

MATARIKI

Message from Moderator of
Te Aka Puaho Marina Rakuraku

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Matariki brings to mind the preparing of soil to receive new seeds, it's also the beginning of the Māori New Year.

As it says in:

Matthew 13:3-9: "Behold a Sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came to devour them up:

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

And then the sun came up and they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and thorns sprung up, and choked them:

But others fell on good soil and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear?"

Mathew 13:37: "Jesus answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man.

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the Kingdom."

Naa, ka whakahoki ia, ka mea ki a raatou, Ko te kairui o te purapura pai, ko te Tama aa te tangata;

Ko te maara ko te ao, ko te purapura pai, ko ngaa tamariki o te rangatiratanga.

And, sowing the good seed, whether it be seeds for the gardens, seeds of the field, and of people – if some fall by the wayside, let's make it our responsibility to help our fellow man.

Karakia was always a part of their respect for God's creation, and it was ongoing - not just Sunday but every day. "We lived it, we talked it and we walked it".

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world gives it, give I unto you".

Kia tau te Rangimarie, kia koutou, kia tatou katou
Marina Rakuraku
Moderator of Te Aka Puaho



Newsletter

Flagstaff Community Church

June, 2022



COVID-19 Protection Framework & Worship @ Flagstaff Community Church

In these challenging days, Flagstaff Community Church will continue to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ, provide support to each other, worship, pray and reach out in aroha.

He waka eke noa – We are all in this together: We are gathering for Sunday Worship. You are welcome to come and go at any time. We will continue meeting safely and follow advice from Ministry of Health (see (<https://covid19.govt.nz/activities/faith-based-gatherings;>) and our National Church (PCANZ). Your health and safety is our top priority.

The Parish Council thanks you for your own going support as we navigate through the Pandemic.

In relation to our face to face worship at Flagstaff Community Church

- Please stay home if you are unwell.
- Vaccine Passes are no longer required.
- We encourage the wearing of a face covering.
- QR Codes remain for those tracking their own movements.
- Physical distancing with those you don't know well is encouraged.
- We are practising good air ventilation so dress accordingly and if cold bring a rug or extra warm top.
- We will refrain from serving morning tea until we're back at Green Light.
- Please put any koha/offering in the kete/basket when you arrive.
- If you have any concerns or queries, please phone Brendon 027 356 9200

For whānau who are not gathering face to face for Sunday worship. If you would like a direct link to a recorded audio version of the service email gary.dent7@gmail.com;

Please ring the Minister or Kāumatua/Elder if you require any support. This could be practical help or needs, you are unsure how to make sense of all these new rules and information or simply you would like someone to pray with.



Matariki Mid-Winter Season: 'Under the Southern Stars'

24th June to 3rd July, Matariki: Celebrating Aotearoa New Year!

Matariki Remembrance Service

People of all faiths are welcome to join us in this service of remembrance for our loved ones. The morning will include waiata, hīmene, children's activities, stories and a time of remembrance for our loved ones including prayers for a hurting world. Haere mai tātou!

Sunday 26 June, 9.30am.

Native Planting and Mahi Māra Day

Matariki encourages us to gather together and connect with Papatūānuku. Bring your gardening clothes, gumboots and gloves to help with planting, weeding and track building at School Creek. Stay for BBQ and refreshments after a job well done.

Saturday 2 July, 10am – 1pm.

Pepeha Workshop

Pepeha are a way of introducing yourself in te reo Māori, naming the people and places that are important to you. During this workshop there will be input and guidance from kaiako Rauhina Scott-Fyfe, and the opportunity to write and share your own pepeha.

Saturday 2 July, 1–3pm.

Matariki Celebration Service

Nau mai, piki mai – join us in welcoming the Māori New Year with family at our whānau service, featuring waiata, hīmene, children activities and stories.

Sunday 3 July, 9.30am.

Ko Ngā Rourou Manaaki invites you to celebrate

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Araiteuru Mārae
24 Shetland Street, Māori Hill
Saturday July 2nd | 2 - 6PM

*Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau*

*Hail the rise of Matariki
Hail the lord of the sky
Hail the New Year*

Come along anytime during the afternoon, join in the fun, enjoy some food, and learn about the traditions and significance of Matariki and the Māori new year.



Membership Mission Membership: There are a number of people who have moved from the original place where they were baptised and made a confession of faith, and who now make Flagstaff Community Church the place they live out their faith. To arrange an appointment to explore fully the implications of becoming a committed member of our congregation please contact Brendon McRae 027 356 9200.

Interested in studying Theology? The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers a wide range of papers and qualifications, all available via distance learning. Some papers are taught via videoconferences, others include teaching days in Wellington, while a few involve week-long intensives. For further information go to www.otago.ac.nz/theology or ph 0800 80 80 98 or 03 479 8639.

Pastoral Visit: If you would like a pastoral visit from someone from within the pastoral team or the minister please ring elder Sarah Barton 021 385905.

Flagstaff Prayer Time: Sharing life, ministry and prayer together. Everyone Welcome. Every Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30 am in Tocher Lounge. Join us as we share and celebrate stories of God's action amongst us and pray for one another and discern God's leading into the future.

Green Fingers: We are currently restoring our awa next to the church. This little creek is showing signs of life and is breathing again and some native birds are showing up. There are a few folks who meet for a couple of hours on a Monday and pot away at planting, trapping pests, removing, weeding, etc. Occasionally we have a project in which everyone is invited including our local school. If you want to join us ring Neil Brown 027 435 4672.

Life Groups: Life Groups @Flagstaff are a vital part of who we are as a community of faith as we seek to grow in Jesus. Not only do we explore the messages God has for us from the Bible but we also have the opportunity to connect with others and experience a place where no-one stands alone.

Discipleship Groups: which focus on study and prayer. Wednesday 1.30 p.m. Contact Sarah 021385905.

Community Facing Groups: Where the focus is on friendship around a common interest. These groups are welcoming which may centre on an activity, a hobby, a talent, a life stage, a project or service. Groups include, Steady as you Go, Hire a Helper, Community Garden, Women's Coffee Group @ Coffee Culture (Held 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm), Green Fingers, Walking Groups and more! If you would like to join a group, start a group or find out more information then please contact Brendon on 0273569200.

Tithing/Giving: There are many ways we can support the activity of God in our church, community and world. Two ways of making your church offerings.

1. Use internet banking to make direct credits or automatic payments to the Flagstaff Community Church. Westpac bank # 03-0903-0192517-03. Please include your name for reference or if you use Envelopes use your Envelope reference/number.
2. Join the envelope system by contacting Alison Jenkin (Wakari) 021 1052 320. You will receive a set of personally numbered envelopes. This can be placed in the kete/basket at the foyer entrance anytime during Sunday Worship.

If you give to special appeals or missions, you can claim on these donations by identifying the appeal by naming it when you make the internet payment or by putting your number or name and address on an envelope.

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