



High in the church ! ?

Jesus said, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled."  
Luke 14:11



# ST DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OTOROHANGA

**AUGUST 2025**

Ranfurly St  
Otorohanga

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders. Psalm 107:31-32

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Hebrews 13:21

"God's Word" translation

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

Hiperu 13:21

Te Paipera Tapu

Putanga Reorua

Māna koutou e mea kia tino tika i runga i ngā mahi pai katoa, kia mahia anō e koutou tāna i pai ai. Māna e mahi i roto i a koutou te mea e āhuareka ana ki tāna titiro, i roto anō i a Ihu Karaiti; waiho atu i a ia te korōria ake ake. Amine.

**Kaimai Presbytery**

We are asked to pray for Kaimai Presbytery. Who is that exactly? That is all the Presbyterian congregations and Cooperating Ventures from Te Awamutu in the north to Taumarunui in the south, and from Raglan in the west to Tauranga in the east. More specifically, it is the parish representatives and ministers who meet to discuss matters of common concern to all. The Presbytery has a leadership body called the Presbytery Council. We need to uphold them in prayer, for the Holy Spirit's enabling, and we need to pray for spiritual vitality in our parishes. Remember that Presbyterian is an anagram of "best in prayer".

**AUGUST 2025 ROSTERS***Cleaning should be done before the dates shown.***CLEANERS**

Aug 3  
Aug 10 P Sanson & K Bush  
Aug 17  
Aug 24 M Sutherland & A Reeve  
Aug 31

**DOOR DUTY**

K Harnett  
G Kramer  
J Davis  
N Mark  
K Harnett

**CHURCH READERS**

D Bainbridge Aug 3  
J Davis Aug 10  
M Graham & J McIlroy Aug 17  
D Phillips Aug 24  
D Bainbridge Aug 31

**TEA DUTY**

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

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

(continued from page 5) This endeavour, fueled by the unwavering support and generosity of the local community, is a testament to the goodness of God and the spirit and resilience of Te Awamutu. The centre looks forward to creating new memories and opportunities for generations to come. It invites everyone to be part of a journey of faith, fellowship, and service.

See: [www.teawamutunews.nz/205/06/in-the-interest-of-others](http://www.teawamutunews.nz/205/06/in-the-interest-of-others)  
[www.teawamutunews.nz/205/06/community-asset-available](http://www.teawamutunews.nz/205/06/community-asset-available)  
[www.teawamutunews.nz/2025/04/community-centre-completed](http://www.teawamutunews.nz/2025/04/community-centre-completed)

One little lad thought the Pharisees were a breed of horses, because it said in the Bible, 'Woe to the Pharisees.'

Preaching Roster	
Aug 3	Terry Cowland
Aug 10	Baptist preacher
Aug 17	Baptist preacher
Aug 24	Terry Cowland
Aug 31	Terry Cowland

**We do thank our sponsors,  
who make our newsletter  
possible.**

**Please support them!**

Yes the Baptists are still with us.



#### Calendar for August 2025

Fri 1	10.00am	Cuppa & Chat
Sun 3	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 10	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wed 13	2.00pm	Managers
Sat 16	4.00pm	Beattie Home service
Sun 17	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 24	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sun 31	10.00am	Morning Worship

When a child was asked what one must do before obtaining forgiveness for sin, he replied, 'Sin'.

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Lift high the cross  
in growing unison  
their songs of praise.

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
'til all the world adores  
his sacred name!

Come, Christians, follow  
where our captain trod:  
our king victorious,  
Christ the Son of God.

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
'til all the world adores  
his sacred name!

Saved by the cross  
on which their Lord was slain,  
see Adam's children  
their lost home regain.

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
'til all the world adores  
his sacred name!

From north and south,  
from east and west they raise

Let every race  
and every language tell  
of him who saves  
our souls from death and hell!

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
'til all the world adores  
his sacred name!

O Lord, once lifted  
on the tree of pain,  
draw all the world  
to seek you once again.

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
'til all the world adores  
his sacred name!

*Hymns for Today's Church*  
Words: Michael Robert Newbolt  
and George William Kitchin. Mu-  
sic: Sydney Hugo Nicholson.

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Session report

The Book of Order describes the functions of a congregation:

- ◇ To worship God
- ◇ To participate in God's mission to the world
- ◇ To provide pastoral care for one another and the wider community
- ◇ To nurture faith within the congregation and the wider community
- ◇ To provide for the congregation's property and finances.

In participating in God's mission to the world, the congregation must:

- ◇ Identify and play its role in God's mission to the world
- ◇ Call appropriate ministry leadership
- ◇ Elect congregational office bearers
- ◇ Accept the discipline and government of the Church

The one aspect which St David's cannot fulfil is the calling of ministry leadership: we have neither the numbers nor the financial capability to afford a minister.

Everyone needs to help the congregation fulfil its duty to provide pastoral care. If you would like an elder to visit you, someone to pray with and for you, or just let us know when there is something we can do to help, please ring me as Session Clerk, 873 8735.

Dawn Phillips Session Clerk

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**Cuppa & Chat**

It is pleasing to see that numbers are slowly creeping up.

Our July morning saw Leeann from the Support House talking about the new service they have. They are able to provide cost-free transport around town to folk who haven't a means of travel.

In August, Kiso from The Lines Company will be telling us how to save energy and money on our power bills.

See you on Friday 1 August.

Gwen and Anne



**The \$3.3 million Te Awamutu Presbyterian Centre, in development for over a decade, is now complete and debt-free.**

The completion of the Te Awamutu Presbyterian Centre marks a new chapter for both the congregation and the wider community.

The modern facility is equipped to host a variety of activities that cater to the diverse needs of the area, from spiritual gatherings to educational and support services. As a beacon of hope and unity, the centre stands ready to welcome everyone, fostering a sense of belonging and collaboration.

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