christmas Dinner
Sun 2	10.00am	Morning Worship

**Preaching Roster**

June 4	Terry Cowland
June 11	Keith Budge
June 18	Dawn Phillips
June 25	Terry Cowland
July 2	Terry Cowland

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The Editor

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**A bit of personal news...**

Members of St David's congregation were surprised and pleased to hear that Rev Nigel Crocombe and Ann Roberts have become engaged.

We pray God's blessing on their future together.

Jesus explained: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people." Luke 4:18-19

**The Leprosy Mission safe-guarding prayer.**

Loving Father God, we come to you in the knowledge that you hold all your children in unconditional love. We lift up to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection. Give them your safety, comfort and peace.

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken. Give them your healing, restoration and justice.

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them. Give them you strength, courage and hope.

For those who have caused your children to stumble, lead them to seek your forgiveness and enter into true repentance.