## What's on at TUC

#### Each week

| Monday to Friday | 9am    | <u>Redwood Club</u> —Redwood Hall<br>Contact: Kate Prichard, 232 5521          |
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| Monday           | 6pm    | <u>Girls' Brigade</u> —the Centre<br>Contact: Margaret Hutchison, 021 1140 150 |
|                  | 7.30pm | <u>Faith Explorers</u> —Luke's Chapel<br>Contact: Ian Harris, 232 3436         |

Tuesday 6.45pm <u>Tawa Learners Band</u>—Stephen's Lounge Contact: Keryn Campbell, 232 5815

> 7.30pm <u>Indoor Bowls</u>—Aidan's Hall (Apr to Sep) Contact: David Russell, 232 5831

#### Each month

<u>Walking Group—1st Fridays:</u> meet 9.15am in the church carpark Contact: Jenny Wharton, 232 2983

<u>Prayer Group:</u> meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am in Luke's Chapel Contact: Nua Langi, 021 144 2352

<u>Youth group</u>: meets fortnightly on Sundays at 5.30pm Contact: Loleseti Poasa, 021 209 2080

<u>Women's Group– 4th Wednesdays:</u> 7.30pm in Stephen's Lounge Contact: Barbara Russell, 232 5831

<u>Men's Group—4th Fridays:</u> 9.30am in Stephen's Lounge Contact: David Bray, 232 4403

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Christ centred, community facing

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# Happenings

# December 2023

# **Christmas Services**



#### Christmas Eve–Sunday 24 December, 9am

We start our celebrations with 9am communion, then share a cuppa together before our 10am service.

#### Christmas Day-Monday 25 December, 9am

Our traditional friendly family Christmas Day service

For details of our other services throughout Advent, see overleaf

#### 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out' (John 1:5)

Welcome! Kia ora! Malo e lelei! Talofa lava! Hope, Peace, Joy, Love! These are the gifts of Advent and Christmas. Christmas is a time to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Merry Christmas to you, your family and all your loved ones! May God bless our humanity with reconciliation, comfort and hope in Jesus Christ, His gift of love to the world! Shalom!



Nua Langi, co-worker in Christ

### **Our services in December**

| Sunday 3 December                        | 10am        | Combined service with Tawa Learners<br>Band, and Tim Pratt from CWS<br>(Christian World Service) |
|--|-------------|--|
|  | 4.15pm      | Service at Longview rest Home  |
| Sunday 10 December                       | 10am        | Choral Service   |
| Sunday 17 December                       | 9.30am      | Combined service<br>at Porirua Hospital Chapel   |
|  | 1pm         | Tongan language service  |
|  |             |  |
| Sunday 24 December                       | 9am         | Christmas Eve Communion  |
| Sunday 24 December                       | 9am<br>10am | Christmas Eve Communion<br>Christmas Eve service   |
| Sunday 24 December<br>Monday 25 December |             |  |

Our 10am services are streamed on Zoom. Here are the details to log in:

- by computer—https://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 838 5103 9194—Passcode: TUC2021
- by phone—call 04 886 0026: Meeting ID: 838 5103 9194-PIN: 578545

# Girls' Brigade in 2023

Girls Brigade has had a fantastic year!

We've grown in numbers with 6 new girls joining over the year.

We've done a lot of fun and interesting activities, including learning some sign language, playing musical instruments, visiting our local fire station, and a whole range of crafts and games and more...

We had our end-of-year celebrations on Monday 20 November: a lively, friendly time celebrating with our families and showing them what we do. We're looking forward to 2024!

If you have school-aged girls in your family, please invite them to join us!

We are also looking for volunteers to help out throughout the year,

and for people to share their skills for a night or two.

**Contact: Margaret Hutchison** 021 1140 150.



# Did you know...

A whole range of community groups use TUC for their meetings, including:

- U3A Tawa: topics include tai chi, computing, health, philosophy, and more: www.u3atawa.org.nz
- Tawa Fibrecrafts: spinning, knitting, weaving, embroidery, guilting: www.creativefibre.org.nz/areasgroups/listing/tawa-spinners-andweavers
- Wellington Male Voice Choir: www.wellingtonmvcnz.org ٠

If your group would be interested in using our facilities, please contact the TUC office (232 8844, admin@tawaunionchurch.org.nz)