



SYNOD SNIPPETS

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Induction Service:

On 18 April Opawa Community Church in Christchurch had the Induction Service for Rev. Craig Fairhall. Rev Kathryn Walters led us through the various commitments relating to both Craig and the congregation around serving each other and Jesus Christ faithfully into the future. Members of the Leadership Team presented symbols of ministry relevant to us: These included the congregational roll, keys to our beautiful new facility, the Chalice & Paten, a jug representing baptism, a hymn book (although we mostly use more modern songs) and a globe. The latter represented our missionary endeavours with members of our congregation having had a continuous overseas presence for the past 40 years. Many in the congregation have given sacrificially over the year to maintain our financial commitment to our team. Currently we have a Christian presence in South East Asia, in China, in Australia with WEC and soon to be East Timor with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). A further family was financially supported while they served overseas in Asia, Africa and then the Middle East but now, with Greg heading the Housing Division of the Salvation Army we continue to pray for him and that ministry too.

A more tangible expression of our gratitude and support to Craig and his family was the presentation of a new Bible to Craig, some flowers for Sharyn, his wife, and chocolates for each of his 4 children: Latham, Samantha, Cameron & Matthew. Many visitors came to join in the celebration after which they were invited to the pot luck lunch organised by the congregation afterwards.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Ascension Day 13 May

Synod 6 till 8 August

MCNZ Conference 17-20 Nov

DROP BOX LINK:

For an Updated Directory, Synod Minutes, Executive Minutes, past Newsletters, Waiata and a host of information, click on this link:

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Annual Church service for West Coasters in Canterbury:

The Annual Church service for West Coasters in Canterbury will be hosted by the Christchurch North Methodist Parish on Sunday May 2nd at 10am at their church on the corner of Harewood Road and Chapel Street in Papanui. Sister Tui Cadigan from Bruce Bay and Hokitika, now resident in New Brighton, will be the preacher. Rae Wilson at 03 358 7982 is collecting photographs of church, Sunday school and Bible Class events on the West Coast.

All West Coasters are invited to the service. For further information contact Garth and Elizabeth Cant at 03 3481 654 or Cheryl Brown 03 337 0297.

Godly play:

Ellesmere Cooperating Parish is hosting a Introduction to Godly play on the 12th of May. We will start at 10 am and aiming to be done by 4 pm. Tea and coffee will be provided but we ask that you bring your own lunch. Cost will be \$25 taken on the day. There is only 6 slots left, please book your spot by emailing Rev Willem van der walt at wavdwalt@gmail.com.



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