

## 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	18 October	25 October
<b>8.30am Service</b>	Hugh Hill	Robin Thomson
Music		Faith Delaney
Steward	Faith Delaney	Kirisimasi Poasa
<b>9.30am Service</b>	Rev Tania Shackleton	Rev Tania Shackleton
Elder	Gill Knox	Murray Chiles
Music	Eric Russell	Elspeth Chiles
Reader	Wendy Russell	Eric Russell
Technical Crew	John Melville Toa Fifita	Toa Fifita Vave Fifita
Prayers of People	Keith Knox	Rev Tania Shackleton
Reception	David & Barbara Russell	Max & Gillian George
Morning Tea	Bruce & Heather Collins	David & Barbara Russell
Cleaning	Vave Fifita	Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Pantry	Gretta Dymond	Gretta Dymond
Tellers	Geoff Hughes Andre Milkop	David Belcher Andre Milkop
Flowers	Jenny Wharton	Faith Delaney
Messy Church	Elizabeth Sutton	Karen Harris
Lectionary	Psalm: 99 Matthew: 22:15-22	Psalm: 90: 1-6;13-17 Matthew: 22: 34-46
<b>6.00pm</b>		<b>Youth Group</b>

## TAWA UNION CHURCH

(Christian Churches New Zealand,  
Methodist, Presbyterian)



*Christ Centred — Community Facing*

## Sunday 18 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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## Twentieth 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

#### We pray

**We sing:** "We Gather Together" (*Dorothy Caiger Senghas*)

#### All Age Story

**We sing:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (*Reginald Heber*)

**Our Prayer of Yearning (Exod 33, Ps 99, 1 Thess 1, Matt 22)**

**Our Words of Assurance (Exod 33, Ps 99)**

**We prepare our hearts and minds to hear as Scripture is read this morning (2 Tim 2)**

### Tawa College Music Department

Tawa College Hall, 7pm:

#### 29 October, Thursday - Going Solo

Students from Years 12 and 13 showcase songs and instrumental numbers  
*Entry by koha*

#### 4 November, Wednesday – November Notes

All singing and instrumental groups present from their years' repertoire  
*Entry by suggested donation of \$5 adult, \$1-2 student*

#### 7 November, Saturday - Blue Notes Concert

A Fundraising Concert from our prestigious Chamber Choir

*Tickets on the night or from the School Office up till 4pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – GA \$10 adult, \$5 student*



## Happy Celebrating

to anyone who may be having a  
birthday this week.



**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.

**Women's Group**

When: Wednesday 28th October  
Where: Stephen's Lounge at 7.30pm  
Leader: Barbara Russell  
Hostesses: Margaret Lake and Gillian George  
Devotions: Gill Knox  
Speaker: Amelia Ruscoe—with her sculptured dolls.

**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

**Clare Lind** stopped by the church office on Thursday, her and Don are well and say hello to everyone.

Clare enjoyed the Otago Uni Creative Writing poetry paper that the generous gift from TUC funded and a copy of her works "Ways and Names" is on the notice board and has been emailed out for you to enjoy.

**We Listen:**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

**Our response to Scripture (2 Tim 4)****Reflection**

**We sing:** "Inspired by love and anger" ( Songbook Common Ground #63)

**Our Offerings 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:** "God who sets us on a journey" (Joy Dine)

**Our Closing Blessing**

Faithful are we when we remain the course,  
clinging to the promises of resurrection until the day of liberation.  
May we be courageous in renouncing evil in word and practice.  
May we be undeterred through mistakes and setbacks.  
May we be attentive to the motivations of our own hearts.  
The Spirit will rise up among the willing.  
Let us go with peace to join in the work of God.  
Amen!

**Resources used:** <https://www.pulpitfiction.com/notes/proper24a>  
Feasting on the Word: Year A, Volume 4: Season after Pentecost 2  
(Proper 17-Reign of Christ) p170 - 193  
The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020 – p223 - 226

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Thank you to those who  
keep our building fresh  
and clean  
each week

### Thoughts

“If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here,” says Moses to God. From the early days of the exodus out of Egypt through the first Jewish-Roman war to the spread of the gospel across the land, we hear of the abiding presence of God that has sustained across the centuries. Through self-inflicted struggle, collective uncertainty, and clash with enemies, God promises to see the people through with righteousness, equity, and truth. “I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,” the Israelites in exile are told. Faithfully, Love companions those who seek liberation. The same source of life that pieced the world together at creation remains intimately invested in the flourishing of all things. Even the trees of the forest sing the name of this force, companionship all things towards restoration.



### 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

<b>Mon</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Girls' Brigade, The Centre
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Faith Explorers, Luke's Chapel
<b>Tues</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Tawa Learners Band, Stephen's Lounge
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	Worship Workgroup, Luke's Chapel
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Men's Group, Stephen's Lounge

Due to a family event David Hanna cannot be with us today. He will now visit on Sunday 1 November to share with us work of Wesley Community Action.

### Available this week:

- MCNZ October issue of **Touchstone** is available in the foyer.
- The October 2020 edition of the **eMessenger** newsletter is now available on the Methodist website [http://www.methodist.org.nz/e\\_messenger](http://www.methodist.org.nz/e_messenger)
- MCNZ Presidential Team Blog
- Central Roundup
  - ◇ Democracy
  - ◇ Central Gathering
  - ◇ Compliance Review



**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