

## Weekly Diary:

**Tues 7.00pm** BB Learners Band, Upper Room  
**Wed 6.30pm** Homework Help, Upper Room  
**7.30pm** Women's Evening Fellowship, Stephen's Lounge  
**Thurs 9.30am** Men's Group, Stephen's Lounge  
**Fri 7.00pm** Tongan Youth Activity, The Centre

### Services for Sunday 26 February 2012

#### 9.29am Harvest Festival All Age Service

**Led by:** Rev Clare Lind      **Ministers Elder:** TUCC Member  
**Organist:** Robin Thomson      **Reader:** Helen Bichan  
**Technical Crew:** Geoff Robinson & Lotu Nuku  
**Prayers of the People:** Keith Knox  
**Reception & Stewards:** David & Heather Bray  
**Morning Tea:** David & Barbara Russell  
**Dry Cleaning:** Vave Fifita  
**Pantry:** Karen Harris  
**Tellers:** Robin Thomson & Geoff Robinson  
**Crèche:** Volunteer Please  
**Flowers:** Barbara Russell & Marie Lesley  
**Lectionary:** Psalm 25:1-10 & Mark 1:9-15

**1pm Tongan Language Service:** Tongiaepau Nuku

#### Newcomers to Tawa Union Church

Welcome to our fellowship today. If you would like to become involved in our church or would like a visit from the minister we invite you to give your name & address to the minister or one of the elders (identifiable by their gold name tags).

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone Number:.....

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## TAWA UNION CHURCH

(Churches of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian)

*Christ Centred — Community Facing*



### Services for Sunday 19 February 2012

#### 8.30am Communion Service

**Led by:** Robin Thomson  
**Musician:** Lois Hill  
**Reader:** Rae Thomson

**9.15am Messy Church**  
Aidan's Hall

#### 9.30am Service

**Led by:** Rev Clare Lind      **Ministers Elder:** Gill Knox  
**Organist:** Martin MacLean      **Reader:** Gretta Dymond  
**Technical Crew:** Vave Fifita & Geoff Robinson  
**Prayers of the People:** Gill Knox  
**Reception & Stewards:** Andre Milkop & Margaret Lake  
**Morning Tea:** Kevin & Joanna Buck  
**Dry Cleaning:** Susheela Rajan & Margaret Lake  
**Pantry:** Karen Harris  
**Tellers:** Graham Ellett & Robin Thomson  
**Crèche:** Rylla Leman  
**Flowers:** Rae Thomson & Marjorie Todd  
**Lectionary:** Psalm 41 & Mark 2:1-12

**1pm Tongan Language Service:** Akolotu - Vaituimate

#### 4:15pm Longview Service:

Robin Thomson  
All welcome to come and join in.

**7pm Youth Group:** Plimmerton Beach, Water Fight and Fish & Chip evening. See details inside bulletin.

Entries for the **TUC Great Summer Picture Show** are due in today. The categories are Us, Spirit and Journey. There is a section for those 12 years and under. Get an entry form from the table in the Atrium or download one off the TUC website – [www.tawaunionchurch.org.nz](http://www.tawaunionchurch.org.nz) . See the form for further details.

**Tawa Union Youth Group - Fish and Chips and water fight at Plimmerton Beach.** We will meet at church at 5pm before heading to Plimmerton Beach. Anyone who is coming later we'll be at the same spot as last year. Bring a towel and change of clothes and a bucket or icecream containers or other suitable water weaponry. (Don't bother with water pistols, they are worse than useless in these conditions). If it is wet we will meet at the same time and head to a mystery alternate venue. Any queries contact Clare on 021 02761962.

Next week is **Harvest Festival** please bring produce and grocery items for the service. The groceries and longer lasting produce will go to the Wesley Community action Food bank and the rest will go up to Longview Resthome.

On **Saturday March 24** TUC has a **date with Nigel Hanscamp**. Nigel is the Mission Resourcing person for the Methodist Church. He will be helping us to explore our edges and to discern possibilities for future mission and ministry in our community.

The Church Council would encourage anyone who has an interest in where we are heading as a church to come along and participate in the day.

**Women's Evening Fellowship** Wednesday 22nd February 7:30pm, Stephen's Lounge. All women are invited to join us for the first meeting of the year. After a fun game of Bingo, we will have tea/coffee and dessert [provided by the committee].  
Leader: Jenny Turner Hostesses: The Committee Devotions: Gill Knox

The next issue of **The Link** is being assembled now. Articles (and photographs) should be sent to Graham Ellett (his email address is: [ellettg@clear.net.nz](mailto:ellettg@clear.net.nz)). The Link can also be a forum for you to express your ideas and opinions; for example, comments and ideas arising from articles in previous issues are welcome.  
Deadline: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Graham can be contacted on 232 6488

**From the office:**

If you need a new name tag please write your name on the list in the foyer. I will have them ready in the next couple of weeks. This is a good time to remind you to **please wear your name tags**. We have a few new members and visitors and this is a good way for them to get to know everyone.

I am setting up **rosters for March/April/May**. If you are unable to help on any particular dates please write your name and dates on the sheet in the foyer.

If anyone is able to help with **Creche** duty on a Sunday morning please let me know. We have wonderful ladies who help out but would love to have more people on this roster.

You are always welcome to email me or give me a call in the office if you do not wish to leave details in the foyer.—Leanne

A copy of the **JRC Visitation** report is on the notice board in the lounge for anyone who is interested.

**DO YOU ENJOY READING WITH CHILDREN?**

**HAMPTON HILL SCHOOL BOOK CLUB 2012** is looking for volunteers from the community to come to school and spend time reading to and hearing children read. If you are willing to help, we will pair you up with the same student(s) each week to give them the opportunity of some regular one on one reading practice.

It would involve half an hour per student once a week and will take place in the school library. Guidelines and techniques for the sessions will be provided.

If you are interested in joining our group of volunteers, or know of someone we could approach, or just want to know more, please call Sara in the school office on 232 6509 or e-mail her [sara.mclay@hamptonhill.school.nz](mailto:sara.mclay@hamptonhill.school.nz).

**A lighter note:**

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt . When he got to the Red Sea , he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked.

'Well, no, Mum. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'