

**Te Aroha Co-operating  
Parish  
Service of Worship  
September 7, 2025**

**Worship Leader and  
Celebrant:**

Graham Robertson

**Reader:**

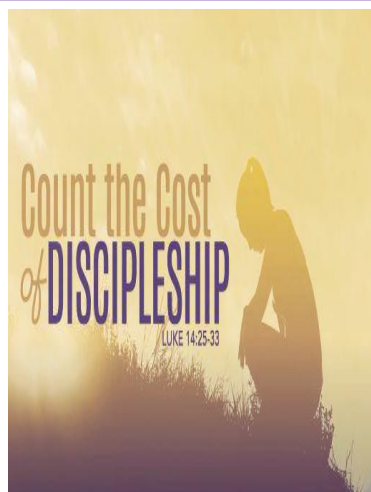
Heather Hayden

**Prayers:**

Patrick Chong

**Musician:**

Tom Luxton



**Lectionary Readings this week – Pentecost 13**

Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1: 1-21;  
Luke 14: 25-33

**Parish Spring Service  
10.00 am - Waitoa  
led by Deacon Dianne Hight  
(No Service at St David's)**



**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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PC Secretary: Graham Robertson Ph. 884 4155/0274 422 546

**Parish Coordinator:** robyn brown 021 448 831

**Parish Website:** [www.tearohacooperatingparish.org.nz](http://www.tearohacooperatingparish.org.nz)

**Te Aroha**

**Monday September 8**

**3.00 pm Parish Council**

**Wednesday September 10**

**9.30 am** Care and Craft Group

**10.00 am** Music & Movement

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

**Waitoa**

**Tuesday each week**

**10.00am to 1.30pm**

Red Cross Opportunity Shop in the Waitoa Church Hall

**Wednesday September 10**

**10.00 am** Friendship Group.

**Sunday September 21**

**9.30 am** Rainbow Club Worship - Deacon Dianne Height

**Looking Ahead**

**Special Event:**

**Wesley Church Fairfield Hamilton.**

A celebration of 100 years of Wesley Methodist Church in Hamilton will be held  
on **October 5 2025.**

**RSVP by September 19** to: [hameastmeth@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hameastmeth@xtra.co.nz)

Please contact the Hamilton East Methodist Church office with any  
memorabilia/stories to share from the 100 years that the Wesley Church building  
has been in existence.

Services are still being held in the Church by the Fijian Congregation of the  
Hamilton East Methodist Parish. The present Wesley Project Committee, is  
planning a rebuild to accommodate the growing Fijian community and  
congregation.

**Message from Te Aroha Rountree, President. Methodist Church of NZ.**

“For many, Te Tiriti is the embodiment of a living covenant that guides our  
relationships, both spiritual and political. It affirmed tino rangatiratanga (self-  
determination) of Māori and promised partnership relationships. Yet, for over  
180 years, those promises have been repeatedly broken. The legacy of  
colonisation, land confiscations, and systemic exclusion of Māori voices in  
governance has led to deep spiritual and social wounds. The establishment of  
Māori wards is one small but significant way to begin to honour that covenant  
— by making space for Māori to have genuine representation in local decision-  
making.”

**Brochures are available in the Foyer for more information.....**