

Weekly Diary:

Mon	6.00pm	Girls' Brigade, The Centre
	7.30pm	Faith Explorers, Luke's Chapel
Tues	7.00pm	Tawa Learners Band, Stephen's Lounge
Wed	7.30pm	Finance & Property Workgroup, 27 Greyfriars Cres
Thurs	5.00pm	Worship Workgroup, Luke's Chapel
Fri	7.00pm	Tongan Youth, The Centre
Sat	4.30pm	Easter Choir, Church

Services 18 March 2018

8.30am Communion Service

Led by:	Hugh Hill
Musician:	Martin MacLean
Reader:	Gloria Hollier

9.30am All Age Service—Harvest Festival

Led By:	Rev Clare Lind
Elder:	Gill Knox
Music:	Lois Hill
Reader:	Gill Knox
Technical Crew:	Jacky Cocker & Toa Fifita
Prayers of the People:	Gill Knox
Reception:	Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Morning Tea:	Peini Family
Cleaning:	David & Rona Belcher
Pantry:	Gretta Dymond
Tellers:	Robin Thomson & David Belcher
Flowers:	Sisilia Peini
Lectionary:	Psalm 51:1-12 John 12:20-33

1.00pm Tongan Language Service: Combined Youth Service
at Lower Hutt

7.00pm Youth Group

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TAWA UNION CHURCH

(Christian Churches New Zealand,
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Christ Centred — Community Facing



Services 11 March 2018

8.30am Communion Service

Led by:	Rev Clare Lind
Musician:	Don Lind
Reader:	Faith Delaney

9.30am Messy Church: Clare Lind & Masako Beesting

9.30am Service

Led By:	Rev Amy Finiki
Elder:	Murray Chiles
Music:	Elspeth Chiles
Reader:	John Melville
Technical Crew:	Vave Fifita & Jacky Cocker
Prayers of the People:	Helen Bichan
Reception:	David & Heather Bray
Morning Tea:	Gretta Dymond & Barbara Allnutt
Cleaning:	Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Pantry:	Gretta Dymond
Tellers:	John Melville & Robin Thomson
Flowers:	Heather Collins
Lectionary:	Psalm 107:1-3; 17-22 John 3:14-21

1.00pm Tongan Language Service: Quarterly Meeting
Led by Rev Hiueni Nuku

Welcome to Tawa Union Church

If you are a visitor we are pleased to meet you and hope you enjoy your time with us today. For further information on Tawa Union Church please speak to the worship leader or an elder, identifiable by their gold name tag. For office details see back page.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The meeting place is the far end of the car park.

In an earthquake: Drop, Cover and Hold.

As the end of the government tax year approaches it's an appropriate time to review your giving.

- There is still time for offerings to be received and for you to receive the tax rebate for this tax year.
- Has there been or are there going to be any changes to your frequency of giving for the new year? If so please let John Melville or Leanne know before the printing of labels and ordering of envelopes.
- When giving by AP it is easy to forget to review the amount occasionally and what better time to do this than at the start of the new financial year.
- Not on the giving system? Speak to Leanne, this is a great time to start and at the end of each year you are eligible for a tax rebate.

Public Issues

Let us urge the government to refrain from licenses for new oil and gas exploration. We ask you to pray for a moratorium on new oil and gas exploration. We are concerned that offers for new oil and gas exploration could be made at the Petroleum Industry Conference on 26th March. See the notice board for the full email.

The March edition of **Touchstone** is now available on the Methodist Church website <http://www.methodist.org.nz/touchstone>.

The front page story is on the 2018 Tauwi Youth Conference at Lake Taupo, which carried the message 'To know Christ in community, church and life'.

The lead news story focuses on the devastating effects of Cyclone Gita in Tonga and efforts by Kiwis to provide support. Also in the news is the positive response from Christian social agencies for the new government's moves to reduce child poverty.

This issue has a historical angle as well. In addition to the usual 'From the Archives' and 'Unsung Methodists' items, it has an article on the historic relationship between Ngai Tahu and the Methodist Church, and another on writer Geoff Allen.

Easter Choir will sing at the Easter Sunday service on Sunday 1st April at 9.30am.

The first practice was on Saturday 10th March at 4.30pm. Then we will rehearse each Saturday 17th, 25th and 31st March for one hour. Everyone is welcome to come along and sing. See Lois for more details.

Our service next week, will be an **All Age Harvest Festival Service** followed by a **Pot Luck Brunch**.

The idea is to try to bring something that is made or grown locally, maybe from your garden or kitchen, to share for the Potluck brunch. We'll have someone from Wesley Community Action Cannon's Creek to talk about the foodbank and their fruit & vegie co op, plus other activities for those who enjoy being more hands on.

PORT HOLES UPON CHRISTIANITY TODAY (U3A Series) at The Centre starting 11am, \$2 U3A charge.

You are all welcome to come along to the final talk hosted by U3A, whether you are a member or not. Ron Bichan has asked speakers to share their thoughts on the occasion of Sir Lloyd Geering's 100th birthday.

Thursday 15 March: A porthole upon theology today by Ian Harris (Journalist)

A finger food lunch will be available, but please RSVP to Ron Bichan on 04 2326185 or ronbichan@gmail.com

Health & Beauty Expo hosted by ladies of Tawa Inner Wheel
Come check out the many exhibitions ranging over the broad spectrum of health and beauty for all ages and styles.

Tawa Bowling Club, Davis St, Wednesday 21st March from 7pm-9pm. Limited eftpos available. Tickets, \$20 including a goodie bag, free drink and tasty nibbles, from Margaret Lake 232-4386

Stamp collectors – good news:

Riding for the Disabled, Wellington Group, are happy to receive used stamps. RDA use the proceeds to help disabled folk, especially young ones, at their Battle Hill horse-riding place. So just put used stamps in the newly labelled box in the foyer.