

# WAIAREKA – WESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES



## Weston & Enfield



***WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY***  
***Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018***

**9am Enfield**

***"Be still and know that I am God"***

Catherine Harvey

*1 Kings 19: 3 - 18     Matthew 14: 22 - 23*

**10:30am Weston**

***"Hope"***

John Schoneveld

*Hebrews 10: 19 - 25     Matthew 5: 1 - 12*

Duty Elder today:  
Andrew Paisley

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Romans 15: 13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

**WAIAREKA - WESTON PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*At Waiareka - Weston, we are a Church for everyone,  
sharing God's love in Christ.*

Dear Church Family,

This Sunday is the first day of Advent, the season that begins the Church year and anticipates and celebrates Jesus coming to us in the past, in the present, and in the future: at Bethlehem as a baby; in our lives every day; and coming again in glory!

This first week of Advent we contemplate the theme of Hope. In Christian terms, hope is not a vague 'hoping for the best', but a firm, solid confidence that our future and our eternity is in God's strong and loving hands. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." (Hebrews 6:19). I'm reminded of the lyrics of the hymn: We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll; fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

And we can be confident in our hope in God, because we know of God's goodness and faithfulness in the past. Romans 15:3 reminds us that, "Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Most significantly of all, Colossians 1:27 speaks of "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Christ dwells in our hearts; Christ, God-the-Son, by whom the whole universe was created; Christ, who became human and revealed the character and love of God to us in person; Christ, who bore the cost of our sin, and who reconciled us to God; Christ, who will come again in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords; this Christ dwells in you; Christ in you, your assured hope of glory, your assured hope that all will be well.

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." (2 Cor 1:20-22)

Arohanui,  
John



**PRAYERLINE:** If you have a prayer matter for yourself or others, please phone Judith Perry 434 5917 or Pauline Notman 434 5383

**Friday Friends** will meet for the final time this year on **Friday** the **7<sup>th</sup>** at **10am**.

**Friday Café** every Friday in December, at **“The Harbour Street Collective**, 8 Harbour St., 12.15 – 1.15pm. Everyone welcome, even just for a coffee!

**A “Forget-me-not” Remembrance Service** celebrating Life, Love and Memories. For past and present caregivers of those with memory loss & all who wish to commemorate the loss of loved ones. **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at **7pm**.

**Whizz Kids** Please note that there will be a **practice** for your Nativity Service and your end-of-year **breakup** on **Saturday** the **15<sup>th</sup>** of **December** at **2pm**. Please bring a plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea.

**Sound & Data Projector**. There will be a training session for everyone who helps on the Sound Desk or with the Data Projector on **Sunday** the **16<sup>th</sup>** of **December** at **3pm**. See Mark or Jim for details.

**Christmas Carols** Singers and Musicians are invited to come and sing carols for Save the Children on Sat 15 Dec, 11am-12noon at Northside New World. Details on the notice board in the foyer.

**Meals on Wheels: Oamaru**. February will be our church’s turn again to staff the Oamaru runs for Meals on Wheels. There is a timetable in the foyer. Please feel free to sign up now for dates that will suit you.

Please enter **Bulletin notices** before **Friday 11.30am** to office, **Bulletins** also available at Weston 4Square. Further notices on notice board or on the wall planner. Please let the Church office know if you would like the Bulletin emailed. **Office times** 10 - 3pm Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Small Groups and Prayer Groups:**

Insight for Women, Coffee & Prayer, ‘Bible Miners’, Women’s Bible Study, Weston Men, Kevin & Sharyn’s, Connect- Thursdays, Friday Café, Friday Friends, Out & About, Lego Club

**Next week: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**9am Weston**, Les Gosling **10.30am Weston**, Les Gosling

## Children at Weston Church

During Term time we welcome children to a variety of Sunday Children's Programmes straight after Family Time. All high school students are invited to join us in church for the message ☺ **If you would like more information about these programmes, please check out the noticeboard, or contact Karo 021 153 4381 or [impactyouthweston@gmail.com](mailto:impactyouthweston@gmail.com)**



## COMING UP

Tue 4<sup>th</sup>      **Forget-Me-Not Service** 7pm  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup>      **Friday Friends** 10am  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup>      **Friday Café** @ "The Harbour St. Collective" 12:15 pm

**Music & Movement** Our final M&M will be on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December

**Advent for Families** Karo has developed a resource to encourage and inspire families this Christmas season. Flyers are in the foyer.



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