



COVID Planning

We have received a letter from President Andrew. A summary of Andrew's letter is noted below.

It is challenging to find certainty during uncertain times, but we have been blessed with very low covid illness and death rates over the past two years. Unfortunately, it seems that all this is about to change. The next 3-4 months will undoubtedly differ from anything our nation of communities has ever experienced.

We, as The Methodist Church, Te Hāhi Weteriana, need to do our part. We have done a lot of work up until now, and our current aim should be to help 'flatten the curve' so that our health services and supply lines can be maintained.

Groups like Vahefonua Tonga have not worshipped in person for more than six months and continue their gatherings online. This will likely be the reality we all need to prepare for. As daily case numbers increase, it may be necessary to make this call within the next week or two.

So all parishes need to prepare to both protect and care for the most vulnerable among us – our shut-ins, those with compromised health conditions, our elderly, where we recognise that we are our brothers and sisters' keepers.



A WARM WELCOME WAS EXTENDED TO NICOLA!

It is great to have you on-board, and we're really looking forward to your leadership and ministry in the life of the 10AM congregation.

Leaders Meeting also acknowledged the Induction of Rev Utumau'u as our new Parish Superintendent and acknowledged the leadership of Rev Simote over the last 4 years,

We are thankful for the new ministry team at Wesley Wellington and look forward to the year ahead.

Wanted: Leaders Meeting is looking for a minute taker. If this is something you can offer, please talk with Daphne or Alan.

Updating our pastoral system

Leaders Meeting discussed the need to update our pastoral system. A group of 4 people has been established to work on this - Leatuavao, Daphne, Hugh and Nicola. With the threat of Omicron the first priority is to ensure that we are able to support one another as best we can. The group will consider how we might do this. One suggestion was we have a buddy system to ensure that we can keep track of those who may need to isolate and be able to meet their needs.

As noted in the President's letter it is also highly likely that the Church will make a call around in-person gatherings very soon, and this could mean a return to worship via Zoom. We know that there are some members of our congregation who will find this challenging, and we want to help them as best we can.

In order to do this we need information from you. Please complete the checking in form and return it to Nicola as quickly as possible.

Children's programme

Leaders Meeting is keen to restart our children's programme. Connexional guidelines still allow this to take place under the current Covid setting. Nicola would like to meet with parents and young people to see what they would like from the programme, and it was agreed the picnic might be a good forum for this discussion.

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION

Nicola indicated last Sunday her practice of pausing following the reflection. Leaders Meeting noted that some people may wish to have conversation about the reflection. It was agreed to offer a post-service discussion space over morning tea or lunch. This Sunday Nicola and Peter will have lunch at Enigma, Courtenay Place. Anyone who would like to join them for lunch and conversation is most welcome.

Lenten studies - in the past we have run multiple sessions in a day (day and evening). Nicola and Philip will investigate resources. Anyone interested in joining in, please indicate on the check in form. More information will be in the notices next week.

10am congregation giving trends to January 2022

