

SUNDAY ROSTERS

If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap or substitute. Thank you

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Duty	1 March	8 March
8.30am Service	9.30am Combined Communion	Rev Tania Shackleton
Musician		Eric Russell
Reader		Gloria Hollier
9.30am Service	Rev Tania Shackleton	Hugh Hill
Elder	Murray Chiles	Gill Knox
Music	Robin Thomson	Lois Hill
Reader	Kirisimasi Poasa	Kristen Gaunt
Technical Crew	Nuku Family	Toa Fifita & John Melville
Prayers of People	Adrienne Miller	Gill Knox
Communion Prep	Jenny Wharton Gretta Dymond	
Communion Servers	Lea & Siuka Tupou John Melville	
Reception	Max & Gillian George	Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Morning Tea	Tupou Family	Peini Family
Cleaning	John Melville	Nuku Family
Pantry	Gretta Dymond	Gretta Dymond
Tellers	Robin Thomson David Bray	David Bray Eric Russell
Flowers	Heather Collins	Rona Belcher
Lectionary	Psalm 32 & Matthew 4:1-11	Psalm 121 & John 3:1-17
Messy Church	Rona Belcher	<i>To be confirmed</i>
4.15pm Longview Service	Hugh Hill	
Musician	Elspeth Chiles	

TAWA UNION CHURCH

(Christian Churches New Zealand,
Methodist, Presbyterian)



Christ Centred — Community Facing

Sunday 1 March 2020

Welcome to Worship, we are glad
you are here

Fiefia ke talitali kimoutolu'i he
potu tapuni

Haere Mai Ki Te Koropiko
He Koa Ana Matou Kua Haere Mai
Koe Ki Konei

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.

Our Order of Service is displayed on the overhead.

*Congregational responses are printed in yellow on the overhead
and if you are able please stand for the hymns and offering prayer.*

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to all.

Especially those who are worshipping here for the first time, or who have returned after an absence.

Your presence enriches this gathering and contributes to the creative evolution of community. Thanks for the gift of you!

Our Call to Worship

Our Opening Prayer (Deut 26, Rom 10, Luke 4)

We sing: "Love divine, all loves excelling" Church Hymnary#519

All Age Story: "God has got this! God's promise is secure in the waters baptism."

Our Prayer of Confession (Rom 10, Luke 4)

We sing the prayer Jesus taught: (WOV 676)

We prepare our hearts and minds to hear The Word of God (Rom 10, Deut 30)

God's Word is not too hard, nor is it far away. Just listen:
it is very near to you today. Find it on your lips and in your heart.

We listen to The Word of God

Matthew 4: 1-11

Weekly Diary

Mon	6.00pm	Girls Brigade, The Centre
	7.30pm	Faith Explorer's, Luke Chapel
Tues	7.00pm	Tawa Learners Band, Stephen's Lounge
Fri	7.30pm	Tongan Youth Activity, The Centre
Sat	6.00pm	Tongan Choir, Church

Willing Volunteers needed!

Come and make a difference to our Elders at Longview Home in Tawa.

What does this involve?

- Two free hours per week to work with us.
- The times we have are 10.00am-12 noon, 1.00pm-3.00pm or, 4.00pm-6.00pm.
- Our Elders enjoy activities 7 days a week.
- Be willing to help our Recreation Team in a wide variety of fun group activities. Crossword Club, Bowling, Moving to Music, Quizzes, Cooking, Bingo, Trips in the van, Playing cards, Reading the newspaper or books, Movies, Concerts, Reminiscing, Gardening, Art & Craft, Singing, Laughter Yoga, Exercises & Games, Puzzles, Music and a host of Special Events that are organised throughout the year. This helps to stop feelings of Boredom.

See the Noticeboard for more information.

- Some of our Elders need One to One loving companionship and this makes a huge difference to the quality of their life at Longview. This helps to stop feelings of Loneliness.
- Other Elders need assistance with tasks that help them to contribute in a meaningful way to the community at Longview. This helps to stop feelings of Helplessness.



Happy Celebrating

Nunia Fahamokioa - 1 March



and to anyone else who may be having a birthday this week!!



Thank you everyone
for making
TUC
such a great place

The March **Refrigerator Informator** is now out, if you are not on email please collect a copy from the foyer. Help distributing would be appreciated.

Practices for the **Easter Choir** will be at 4.30pm on Saturdays 21st and 28th March and 4th and 11th April. For more details speak to Lois.

From 15-24 April Porirua Little Theatre and Trust Porirua City Brass are joining forces to bring you their latest production '**Brassed Off**' based on the movie of the same name.
See the Noticeboard for more information.

How is the Methodist Church helping address the current housing crisis? To learn about the new **Wesley Rata Village** developments and hear from David Hanna, Director of Wesley Community Action come along on Sunday 8th March from 3-4.30pm at Wesley Rata Village, The Strand Lounge.

On the Notice board this week:

- Central Roundup: Upcoming Inductions; Message from the Moderator; Smile. Or you can read it on: http://presbyterycentral.org.nz/images/20200226_Central_Roundup.pdf
- MCNZ Presidential Team Blog
- Pádraig Ó Tuama as the St John's Visiting Scholar is an Irishman, a poet and a genuine human being
- Wesley Rata Village
- Brassed Off



Our Response to the Word (Deut 26, Luke 4)
Into whatever journey lies before us,
lead on, Holy Spirit; lead on.
Reflection

Our Invitation to the Offering (Deut 26)

Our Offering Prayer (Deut 26)

Community Time

Our Prayer for Others and Ourselves

We sing: "Now to your table spread" (AA #100)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

An invitation to the table

The Great Thanksgiving

Our Prayer after Communion

We sing: "Love will be our Lenten calling" (ESmith)

Our Closing Blessing

Let us take on this week's life
with renewed hope and imagination...

Embrace the journey.
Fear not its depths.
Expect angels.
Find refuge in the shadow of God.
Go in peace.
Amen!

Thoughts...

The Lenten journey has sometimes come to be thought of as a time of “giving things up”. This is a rather domesticated way of thinking of the disciplines which are the true characterisation of this season. The disciplines of Lent (fasting, prayer and giving – including giving of oneself in service) are really tools to enable us to deal with the big temptations that we all face – power and money. These were, essentially, the temptations that Jesus had to face, and the Lenten disciplines enable us to learn from Jesus how to render these temptations powerless in our own lives. This first Sunday in Lent gives us the opportunity to confront these temptations head on, and make the commitment to follow Jesus in the Lenten disciplines for the next few weeks.

May our worship today empower us to do the work of becoming more Christ-like.

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FIRST WEEK OF LENT | MARCH 1-7 SANCTIFIED ART WILDERNESS DEVOTIONAL

“Begin again,” life whispered in my ear;
For some days are beginning days.
Some days are designed to be the day we try again,
And on those days—the sun rises for you.
On those days, the birds sing for you.
On those days, God is cheering for you.
That’s just the way God and beginnings work.
For when your heart is broken and your life is in pieces,
Or when the addiction or the depression have found their way back into your bones,
Or when you lose sight of the person that you were called to be,
The wilderness will sing to you, “Begin again.”
“Begin again” with the person you want to be.
“Begin again” with the person you want to love.
“Begin again” with the knowledge of your faith.
“Begin again.” The sun is rising for you.

Prayer by Sarah Are

Lent

