



## Pastoral Letter #35

My apologies for not videoing last Sunday's sermon. I left the camera at home and because it had not been used for 2 weeks, it was uncharged. The written copy of the sermon is on the website.

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### **Waikato Baptist Association**

Our regional AGM will be held in conjunction with the Waikato Regional Gathering on Saturday 7 November that is in place of the National Baptist Hui originally set for that day. Start time is 9.30am for registration and morning tea at Fairfield Baptist Church, 1101 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton. We should conclude around 3.30pm.

The Agenda will include:

- celebration of highlights this year
- election of Board members ,
- decision to be made on a full time Regional Leader in conjunction with the Bay of Plenty Association,
- presentation of the Financial Report for the year to 31 August 2020,
- a brief report from Sophie, the current recipient of the Ian Brown Scholarship,
- an update from Finlay Park,
- budget for the year to 31 August 2021

### **WBA Board Nominations**

The National Leadership is working hard and restructuring their own operations in order to revitalise and strengthen the work of the Regional Associations for effective mission together in their geographic areas. Charles Hewlett our National Leader will be presenting the vision for this and we want to play our part accordingly. To this end we are asking churches to prayerfully consider making nominations of people who could serve the Kingdom of God as Board members to foster our mission for and kinship in Christ. We would like to have 6 people, especially some who are not pastors, as per the constitution so can you take this seriously and consider who could join in this responsibility. You can make a formal nomination by sending a name to our interim Chair, Kelvyn Fairhall by email

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Keri Revell's dad on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday leaping from the Skytower. I nominate .....



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### **Reo Up! 2020 Classes are Back!**

Nau mai. Haere mai!

Reo Up! is back post Covid-19! Now that we have dropped to Alert Level 1, we are able to throw the doors open and welcome back all of our wonderful te reo warriors. These classes are free, fun and we try to make sure everyone has a safe place to learn. Learning te reo can be a bit daunting for some and being back in a classroom can feel weird if it's been a really long time, so we try to make sure everyone has a place and space that works for them. If you learn by writing things down, that's ok. If you need to just hear sounds, kei te pai. And if you need to play, we do that too. The classes are for basic beginner level only and we encourage everyone to bring their sense of humour with them.

Āhea?

Ā te Rāapa, 24 o Hiringa-ā-nuku

Ki hea?

Ki Te Ruma ki Tua

Te Utu

Kore utu! Koha anake

Mauria mai...

He pene, pukatuhi, mōhiti pānui, me he kai mo te kaitahi.

When, where, what you need to bring etc

Our first class will be Wednesday October 14 (first Weds after school hols) at 6pm

Where

Lotus Realm's Back Room

Cost

Koha

What to bring

Bring a plate for kai tahi! And bring whatever you think you might need to take notes

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### **Foodbank**

Our Living Well Trust will be taking over the control of the Thames Foodbank so in essence, nothing at the practical level will change, except that we will be responsible for funding as well.

Our Charity Commission number is CC29731

Bank account 03 0458 0005903 000 Reference: FB

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### **Property Manager**

We welcome Yvonne Sturgess as our new property manager.

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### **Living Well Trust AGM**

The Living Well Trust AGM will be at 305 Mary St on 10 November at 5pm. All welcome to attend.

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We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

- Madeleine L'Engle