



May this God of peace prepare you to do every good thing he wants. May he work in us through Jesus Christ to do what is pleasing to him. Glory belongs to Jesus Christ forever, Amen.
Hebrews 13:21



ST DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OTOROHANGA

SEPTEMBER 2025

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



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Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the Lord:

"Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls."

Heremaia 6:16

Ko te kupu tēnei a Ihowā:

"E tū ki ngā ara, tirohia atu, uia ngā ara tawhito kei hea te ara pai, ka haere ki reira, ā, ka kite koutou i te tānga manawa mō ō koutou wairua."

Preaching Roster

Sept 7	Terry Cowland
Sept 14	Dawn Phillips and Peter Townsend
Sept 21	Baptist preacher
Sept 28	Terry Cowland
Oct 5	tbc

May the Lord direct your lives as you show God's love and Christ's endurance.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Copy for the October newsletter is requested by Monday 22 September.

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Cuppa & Chat

It was great to see so many at our last get-together. Kiso from The Lines Company had a few suggestions for keeping our dreaded power bill a little lower! He also had a goodie bag for us all, containing helpful gadgets! A bonus!

On September 5, Michelle Ormsby will be talking to us about genealogy.

Come and join us for a friendly, informal, fun morning.

Enjoy some home baking with your cuppa.

Gwen and Anne

**Slip**

You will no doubt be aware of the slip pictured on our front page. We saw the road closed, the workers doing traffic management, those clearing the debris, and those washing down the road surface. But until I talked to one of the workmen, I was totally unaware of the Geotech guys at the top of the slip evaluating the situation. They were invisible. It made me think, how often do we see the circumstances around us, but forget the invisible God watching over us and ready to help when asked?

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Calendar for September 2025

Fri 5	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 7	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 10	2.00pm	Managers
Sun 14	10.00am	Communion
Sun 21	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 28	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 5 Oct	10.00am	Morning Worship

Session report

One opportunity we have to share our faith is through the services we take at Beattie Home on a Saturday afternoon when it is our turn. And one opportunity to give loving service to our community is through our hosting Cuppa & Chat once a month on a Friday. Your support at either or both of these ventures would be very welcome.

To revert to the point I made last month, all of us are responsible for pastoral care. If you need a visit from an elder, do call on either Nina Mark or me (phone numbers on the front page of this newsletter). And please let us know if you are aware of someone else who would appreciate a visit. We are always willing to pray with and for you.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon us all.

Dawn Phillips. Session Clerk

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SEPTEMBER 2025 ROSTERS

Cleaning should be done before the dates shown.

	<u>CLEANERS</u>	<u>DOOR DUTY</u>
Sept 7	J Davis & G Kramer	G Kramer
Sept 14		J Davis
Sept 21	A Wolvers & J Hughes	N Mark
Sept 28		K Harnett
Oct 5	P Sanson & K Bush	G Kramer

CHURCH READERS

J Davis	Sept 7
M Graham & J McIlroy	Sept 14
D Phillips	Sept 21
D Bainbridge	Sept 28
J Davis	Oct 5

TEA DUTY

D Phillips
G Kramer
C Sherrington & M Graham
A Reeve
N Mark & G Kramer

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange your own substitute.

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 who make our newsletter
 possible.**

Please support them!

May he encourage and strengthen you to do and say everything that is good. 2 Thessalonians 2:17

THE IMMIGRANT'S CREED

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in Exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger and, returning to his own country, suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power; he was then persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner, but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is a secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose.

I believe the Communion of the Saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness which makes us all equal, and in the reconciliation which identifies us more than does race, language or nationality.

I believe that in the Resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.

Beyond this world, I believe in Life Eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end.

Amen

Written by Jose Luis Casal, Pastor and General Missioner of the Presbytery of Tres Rios in Midland, Texas, of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Book of Nature

The Book of Nature is God's first sacred text. We had this book before we had the Bible. Nature is God's original scripture.

We've lost some of that sense of knowing God through creation. We are a culture straying from the interconnectedness to the natural world that was part of human existence for years. We've lost our sense of relationship. Too often sunsets or unfurling leaves, bright daffodils or blue skies are there simply for our pleasure, or we fear nature and see it only as a source of danger.

Our disconnection from nature is at the heart of our environmental crisis. Our lack of relationship with nature allows us to destroy our social and ecological environment without noticing. We fail to preserve our wild spaces. We forget that we belong to the earth. To heal our planet, we must begin by restoring this sacred relationship—by learning again to read the Book of Nature with reverence, wonder and responsibility. When we recover that deep kinship, we begin to live not as owners or rulers of the earth, but as part of its great and holy communion.

-Janice MacLean, Host of Prayer Bench.

A quote from Saint Augustine: "Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead God set before your eyes the things that God made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?"

A story from the Desert Fathers: "The hermit Antony lived in the Egyptian desert during the third century. One day a philosopher approached him and asked what he would do if he could no longer read the scripture. To this, Antony replied: 'My book is the nature of created things, and it is always on hand when I wish to read it'."