

*All Things Bright and Beautiful
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*



This hymn was written by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 – 1895). It is one of the many she composed to make profound truths understandable to children.

Mrs Alexander was born in Tyrone, Ireland. Before her marriage to Rev William Alexander who later became archbishop and Primate of the Anglican church for the whole of Ireland, she was active and successful in the Sunday School movement just beginning in Great Britain.

Other well-known hymns penned by her include; “There is a green hill far away”, “Once in Royal David’s City” and “Jesus calls us o’er the tumult”.

Cherry Cake (by request)

170 g butter	1/4 cup milk
3/4 cup sugar	1 tsp baking powder
1 1/2 cups flour*	1/2 tsp vanilla
2 eggs	pinch of salt

1 cup chopped cherries, sultanas.

Cream butter, sugar and vanilla. Beat in eggs and salt, then dry ingredients alternately with milk, and lastly, fruit.

Bake in a sponge roll tin in moderate oven for 30 to 35 mins.

Ice with lemon flavoured icing.

* Can use gluten free flour.



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OCTOBER 2023

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Bright and beautiful prunus blossom with a wise and wonderful cross.

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Managers

The Board of Managers have purchased a second First Aid kit. This is now in the church lounge. You will recognise it: it looks like a St John's ambulance!

In accordance with the law, a Summary of Procedure is being developed to do with an existing Health and Safety policy. Similarly, another policy is being developed. The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand takes seriously its duty to care for the safety of all users of our buildings.

The new moderator of the PCANZ is Rev Rose Luxford. The moderator designate is Rev Peter Dunn.

Session report.

We are planning to hold a uniform parade service on the last Sunday in October. We have sent invitations to several uniformed organisations and hope for a favourable response. We want to recognise them for their service to our community, pray for God's blessing on them, and hear from them any words of wisdom they would like to share.

Dawn Phillips Session Clerk

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Copy for the November newsletter is requested by Monday 24 October.

The Editor

Otorohanga Light Party 2023

Again this year, Otorohanga Combined Churches will be providing a Light Party for children and families from our community. The purpose of the Light Party is to provide a fun-filled alternative to Halloween trick-or-treating. Anecdotal evidence suggests that this has been reduced in recent years, and that elderly and more vulnerable residents feel safer as a result.

When: Monday October 31st 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Where: Windsor Park Domain

What: A free event for families; bouncy castles, sausage sizzle, fun games, prizes, talent quest.

Presented by Otorohanga Combined Churches.

Light Party Talent Quest

All children are warmly invited to enter the talent quest. A sound system with wifi will be available. Other equipment such as backing music or musical instruments should be provided by contestants.

Entries could include singing, dancing, instrumentals and other performances. Talent quest entries will be judged within junior, middle and senior age bands. All entries welcome.

Contact Ann Crocombe for further information on 021 938037.

* If you can help run the sack races or the egg and spoon races, please ring Dawn on 873 8735.

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Cuppa & Chat

Another enjoyable morning took place on August 4. Seventeen people heard Keith Budge continue with his talk about KioKio early settlers, and Mary Sircombe spoke about the early settlers at the coast. She will continue on October 6.

All welcome.

Nina



The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of **righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.** Romans 14: 17

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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Calendar for October

Sun 1	10.00am	Morning Worship
Fri 6	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 8	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 11	2.00pm	Managers
Sun 15	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 18	9.30am	Session
Sun 22	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sat 28	4.00pm	Beattie Home service
Sun 29	10.00am	Uniform Parade service
Tues 31	4.00—6.00pm	Light Party
Sat 4 Nov	4.00pm	Beattie Home service
Sat 18 Nov		Spring Fair

Church bank account number: 02 0392 0018524 00

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Preaching Roster

Oct 1	Terry Cowland
Oct 8	Keith Budge
Oct 15	Dawn Phillips
Oct 22	Terry Cowland
Oct 29	K Budge & D Phillips

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Gleanings from the Presbytery Gathering

Our guest speaker, Rev Darryl Tempero, does not preach sermons. Depending on your point of view, you might throw up your hands in horror and ask what he does do; or you might think that is great and wish all preachers were the same.

As our speaker, he would throw out some thoughts or a quote from somebody or a diagram, then ask us to discuss it amongst ourselves.

We learnt what church is: something very simple: a group of people strolling with God, growing in relationship with him and with one another. Reconciliation is central.

For some of us, church has felt more like an organisation that holds events. Yes, we will continue to gather for worship and for prayer, but as Jesus continues to build his church as he said he would, the future form may look very different. The top down way of doing things will become more a case of all sharing together our insights, abilities, and struggles.

Why does Darryl prefer the word "strolling"? It suggests taking things slowly, being side by side rather than following a leader, having time to listen and talk, enjoying one another's company.

We all need to be more aware of what God is doing in the world around us. He is always at work.

Dawn Phillips