



Parish Spring Service Waitoa

September 14 , 2025

Worship Leader:

Deacon Dianne Hight

Readers:

Jennifer Bills, Barbara Walker

Musicians:

Diane Bellamy, Piako Band

Poem for Spring:

It is almost time to plant tomatoes. Dear God, we praise this fruit and give thanks for its life and evolution. We salute the tomato, cheery, fragrant morsel, beloved provider, survivor and thriver and giver of life. Giving and giving and giving. Plump with summer's joy. The scent of its stem is summer's joy, it is promise and rapture. Its branches breathe perfume of promise – giving and giving and giving....

From Common Prayers by Leunig.

Prayer Chain:

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

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.....Te Aroha

Wednesday September 17 (Final Trust activities for the Term.)

9.30 am Care and Craft Group

10.00 am Music & Movement

11.30 am Community Lunch – (a \$5 donation would be appreciated please.)

Thursday September 18

1.30 pm Combined Women's Fellowship in the Lounge. Blessing Box.

Waitoa

Tuesday each week

10.00am to 1.30pm

Red Cross Opportunity Shop in the Waitoa Church Hall

Wednesday September 17

10.00 am Friendship Group (Final for the Term.)

Rainbow Club in recess September 21, 28 and October 5 2025.

.....New Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa/New Zealand:

The Presbyterian General Assembly meets from Monday 20 October to Thursday 23 October 2025 at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, Christchurch. The **Rev Peter Dunn of Invercargill** will be the next leader of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, and he will take up the role of Moderator at the 2025 General Assembly.

Peter has chosen for his Moderator term the theme, We Believe.

'I have in my mind a picture of a braided river, well known to South Islanders. Mighty rivers that carry significant volumes of water in many channels, where a single channel can be a river in itself until it meets another channel, and the scene changes. The connection with the theme is that, as a Church, we can be described metaphorically as a braided river. Alive, directional, flexible, life-giving, unstoppable in our expressions of the Christian faith, unless it becomes disconnected from its source.

'We believe' is about the source, our Lord Jesus Christ. 'We believe' is about the flow of the river through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. 'We believe' is about the banks that hold the braided river, where the Father is hands-on, as it were, moulding and maintaining the river within the boundaries of what we believe.

The moderator logo features the Cross from which the braided river flows, with the context prominently displayed, 'We Believe'. It is my prayer that as people engage with the theme at GA25 and during my term as moderator, our unity in Christ will be affirmed.

