

<b>SUNDAY ROSTERS</b>		
If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap or substitute. Thank you		
<b>Thanks to this week's volunteers</b>		
<b>Duty</b>	<b>11 October</b>	<b>18 October</b>
<b>8.30am Service</b>	Rev Tania Shackleton	Hugh Hill
Music	Robin Thomson	Elspeth Chiles
Steward	Faith Delaney	Faith Delaney
<b>9.30am Service</b>	Rev Tania Shackleton	Rev Tania Shackleton
Elder	David Bray	Gill Knox
Music	Lois Hill	Eric Russell
Reader	Bryan Chapple	Jackson Lacy
Technical Crew	Junior Mwarehwa John Melville	John Melville Toa Fifita
Prayers of People	Helen Bichan	Keith Knox
Reception	Murray & Elspeth Chiles	David & Barbara Russell
Morning Tea	Peini Family	Bruce & Heather Collins
Cleaning	Nuku Family	Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Pantry	Gretta Dymond	Gretta Dymond
Tellers	John Melville Geoff Hughes	Geoff Hughes David Belcher
Flowers	Susheela Rajan	Jenny Wharton
Messy Church	Ruth Day	Elizabeth Sutton
Lectionary	Psalm: 106:1-6; 19-23 Matthew: 22:1-14	Psalm: 99 Matthew: 22:15-22
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	

## TAWA UNION CHURCH

(Christian Churches New Zealand,  
Methodist, Presbyterian)



*Christ Centred — Community Facing*

### Sunday 11 October 2020

Welcome to Worship, we are glad you are here

Fiefia ke talitali kimoutolu'i he  
potu tapu ni

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 below.

***Please note your nearest fire exit.***

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

***In an earthquake: Drop, Cover and Hold.***

***Warden: Vave Fifita***

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## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*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 prayers.*

### Candle Lighting

We light this candle to remind us of the light of God's love,  
The warmth of God's welcome,  
And our faith in the ever presence of God,  
So together we say:  
*Welcome to our place,  
Welcome to worship,  
Welcome in the name of our living God.*

### Welcome

You are welcome here.  
No matter where you have been,  
no matter what you have done,  
you are welcomed in love and grace.  
May you find rest and renewal;  
may you find hope and peace.  
This is what God offers to us all!

### Our Call to Worship

### Our Opening Prayer

**We sing:** "God Called Us" (*JWootton*)

### All age Story:

**We sing:** "Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate" AA#15

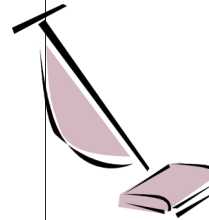
### Our prayer of Yearning

### Our Words of Assurance

**We prepare our hearts and minds to listen as Scripture is read this morning**

### Rosters

The November/December/January rosters are due to be compiled this week. If you are not available for duties during this time please let me know as soon as possible.



If you are able to help with delivery of the Pantry Basket to Wesley Foodbank in Porirua or with the Dry Cleaning on the occasional Saturday I would love to hear from you.  
Thank you — Leanne

### Public Questions—An election check-in

If we want to vote for more distribution of wealth and lower inequality these are topics to guide our voting:

Sufficient income to provide for the necessities of life of everyone

Tax justice – redistributing wealth to provide a safety net.

Fix the housing crisis.

Full partnership between Iwi/Māori and the Crown to fulfill Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Free health care

Increase funding to education and boost retraining and skills programmes

The Equality Network has analysed all party policies as a guide to voting on these issues. They say

'A Living Wage and higher benefits to those needing income support were two priority asks and the high score of three stars went to both the Green Party and the Māori Party, while National, Act and New Conservatives scored black stars.'

They have done graphics and a template of party policies. See <http://www.equalitynetwork.org.nz/>

## Happy Celebrating

*Adrienne Miller*

**and to anyone who may be having a birthday this week.**



### **Tawa Historical Society**

"Tawa its recreational parks and reserves" by Gilbert Roper will be launched on tomorrow, Monday 12th October at 6pm in the Tawa Library.

Pre-launch orders: \$30, there after \$35. Contact Ken Woodgate:  
ken.woodgate@xtra.co.nz  
See the notice board in the lounge for more details.

### **Men's Group**

9.30am for a cuppa on Friday 23rd October. Come and hear Johnathan Kirk from the ANZ Bank speaking about frauds and scams. All welcome..

### **Spring into Tawa**

As every year, Tawa Union Church will have a stall at Spring into Tawa 2020 which will be held on Saturday 17 October, 10am to 3pm.

We will need volunteers to help set up and take down our table and to help with the stall during the fair. If you can help please contact Tania, Heidrun or Rona.



### **U3A Tawa Talk Tuesday 27th October**

Considering Ethical and Social Situations - "**Facing a World on the Brink**"? by author and journalist Ian Harris.

Venue: Tawa Union Church, Elena Place. \$2 U3A charge, and small donation towards morning tea costs is appreciated.  
Time: Tea/coffee from 10am, Talk at 10.30am

Details of the talk: Advances in almost every field of human endeavour are beginning to have unintended consequences for the planet. Currently, climate warnings stir fears for the future. Ian will sketch four views of how humans relate to the natural world and, as a secular Christian, he proposes a paradigm shift that draws on ancient wisdom and religion to cast a radically new light on our relationship with the earth.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Karen Harris: 232 3436 or 027 230 7060

### **We Listen:**

Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22: 1-14

### **Our Response:**

### **Reflection**

**We sing:** "Til All, In Truth, Are Free" (Gretta Vosper/2015)

**Our Offering for the work in this place and beyond shall now be received.**

### **Our Offering Prayer**

### **Community Time**

### **Our Prayer for Others and Ourselves**

**We sing:** "These hills where the hawk flies lonely" (FFS 63)

### **Our Closing Blessing**

With faith to face our challenges,  
With love that casts out fear,  
With hope to trust tomorrow,  
We accept this day as the gift it is:  
a reason for rejoicing.  
May the world continue to surprise us,  
love continue to astonish us,  
life continue to captivate us,  
faith continue to sustains us,  
and may God go with us always,  
now and forever more.  
Amen!

**Resources used:** <https://www.pulpitfiction.com/notes/proper23a>  
Feasting on the Word: Year A, Volume 4: Season after Pentecost 2  
(Proper 17-Reign of Christ) p146-168  
The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020 – p219- 222

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Thank you  
to those who  
serve a refreshing cup for  
Morning Tea each week

### Thoughts

When injustice and collective selfishness rule, God gets angry. God gets angry about the relational betrayal between Them and Their people. God gets angry about the hypocrisy. God gets angry about the impact on oppressed people. But God's anger, when we interpret it through the whole story of God - the entire scriptures and collective witness - we know this anger is the righteous kind. The kind that fuels love and heals through disruption of evil. We know that God's ultimate desire is to "wipe away the tears from all faces," and "take away the disgrace" of Their people. God's anger does not come to us as dominance from above. It comes in brave individuals and communities taking a stance before power. It comes in both gentle and fierce actions. It comes in the way we choose to live otherwise in a world that tells us "this is just the way things are." As we endeavour to live so faithfully to the Kin-dom of God, facing inevitable consequences for nonconforming loyalties, we are provided with the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding."



### Pennies for Water

Please remember your spare pennies for our water jar. The pennies we put into our water jar sure will make a huge difference in the lives of those facing water scarcity. Once our water jar is full, we will send it to a water charity.

### 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
Thurs	7.00pm	Church Council, Stephen's Lounge
Fri	10.00am	Musical Playgroup, Aidan's Hall



Next week David Hanna will be here at TUC to share with us the work of Wesley Community Action.

### Available this week:

MCNZ October issue of **Touchstone** is available in the foyer.

### End of Life Choice (EOLC) Act FAQs

In August Helen Bichan spoke at a U3A meeting on "Considering Ethical; and Social Situations — 'We could – but should we? Scientific developments that may have unexpected or unwanted outcomes.' "

Copies of Helen's "End of Life Choice (EOLC) Act FAQs – know before you vote" are available in the foyer.

**HELLO**  
MY NAME IS

### Name tags

I will be updating name tags this week, please let me know if you have misplaced or need a new one.  
—Leanne