



**Te Aroha
Co-operating Parish**
July 7, 2024

Worship Leader:
Megan Gore
Celebrant:
Graham Robertson
Musician:
Diane Bellamy
Prayers of the People
Peter Kampenhout

Lectionary Readings for this week:

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10, Mark 6: 1-13

Roster Saint David's	July 14, 2024
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Graham Robertson
<i>Musician</i>	Myra Caldwell
<i>Worship Leader's Assistant</i>	Raewyn Luxton
<i>Welcomers</i>	Heather & John Hayden
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Lorraine Qualtrough
<i>Readers</i>	Tom & Raewyn Luxton
<i>Sound and Data</i>	Peter Kampenhout
<i>Morning Tea</i>	Lyn & Mel Woodley

Prayer Chain:

If you, or someone you know is in need of the ministry of prayer, please contact Ruth Hale 884 8046.

Contacts:

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Monday July 8

3.00pm Parish Council in Lounge

No Springs Community Trust Programme during school holidays.

Waitoa

5.30pm Waitoa Friday Tea – all Parish Members invited. Please let Deacon Dianne know if you wish to attend. Phone: 0274 817 643.

No Friendship Group or Rainbow Club during the school holidays.

**A message from The President of The Methodist Church of New Zealand
- Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care**

Peter writes - I expect all of us are aware of the work of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care. This work has been conducted in the understanding that such abuse occurred over the years, especially within state-care and faith-based institutions, including children's homes and schools. This commission has, of course, investigated many national churches including our own Hāhi.

I am saddened when I realise that such abuse has occurred within Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, The Methodist Church of New Zealand, and shocked to hear about those we might have known being involved, both as victims and as perpetrators. The Commission is about to release its findings and we will know more about how widespread this abuse has been.....
(see the noticeboard for the full version.)

A thought as we pray for all who have been involved in the work of The Commission and who now work to ensure safeguards are in place to reduce the possibility of such abuse ever happening again.

*In the winter of life,
when the flowers and leaves have fallen by the wayside,
the stripped-back branches reach starkly towards the sky,
and the roots cling to the earth and its rocky foundation
like a grip of hard-won faith, there is God,
our company in the questioning,
the seeker of truth,
the passion of our indignation,
always gently, tenderly holding us all in love.*

Dorothy McRae-McMahon – Liturgies for daily life