

## *What's on this week at HPC?*

Tuesday Mainly Music cancelled  
Girl's Brigade 6.15 pm in the hall

Thursday Morning Worship cancelled.

Sunday T B A

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

~Kitty O'Meara'~

Sunday 22 March 2020



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**Welcome!**

**to 9.30 am Service**

*"Hope in times of  
uncertainty"*

Led by : Matt Chapman  
Scriptures: Psalm 23  
Revelation 21:1—5

Duty Elder	Liz Foster
Foyer Elder:	Bev. Riley
Music Leader:	Bronwyn Harrison
Organist:	Neil Guyan

### **WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS**

We warmly welcome you to worship with us today.

Please feel free to introduce yourselves, sign our visitors book on the table in the foyer and collect any brochures.

There is a **"T-loop" hearing aid loop** in the main sanctuary which you are welcome to use if needed. If you experience any problems, ask at the sound desk at the back of the church.

If you would like **Prayer**, please come to the front left rows after the service where an Elder will pray with you.

### **Children**

Kings Kids will be invited to the hall after children's time in the service..

There is a cry room at the back of the church where parents can take their under 30 month old children to play with the toys where they can hear the service.

Wired group will remain in the service this week..

## NOTICES

### **Have you signed the attendance Register at the door?**

**TRADE AID STALL** is postponed so this is the last week for ordering from Trade Aid—**Sunday March 29 is a pre ordered Trade Aid stall.** You can look up the website from the shop in Sylvia Park and send your order to [judedosado@yahoo.com](mailto:judedosado@yahoo.com) before Thursday 26 March. We receive 10% discount as a donation for the Family Centre in Romania. There will be donated produce, jam, baking, plants and bulbs for sale and all that money will be added for the Family centre. All donations very much appreciated with prices on it please.

**A wall of Crosses**—Everyone is invited to a morning of making a display of crosses for Good Friday on Saturday 28 March in the hall from 9 am to 1pm. You can make a cross from any medium and do this prayerfully at home as we approach Easter. You can drop off your cross to the office.

**2020 Directories ready for collection.** They have blue covers this year!!! Gold coin donation tin is next to the box with the directories. Thank you.

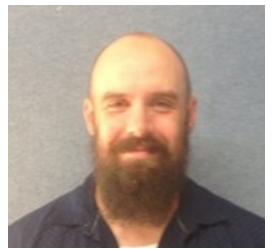
The advertisement for St Andrews Chilton Kindergarten is incorrect—please pick up a copy of the correct one and put it into your directory. Thank you

**Thank Offering** Thank you to all those who have donated to this year's thank offering so far. We have received \$5,499 to date. Receipts will be issued for all thank offerings and will be available each week.

If you wish to include your thank offering in your tax credit (donations) claim for the year ending 31 March 2020, please make sure that your donation is received in the church bank account (02-0168-0016508-00) or at the church office by Tuesday 31 March 2020. Thank Offering Receipts are in basket in the foyer—please collect yours.

**People self isolating** Please advise the office if you or anyone you know is self isolating so we can support and help in any way possible. Communicate with others.

## *Matt's Blog*



Hi everyone,

It's been a challenging time for our community and communities all around the world.

How does our faith speak into times like these?

How do we navigate our own fears and real life challenges we are facing?

And what might the churches response be to the need around us?

Steven Charleston is a First Nations Bishop in the Episcopal Church of the USA. I've been reflecting on these challenging words of his:

*Now is the time for which our faith has prepared us. Now is the moment when all that we believe can be put to work. Now we can turn to the inner resources we have been developing over these many years to face the challenge of a world in desperate need. We are not afraid of this crisis for we have been made ready for it. We have devoted our lives to the belief that something greater than fear or disease guides human history. We have studied, prayed and grown in the Spirit. Now we come to the call to use what we believe. Our people need hope, confidence, courage and compassion: the very things for which we have been trained. We are the calm in the midst of a storm. Stand your ground and let your light so shine that others may see it and find their faith as well.*

This Sunday we gather for worship, and we gather that together we might be comforted and strengthened by the God of hope, peace and resurrection.

Blessings

*Matt Chapman*