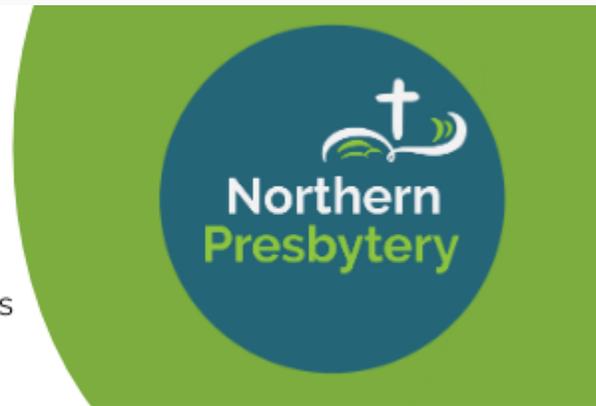


NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

for Northern Presbytery congregations



Greetings

This format of the now Northern Presbytery Newsletter replaces what has been the monthly PointsNorth. It is to inform congregation members about some of the things that are happening across the Presbytery.

The Mission Fund approved three of the four applications it received by the end of September to support Mission Initiatives.

\$3,300 to Mt Albert Presbyterian Church to erect a notice board at the front of the church that will extend their community engagement over the past two years with their prayer tree and a prayer box;

\$8,500 to contribute to costs of an initiative Mairangi Bay & Castor Bay Church began in 2017 focused on reaching out and connecting with the Indian Community on the North Shore. It strives to proclaim the Gospel through encouraging cultural fellowship, pastoral care and worship, focused at this stage on two evening services each month in Hindi. On 1 November there was a combined service followed by a meal, featuring an Indian main meal and Kiwi dessert (see photo below);

\$10k to help meet costs of a three year plan to establish a Mahu Debt Centre by the Mahurangi Presbyterian Church in Warkworth. This mission initiative is to provide faith-based, compassionate and supportive money coaching, financial and debt management services, that links to the Mahu foodbank, furniture bank, community workers and mainly music.

<http://www.northpres.org.nz/mission/>

St David's Khyber Pass held its last service on Sunday 8th November after the congregation had been dissolved by a Presbytery Commission. St David's has served as a witness to God's presence for 156 years. Presbytery is in the process of establishing a Leaders Group who's task is to submit a proposal to Presbytery Council about establishing a new worshipping community in the Grafton and surrounding area.

We've just launched a new initiative with Laidlaw College, creating an opportunity for people aged 17 and older to complete the Diploma of Christian Studies while interning at their church, or another ministry setting. See our website for details or contact the Presbytery Office.

<http://www.northpres.org.nz/events-opportunities/>



Upcoming Events

- The 'Shaping Tomorrow' Leaders Conference is being held at St Columba, Botany, 20 February, 2021, 9.30 to 2.30pm. We hope a small team will come from each congregation; Koha of \$15 to help meet costs.
- Intensive Leadership Development Programme being conducted in 2021 (17 – 21 May and 21 – 24 September) by Caleb Leadership NZ. This is for Ministers

and serving Elders. The cost is usually \$1,600, but for this Presbytery initiative it is \$150. See our website for details, or contact Presbytery Office.

- Connecting Maori and Pacifika people to a digital world: The details below are about free classes taught in Tokelaun, Tongan, Samoan or English.
- Faithful flourishing, a 1 day conference, 19 November, at St Andrews Otahuhu, with a range of speakers, no charge, koha for meals. (link to website)
- Code of Ethics workshops for Ministers, church staff, elders, church volunteers: 27 November at St Paul's Manurewa, 1.30pm to 3.30pm; 28 November at St David's in the Fields, Hillsborough, 9.30am to 11.30am.

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Updates from the Northern Presbytery Team

Congregation Review Coordinator - Rev Dr Emma Keown



Despite interruptions due to Covid 19, assisted by a great team of facilitators, many churches have, or are in process of completing their congregation reviews. These help understand what's happening in a congregation to inform planning ahead. The aim is to complete most, if not all reviews by early in 2021, to be followed by 'cluster conversations' whereby churches gather together (teams of 3-5) and share what they have learnt about themselves in the review and to enhance a sense of networking and togetherness. Contact Dr Rev Emma Keown for details.

Mission Enabler - Rev Timothy Rose



Rev Timothy Rose is working with the congregation review team to help churches develop and implement Mission Plans for the future that are informed by the self-discovery that occurs through a congregation review. He continues to expand Mission resources and is in the early stages of helping revitalise three worshipping communities.

Youth Ministry Coordinator - Emma Page



Over the coming months we will be profiling a number of our youth and children's ministries in Northern Presbytery. Our first church we are profiling is Mahurangi Presbyterian Church in Warkworth. Senior youth pastor Sarah Crocombe and children's pastor Melissa North do an excellent job of heading up their ministries alongside their fantastic leaders. It is so encouraging to see Sarah journey alongside her young people until they are old enough to become leaders themselves. It is also great to see Melissa take on her children's pastor role after coming through the youth ministry at church. Check out the following video to see what both ministries have been up to this year!

Mahurangi Presbyterian Church Youth & Children's Ministries

Meet Neil Raines our new Treasurer



Neil has an extensive background in Chartered Accounting, has served for many years on the Property & Finance Workgroup and has considerable knowledge and experience across a number of churches and worships at St Columba, Botany.

Mairangi Bay Presbyterian Church

INDIAN MAIN COURSE AND KIWI DESSERT

At Mairangi Bay we have a Hindi language service twice a month in the evenings. This was started 2 years ago by one of our members (Raju George) who was ordained into the Anglican Church in Delhi.

Some of us non Hindi speakers attend and try to join in the hymns which are energetic, fast moving and sung with gusto. We also appreciate the bursts of English which come through and we are randomly invited to speak on the basis that 'every invitation shall come as a surprise'.

Bringing our 10am congregation together with our Hindi Mission Congregation is one of our objectives and this happened on the evening of 1 November when we had a combined service which was followed by a meal with Indian main course and Kiwi dessert. Donations went to the CWS Refugees Project. All in all it was a very digestible evening.



Courses start 16th November 2020

Want to learn digital skills to make life easier?

Let us help you with that.



JOIN A FREE CLASS NOW

A range of days and times available. Some classes taught in Tokelaun, Tongan, Samoan or English.

Transport available to selected classes

CONNECTING MĀORI & PASIFIKA PEOPLE TO A DIGITAL WORLD



PSN White Ribbon Campaign November 2020

Resources for a service of worship

<https://prayingforchildren2020.wordpress.com/white-ribbon/>



Blessing

Hi Northern Presbytery,

All courage and strength to us all in one of the craziest years we have had in ministry.

Proverbs tells us, If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength. This challenges us to keep coming back to the Gospel, the power of God, so we may be strengthened for every good work we engage in with Christ.

I commend to you all the above events and news, and I would like to express our gratitude to Rod and the team for the new format and new branding.

God bless you for helping to advance our cause.

The Lord bless and keep you all

Steve M. Mod. NP



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