

Sunday 03 January 2021 9.30am Combined Service
Led by: Keith Knox
Elder: Gill Knox
Musician: Robin Thomson
Tech crew: Nuku Family
Prayers of People: Adrienne Miller
Morning Tea: Tupou Family
Tellers: David Bray & Robin Thomson
Reception & Stewards: Max & Gillian George
Communion Prep: David & Barbara Russell
Communion Servers: Adrienne Miller & Heidrun Lehmann
John Melville & Kristen Gaunt
Cleaning: Nuku Family
Flowers: Faith Delaney
All Age Story: Karen Harris
Lectionary: Psalm 147:12-20 & John 1:10-18

Sunday 10 January 2021 9.30am Combined Service
Led by: Rev Doug Rogers
Ministers Elder: Murray Chiles
Musician: Elspeth Chiles
Tech crew: Junior Mwarehwa & Toa Fifita
Prayers of People: Wendy Russell
Morning Tea: Max & Gillian George
Tellers: Robin Thomson & Eric Russell
Reception & Stewards: Margaret Lake & Susheela Rajan
Flowers: Marie Jones
All Age Story: Adrienne Miller
Lectionary: Psalm 29 & Mark 1:4-11

Sunday 17 January 2021 9.30am Combined Service
Led by: Hugh Hill
Elder: Adrienne Miller
Musician: Eric Russell
Tech crew: Toa Fifita & Seti Poasa
Cleaning: David & Rona Belcher
Prayers of People: Helen Bichan
Morning Tea: Chapple-Simpson Family
Tellers: Eric Russell & John Melville
Reception & Stewards: David & Heather Bray
Flowers: Heather Collins
All Age Story: Gillian George
Lectionary: Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 & John 1:43-51
Pantry: Karen & Ian Harris

TAWA UNION CHURCH

(Christian Churches New Zealand,
Methodist, Presbyterian)



Christ Centred — Community Facing

Sunday 20 December 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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

*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.*

Choir – Awake before Sunrise

Advent Candle Lighting
COURAGE CAN'T WAIT (LOVE CAN'T WAIT)

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 sing: 'Carol our Christmas'

Our Opening Prayer

"Advent Longing" - by W.S. Beattie

We sing: "Not on a snowy night"

Choir: "You are Born in us again"

"A Christmas Prayer – Stopping me in my tracks" by John Howell (From *John Howell's* book 'Sighs Too Deep for Words')

We sing: "Star Child - Earth Child"

"A Christmas Prayer for reading between the lines" by John Howell

"All who heard them pondered them and said, "what then will

Sunday 20 December 2020 9.30am Combined Service

Led by: Rev Tania Shackleton
Musicians: Choir
Tech crew: Toa Fifita & Vave Fifita
Cleaning: Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Prayers of People: Keith Knox
Tellers: Andre Milkop & Eric Russell
Reception & Stewards: Murray & Elspeth Chiles
Flowers: Barbara Russell
Lectionary: Psalm 89:1-4; 19-26 & Luke 1 : 26-38

Ministers Elder: Murray Chiles
Reader: Robin Thomson
Pantry: Eric Russell
Morning Tea: Peini Family

11.30pm Christmas Eve Service

Led by: Rev Tania Shackleton
Technician: *Volunteer Please*
Lectionary: Psalm 96 & Luke 2: 1-14

Musician: Eric Russell



9am Christmas Day Service

Led by: Rev Tania Shackleton
Reader: Bryan Chapple
Technical: Vave Fifita & John Melville
Prayers of People: Eric Russell
Morning Tea: Margaret Lake & *Volunteer Please*
Tellers: Eric Russell & Roy Bridge
Flowers: Aivi Guenole & Tuitui Fifita
Reception & Stewards: David & Barbara Russell
Lectionary: Psalm 98 & John 1:1-14

Ministers Elder: Gill Knox
Musician: Lois Hill



Sunday 27 December 2020 9.30am Combined Service with Johnsonville Uniting at Tawa Union Church

Led by: Rev Tania Shackleton
Ministers Elder: Charlene Peters
Tech crew: John Melville & Junior Mwarehwa
Prayers of People: Bryan Chapple
Reception & Stewards: Jenny Wharton & Gretta Dymond
Morning Tea: David & Barbara Russell
Cleaning: Vave Fifita
Pantry: Eric Russell
Tellers: Roy Bridge & David Bray
Flowers: Jenny Wharton
Lectionary: Psalm 148 & Luke 2: 22-40

Musician: Eric Russell
Reader: Helen Bichan

Christian World Service

The CWS 2020 Christmas Appeal, a special opportunity to share our love and concern for God's world. Your support means we can reach many more people in the ways that recognise their needs and respects their dignity. Our appeal is shaped by the words in Matthew's Gospel, "When I was hungry..." for we know if we have food, there is life. In this extraordinary year, the challenge is to share all we can so others can get through the pandemic, the loss of income and the changing climate.

Food is one of the most basic human rights. Let us pray and work together for a world where no one is hungry, where love is central, and justice prevails.

There will be an offering at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services for CWS.



Tawa College 60th Reunion

Friday 23rd April: 7pm—Opening Whakatau, Mix & Mingle and Drinks & Nibbles

Saturday 24th April: 10am—Thanksgiving Service & Morning Tea
Afternoon- Activities at Tawa College
7.30pm—Year-group dinners at different locations in Wellington

Tickets [eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz)

Transport to Church

We have been given permission to use the Redwood Club van on Sunday's to get folk to Church who may need a ride.

Please let me know if you would want us to fetch you for Sunday Service.

Tania
0226857688 (Mobile)
04 232 0229 (Home)



this child become?" (Luke 1:66)

Choir "A Child was born in Bethlehem"

Choir: 'Greetings little Child of Bethlehem'

Our Offering Prayer

Let us offer our gifts as a sign of our commitment to Christ and the world.

Amen.

Choir: "I didn't hear the Angels Sing"

Community Time

Our Prayers for Others and Ourselves

We sing: "Come now Lord Jesus"

Our Closing Blessing

We have been given this new week in which to honour the God who is easy to love by loving those who are sometimes difficult to love.

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!

Choir: "Gloria"

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

Thoughts

On this fourth week of Advent, the texts all share a message of hope for those pressing on to make the impossible possible under forces of evil. The Israelites are promised the day when they will be “disturbed no more...evildoers shall afflict them no more.” The psalm, the song of Mary, the interaction between her and Elizabeth, they are glimpses of promises fulfilled. Promises made to “Abraham and to his descendants forever -” a lineage that expands and grows to Gentiles brought into the fold. The fulfilment of these hopes come not through a distant, otherworldly force. But through the audacity of those like Mary, a young refugee, mother-to-be, who claims the divine power within her to birth the things necessary for making real a world where the weary can rest and justice comes to dwell.

Christmas is a time for connecting with family near and far. This year whether you are having a “Zoom” Christmas or are blessed to have those you love the most with you in person every good wish into the New Year.

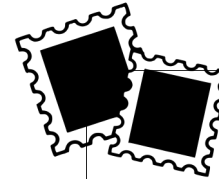
To a joyful present and a well remembered past. Merry Christmas to you and those you love most in the world. Be safe.
Tania

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.

Available this week:

- Central Roundup
 - ◇ Christmas is coming
 - ◇ Dates to note
 - ◇ Council Meeting Summary
- MCNZ Touchstone December issue is available in the foyer or you can read it on: <http://www.methodist.org.nz/files/docs/mcnz%20admin%20office/touchstone/2020/touchstone%20december%202020%2024p%20web.pdf>



PLEASE SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Please save your stamps for NZ Riding for the Disabled, who can sell them and use the money to help their cause.

RDA is all about providing goal-based riding activities that increase the ability, independence and confidence of people with physical, intellectual, emotional and social challenges.

You can drop your Christmas and other stamps in the box in the foyer.

Happy Celebrating

to anyone who may be having a
birthday this week.

