

1 July 2020

For July - August 2020 Oratia Church Newsletter

Church and
Community happenings
Sunday Worship 9.30 am
+ extras as advertised.



Corner of Parker & West Coast Roads.

Web: Oratia Combined Church

FAMILY SERVICES
See **F**

*'Tis Matariki - New Year in our Southern Hemisphere.
Let us enjoy all the new life emerging outdoors!*

OUR ORATIA CHURCH DIARY

F Sunday 12 July at 9.30 am. **Mission in India!**

At July's family service today, we welcome back Peter and Karen from the Christian Missions Charitable trust, who will give us an inspiring update on their mission in India, with goods to buy in the hall afterwards, the proceeds of which go to support their work. Morning Tea.



Fellowship **Thursday 9 July at 1.00 pm:** We meet at 1.00 pm in the Church Hall today, when our guest speaker will be Trevor Hollard, not this charming Scots piper from Orewa.) Trevor will give a talk on Scottish History in NZ. All are welcome: - Your contacts are Lynda 813 9869 or Desley 836 6572 (Negotiations are happening for August 13's programme)

Sunday School Our Kids' Klub is up and running again, and will meet as usual during the school terms. Term 3 begins again on July 20. Contact: Marion 818 2835 for information. These three stalwarts of Kid's Klub are Daisy Barnett, Sophie Waller and Rose Barnett, pictured here in post lock-down freedom in the Church porch before the Service.



F **Sunday**
9 August
9.30 am

Praise God with our Talents Round 3



The August Family Service is Talent Time once more yes it's the annual celebration of Oratia's finest God-given talents.

Watch this space next time for more information. If you'd like to be involved, contact Marion on 818 2835.



House Group: First post lock-down meeting 7.30 pm for one hour this time, followed by supper on Monday **6 July** @ Stephen Brooker's home, 1/6 Surat Pl., Glen Eden. **20 July + 17 August** @ Jim Fountain's place, 121 Parker Road. **3 August** @ Stephen's place. You are welcome - Enquiries: Molly Whittington 814 9034 &/or Paul Goldsmith 813 2007.

Indoor Games Evenings 7.00 pm on Fridays 31 July & 28 August in the Hall. A gold coin donation for the Foodbank & a small plate of food for supper please. Scrabble, Rummikub, plus whatever games you bring. You are welcome.





10 Golden Rules for Level One

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your well-being, or underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. The NZ COVID Tracer app is a handy way.
8. Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
9. **STAY VIGILANT. There is still a global pandemic going on.** People & firms should be ready to act fast to step up Alert Levels.
10. People will have had different experiences over the last three of months. What you're feeling is OK. Be kind to others & yourself.

Stop Press

1. During lock-down, Margaret Marshall sent \$180 to the Leprosy Mission. Thanks to all donors. Margaret would also appreciate any used stamps to support the Christian Blind Mission's fundraising.
2. The Glen Eden Salvation Army Church Centre in Glengarry Road is closing. Just maybe, some worshippers there might head our way, says our source. (Anon.)
3. Glen Eden Anglican Church has now a Cambridge University graduate who is rostered to us with the priest in August.

Prayer Power



Please include in your prayers, all victims of the rapidly growing virus disaster world wide.

All others known to you who have special needs or have had spells in hospital or are facing health issues at this time, including Jim Fountain, Don Cochrane, Ken Gash, Jack Waller and Margaret Barnett.

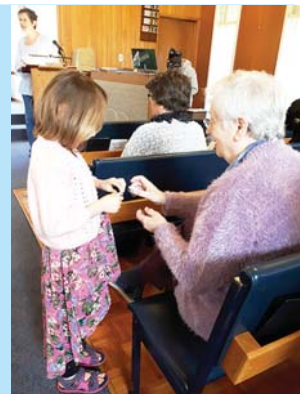
Greetings. 'Jesus' 1/2 Birthday' was the theme for our first post lock-down Family Service.



It was a good turnout and a joyous celebration of thanksgiving and hope for the future. In this photo, young Sophie Waller is helping Lynda Hogsden unwrap the little candle 'present', which supported the Bible verse 'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never extinguished it'..."

Matthew Barnett had us all busy manufacturing Christmas trees out of the now redundant 'keep your spacing' pew signs. Note the impressive new chin-warmer, a product of all that time working and child-minding at home. This was a very happy occasion followed by a celebratory 'Christmas' morning tea and time together.

The Generations. Daisy with Desley Gash and Shirley Vesey



People Here is a 'selfie' of Bryan and Robyn Ross who just escaped being travel-ban trapped in the South Island. Both teachers, they have retired, Bryan having served for 51 years, and Robyn for 38. Family is their first priority now.

Catherine Barnett now joins Ruth Knight as Oratia representatives on the Methodist Parish Council, being elected by the recent congregational meeting. Our thanks to the retiring representative, Glenda Vivash.



Here are mid-week Fellowship members at their June meeting. Present but missing from the photo are Glenda Vivash, Margaret Marshall and the photographer. Visiting speaker Heather Beatson (left photo, far right) told of her experiences as a JP and Marriage/Funeral celebrant.

Goodwill messages came from far and wide. From 'Aunty' Norma Stevens in the Karikari Peninsular. Thea Still sent a card from Katikati. Kenneth and Helen Smith in Canterbury emailed us. Messages came from all over NZ too.

'Voyage to the Far North' The Paul Goldsmith, Jim Fountain and Stephen Brooker convoy will head off on Thursday 24 July. Thanks to donors of all manner of goods for those in need in that high unemployment area.

No more bedding please, but specific needs still include warm clothing for men and boys, for toddlers and little girls and general house wares. Remember though, by law we are only able to accept 2-wire plastic casing electrical items, since 3-wire items require an expensive safety certificate.

ROSTERS



SUNDAY
12 July
26 July
9 August
23 August

FLOWERS
Judith Callander
Charlene Waller

CLEANING
Ben+Sophie Meadows+Margie Goldsmith
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MORNING TEA
Catherine B & Desley G
Sharron Meadows
Glenda V & Desley Gash
Marion Barnett

LAWNS

July - The Whittaker Family

August - Kon Tonu

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