



Mid-winter luncheon, 1 July



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August.

The Editor

Colossians 3:12-14 "The Message" Bible paraphrase.

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And **regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.**

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8, 13.

Love never gives up.

Love cares more for others than for self.

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first", doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end.

Love never dies.

We have three things to do to lead us: trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

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A MESSAGE FROM REV ROSE LUXFORD, MODERATOR
ELECT

Warm Greetings.

The theme for General Assembly 2023 is 'Authentic and Hopeful in Christ'. When we gather for our General Assembly, I hope we will bring our hopeful authentic selves. I chose the Moderator theme 'Authentic and Hopeful in Christ' to reflect my belief in how important it is for us to be true to who we are in our ministry contexts in order to flourish.

Being authentic is also being realistic about the challenges and anxieties that we face. Yet undergirding all of this is the fact that we are people of resurrection hope. We are 'in Christ', the one who grounds us and gives us a sense of hope in our living. May we be guided by the Spirit in our decision making.

I have chosen a Moderator theme logo of stylised flames/leaves and cross/body/stem. The 'arms' of the cross depict the faith in Christ that holds us in the world. The flames/leaves indicate the burning bush and life in Christ in our context in authentic ways. Also, our care for creation.

Rev Rose Luxford

Moderator Elect

(See back page for Logo)

Calendar for August

Fri 4	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 6	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 9	2.00pm	Managers
Sun 13	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 16	9.30am	Session
Sat 19	4.00pm	Beattie Home service
Sun 20	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sat 26	4.00pm	Beattie Home service
Sun 27	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 3 Sep	10.00am	Morning Worship

Preaching Roster

Aug 6	Terry Cowland
Aug 13	Keith Budge
Aug 20	Dawn Phillips
Aug 27	Terry Cowland
Sept 3	Terry Cowland

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Session report

Session nominated myself as commissioner to General Assembly. It will be quite a responsibility, since I am to represent four parishes: Piopio-Aria-Mokau, Taumarunui, Ngaruawahia and Otorohanga. Please pray for me in this role.

Our Church Life Survey results for our own congregation are available: they can be read on the notice board in the church lounge.

The mid-winter luncheon on 1 July was very much enjoyed (especially the ham!) by the few who attended. Entertainment afterwards was provided by a group of singers from Waitomo, led by Beatrice Hofer. We were blessed indeed to have such a talented group perform for us. Many thanks to Jane McIlroy for organising this event.

We are planning to hold a "Uniform Parade" service in late October, when we can recognise, thank, and pray a blessing on the many uniformed organisations who serve our community.

You may notice that the same names appear over and over again in our rosters. This is because the pool of volunteers has shrunk. We would warmly welcome more helpers. Please consider joining one of the great teams who serve St David's so well. They are our heroes.

God's peace be with us all.

Dawn Phillips Session Clerk

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Cuppa & Chat

Thirty attended the morning on which the police spoke about keeping ourselves safe. Very pleasing.

The next meeting will be on 4 August.

All welcome.

Nina



Rev Nigel Crocombe and Ann Roberts were married in Raglan Congregational Church on Saturday 22 July.

The bride and groom were supported by both their families and by friends from the length and breadth of the country. Ann's daughter was Matron of Honour, and Nigel's son was best man.

The couple had written their own vows, which were beautiful. The ceremony was very moving and fitting. It was a privilege to be amongst those present.

May God bless their life together as they use their complementary gifts to serve him.

Dawn Phillips