

## CALENDAR

Tue 14th Jun	Hour of Power	10am
Tue 14th	Music & Movement	10am
Tue 14th	Bible in Schools Weston	1.30pm
Tue 14th	Insight for Women	6pm
Tue 14th	Weston Foyer booked	7pm
Wed 15th	Coffee & Prayer @ "Casa Mia"	9am
Wed 15th	Steady As You Go	1.30pm
Wed 15th	Elders	7pm
Thu 16th	Connect	10am
Thu 16th	In It Together	7.30pm
Fri 17th	Friday Cafe @ Short Black	12.15pm
Fri 17th	Kidz Club	3.15pm
Fri 17th	Impact Youth, prep for Breakfast	7-9pm
Sat 18th	Men's Breakfast	8am



**Next Sunday 19th June**

**9am Enfield , 10.30am Weston, 6.30pm Weston**

**John Schoneveld**

### TALK TO US

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# WAIAREKA-WESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Sunday 12th June 2022**



**9am Enfield**

**10.30am Weston**

**"The Curtain Opens"**

**1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 1:1-20**

**John Schoneveld**

**6.30pm Weston**

**"The Chosen", Series 2, Ep.5**

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

Revelation 1:5 - 6

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father - to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen."

Dear Church Family,

From Advent in early December to Pentecost, seven weeks after Easter, I tend to preach from the church lectionary, following the 'seasons' of the church year: Advent - where we anticipate Christ's coming to us not only at Christmas, but in His promised return and in His meeting with us every day; Epiphany (in January) - where we reflect on the fact that Christ came for all people-groups of the world; Lent - where we anticipate Easter and fast from something or adopt a new practice to help us better follow Jesus; Easter itself; and Pentecost - when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.

Between Pentecost and the next Advent I tend to put aside the lectionary and preach a couple of series: Last year we had a series on the Lord's Prayer and one on Jeremiah. Starting this Sunday I'm beginning a series on Revelation.

As part of my preparation, I've been looking at a few YouTube sermons on Revelation - there's certainly a variety out there, some good, some not so great! I came across one where the preacher was berating his congregation for feeling that Revelation was confusing. The natural reality is that Revelation is confusing for a 21st Century New Zealand audience. Like all Scripture, it was originally written for readers and hearers in a different culture, with a different language, in very different circumstances to ours, facing very different challenges to what we face. On top of that, Revelation is written in a genre (type of writing) which we have no equivalent to in our 21st century Western culture, so it's naturally quite foreign and alien to us.

As we explore Revelation, we will be helped by first asking, "What did it mean for the first recipients?" (to whom it wasn't alien or confusing, but made good sense, because it was written for their situation). Once we understand what it meant for them, then reflecting on what it means for us, 2000 years later on the other side of the world, will be far more enriching, life-giving and relevant.

I appreciate your prayers as I prepare this series of sermons.

Arohanui,  
John

PS: It's likely that we won't tackle this 22 chapter book in one stretch, but will take a break part way through and then come back to it.

PPS: One YouTube clip I **DO** recommend is the Revelation overview by 'The Bible Project'.

## NOTICES

**PLEASE NOTE ALL GATHERINGS** adhere to government guidelines. Enabling worship to take place safely in our church buildings is a way of 'loving our neighbours as ourselves' - caring for everyone, especially vulnerable people.

We have church members sheltering at home with loved ones who have tested positive. The following is how we show we love each other as we care and support each other.

This is not forever but Jesus is calling us now, to actively show our love.

At **all services** you are encouraged to wear masks if you are 12+. Masks are available at the entrance of each church if you don't have one on the day.

Our **10:30 & 6.30pm worship services at Weston** are open to all.

We are keeping our **9am Enfield** service as a vaccine-pass service for now, due to the health vulnerabilities within that congregation.

**FRIDAY CAFE** in June at 'Short Black', 175 Thames St., 12.15 to 1.15pm. All welcome, even just for a coffee!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Saturday 18th June 8am, at Weston Church. DVD will be shown looking at integrity. Cost \$24 cooked, \$14 continental breakfast. Catering by youth group fundraiser for possible go-cart purchase please reply by **Wednesday 15th June to Andrew Paisley**.

**FUNDRAISER** The Youth Group are selling bags of pinecones for \$5 each to raise funds for activities and resources. They are great for getting the fire started now that it's winter. Please contact Maria Johnson on 021 024 62436 if you would like some. There are about 20 bags available, so get in before they are sold out!

**WOMEN'S INSIGHT** meet on Tuesday 14th June, 6pm at Marilyn's. shared meal and study to follow. Please remember to bring something for the foodbank.

**WESTON CHURCH CLEANING, MORNING TEA AND WELCOMING ROSTERS** will be rolled over. Please let Sylvia at church office know if you like to help. We could do with another pair for the Morning Tea roster. Training provided.

**WESTON CHURCH KITCHEN** is missing 4 small blue table cloths, please return if they are sitting on your bench!

### PRAYER LINE

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



### DUTY ELDER

at 10.30am

Jeff & Lyn Armstrong