

Rosters	17th March	24th March	31st March	7th April
Door	Helen & Jean S.	Helen & Jean S.	Helen & Jean S.	Jenny L & Roger
Intercession	Janice	John	Wayne	Myron
Computer	Myron	Lorraine	Lorraine	Lorraine
Sound	Suzanne	Conal		Jemma
Tea	Michelle	Steve	Jenny N.	Jan
Birthday Prayers	Cathy	Sue	Jenny L.	Sue
Church Lunch	Church foyer	John & Lorraine	Jean K.	Church foyer
'Waiting on God'	Wayne	Cathy	Trevor	Wayne
Communion				Robert

Please ensure your cell phones are on vibrate or turned off during the service.



## Contact Details

Please note that the office is closed every Tuesday between 9.30 am to 10.30 am for our team meeting.

### Minister:

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**Youth Pastor:** Grant Watkins (Friday only)

**Session Clerk:** Peter Hokopaura Ph: 278 6980

**Church Administrator:** Suzanne Hokopaura

**Treasure Seekers:** Vacant

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Our Vision is ~  
To honour God,  
nurture, disciple and send out

# Weekly News



# 17th March 2024

We will train and equip those who will honour God, making disciples to be salt and light in our community and afar

## Welcome everyone

If you are new to St John's or visiting with us, we welcome you to our service.

## Today's service

Today's message is brought to us by Pete Kempthorne.

## Shared Lunch

Today's shared lunch is being held in the Church foyer. **All Welcome**

### Weekly Prayer

- Please pray that the Hope booklet would have a great impact for the Gospel.
- Continue to pray for Matt Millar and family.
- Continue to pray for the Ministry Settlement Board and for our next Minister.

## Ministry Settlement Board Update

The team has been meeting regularly and updating the Church's profile in readiness for advertising. There are also plans to make a short video to give an overview of our Church so in the near future, when this is arranged, the Board will seek approval of our members to be photographed and/or videoed.

## HOPE Project

The Hawera Minister's Association is planning a booklet drop prior to Easter and is looking for volunteers to assist them. Each 'area' has approximately 70 houses and they are seeking at least 5 volunteers from each Church to cover Hawera. Please contact the office or see Wayne if you can help.



## Upcoming Events

### Easter Week of Prayer 22nd to 28th March

The Combined Churches of Hawera are holding another Week of Prayer. Booklets will be available from the foyer table. Our host day is Tuesday 26th March @ 6 pm so please join us in praying for our community.

### Easter Walk of Witness

Friday 29th March @ 9.30 am - starting at the Methodist Church, then to St Joseph's Catholic Church, then St John's, then to the Town Square and then to St Mary's for morning tea.



### AOG Movie Fundraiser - The Jesus Revolution - supporting Mission

Wednesday 20th March @ 7 pm at Hawera AOG. All proceeds go to those living in South East Asia.



### Upcoming Speakers

24th March - Roger Bent

31st March - Stephan van Os

7th April - Wayne



## Office closed

Tuesday 19th, 20th, 21st and reopening possibly Monday 25th March due to my treatment regime.



## Board wanted

A clean, tidy and quiet lady is needing board as she returns to Hawera to study at WITT. If you can help please phone Keeley Barker on 021 0866 9763.

## Special Offering for a bereaved family

Paul Cornish has been in contact with the family who suffered in the recent fatal house fire in Normanby.

Paul has asked the Combined Churches leaders if they would like to contribute to the love offering to this family.

Contributions can be made to Wayne or at the office before Thursday 21st March in order for them to be passed on to the family by Paul.



## The Story of the Cracked Pot

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.'

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

- Author Unknown