



For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day.

2 Corinthians 4:16



ST DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OTOROHANGA

AUGUST 2024

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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<u>Calendar for August 2024</u>		
Fri 2	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 4	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 11	10.00am	Morning Worship,
Wed 14	2.00pm	Managers
Sun 18	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 21	9.30am	Session
Sun 25	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 1 Sept	10.00am	Morning Worship

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 What's missing?
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Preaching Roster	
August 4	Terry Cowland
August 11	Keith Budge
August 18	Dawn Phillips
August 25	Terry Cowland
Sept 1	Terry Cowland

Copy for the September news-
 letter is requested by Monday
 26 August. The Editor

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We have a letter from the Assembly Executive Secretary, Rev Wayne Matheson, about the release of the Royal Commission's Report into Abuse in Care.

He points out that the Presbyterian Church asked to be included in, welcomed, and has fully cooperated with the Commission.

The report is apparently a substantial document, 16 volumes. It will be released on July 24. The Council of Assembly is going to digest it carefully, and devote its full attention to any recommendations and learnings the Commission has for the Presbyterian Church.

The church sincerely thanks the Commission for its important work and expresses heartfelt thanks to all those who had the courage to come forward and share the terrible betrayal of trust they suffered and are still suffering from.

"[The report] will contain appalling, harrowing, challenging and deeply saddening accounts of abuse and failure of care. We cannot stress enough that the sexual abuse of children is completely abhorrent, utterly distressing, and is a crime. As a church we have a policy of zero tolerance of abuse by representatives of the Church. We know that over the years this has not been consistently and thoroughly applied. For this we are deeply sorry. I can assure you that as far as we have been able, we have apologised directly to those we have failed, and we will continue to offer support. We are learning and have taken steps to do better and prevent abuse in our churches."

As did our Moderator, quoted in last month's newsletter, the Assembly Executive Secretary encourages anyone who has experienced abuse involving our church, or who knows of such abuse, to contact the Church through its Historic Abuse or its Complaints page on the website: presbyterian.org.nz.

We have been reminded that we must continue to remain vigilant and prevent all forms of abuse.

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Our July get-together: we had a lovely morning as usual. Betty Lupton entertained us with two articles she found in a book.

1. All the different names we have for a toilet.
2. A young man teaching his girlfriend to drive his car.



Both very entertaining.

In between we enjoyed a tea or coffee and goodies.

A happy time was had by all.

Gwen

Does any one of our readers own the little book by Charles Sale called "The Specialist"? Written in 1946. It would be good to read it to Cuppa & Chat.

The Editor

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Don't give up.
Moses was once a
basket case.

Tomorrow's forecast: God
reigns and the Son shines.

God so loved the world that he
did not send a committee.

Session Report

Each year every Presbyterian parish is required to submit annual statistics to PCANZ. Our average attendance for the month of June was 17.5 people. Our total membership is 43.

The Otorohanga Ministers' Association has not been able to find anyone who will volunteer to coordinate a Light Party this year, or who will organise a Combined Churches' float for the Christmas parade. It seems neither of these will come to fruition this year.

We have held a final meeting relating to the parish Re-View. Our Strategic Mission Plan has been updated, and a report on the outcome of the Re-View will be shared with the congregation.

The Board of Managers were grieved to lose one member, Eleanor Gibson, in June. Both Session and Managers express their condolences to the Gibson family.

We continue to enjoy the contribution to our services of Dr Terry Cowland, who shares his depth of knowledge of the background to the Bible with us twice a month.

Twice in July it was our privilege to lead the church service at Beatie Home on a Saturday afternoon, and our turn will come around again in September. Do consider joining us on those occasions, to swell the singing and spend time with the residents.

May grace and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ continue with us all. Dawn Phillips Session Clerk

Provision of Therapeutic Resources for Presbyterian Support Northern's services to Children.

Session and Managers have agreed to aim at raising the \$1,500 necessary to purchase one resource kit to enhance counselling services for children as described in our last two newsletters. Some money has already been set aside for this purpose. We will keep you posted about any fund-raising ventures we propose.

Ephesians 2: 21-22

In [Christ Jesus] the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Epeha 2:21-22

Kei roto nei i a ia tēnā whare, tēnā whare, he mea āta tātai mārie, ka tupu hei whare tapu i roto i te Ariki; me koutou anō e hangā tahitia ana i roto i a ia, hei nohoanga mō te Atua, he mea nā te Wairua.

Moses was the first person with a tablet to download data from the cloud.

Adam & Eve were first not to read the Apple terms and conditions.

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