

Holy Trinity Tauranga

23 September 2018

Transforming Lives & Communities

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." (Luke 1:41). Last week Vicar Paul shared about the death of John the Baptist and how it foretold a shift in Jesus' ministry. This verse reminds us that John and Jesus had a relationship that went back to the womb in that their mothers were relatives (Luke 1:36): they weren't just ministry colleagues. In birth they were bound together; they probably played together and shared life in their early years. Maybe they shared with each other what their mothers had heard from God about them. Certainly Jesus knew who John was (see Matthew 11) and honoured him for it.

We do well to remember that John's death was not academic to Jesus. It would have hit him hard and deeply underscored that he, Jesus, was on the same path of confrontation with the earthly powers that could destroy the body, but not the soul. Jesus would have felt the grief of losing his friend whose life was bound with his own. Don't forget that as we move on to the next part of the story; the events leading up to Jesus feeding 5000 plus people. Have you ever had to push on when you were torn with grief and weary beyond belief?

Donald Carter

Sundays at HTT

8.00am - Traditional
10.00am - Healing Service

Messy Church
Third Sunday 4 - 6pm

Children



10am - Ages 3-5 and
Years 1-6 room 2 in the Hall

Summit Youth



10am - Years 7-11 in the Hall

First Time at HTT?

Welcome, it's great to have you with us today. If you would like to find out more about our church please see our friendly people at the Welcome Desk after the service.

Your invitation to:



Messy Church
Sunday 21 October
4-6pm at HTT

EVERYONE of EVERY AGE WELCOME!

Theme: *Self Control*

*There will be: -
Crafts & activities
Short Christian story
& community time.*

*Finishing with a simple meal
(with GF & vegetarian options)*

Today at the 8am Service we welcome

The Mighty River Harmony Chorus who will be singing during the service.

Messy Church Needs

Odd or pairs of socks wanted; all sizes, but in good condition. Needed for the October Messy Church. Please drop off to Reception.

AAW Outing to Rotorua

to visit to Shelia Buckle's house. For a seat in the church van contact Margaret Gundersen.

HTT Life Groups

These groups are the best way to meet people and make new friends at HTT. If you would like to join a group, speak to John Wanhill after the 10am Service or email j.jwanhill@gmail.com ph 021 1059156.

Supporting your Spiritual Journey in 2018

This weekend! A 3-Day live-in Cursillo workshop for men and women from Thurs evening 27 Sept to Sun 30 Sept at Pacific Park Christian Camp, Papamoa. This is an opportunity to deepen and nourish your faith in a joyful and supportive fellowship. For more information see Others' Noticeboard or contact Christine Gaudin ph 571 3416 or 027 295 5145.

**Operation
Christmas Child
Shoebboxes
are on their way**



Mums' Friday Morning Coffee Group

**Last meeting for the Term
This Friday 10am, Rm 2 Church Hall**

All Mums welcome

Contact Mary-Jane for more details
at kidz@holyltrinitytauranga.com

Domestic Batteries for Recycling

Save the planet: drop off your old batteries to the Church Office.

Pre-Service Prayer Meeting - 9.30am

in Prayer Room to pray for 10am service.

Prayer Ministry Available

at 8am and 10am services during and after Communion at back left of the Auditorium.

Non-Alcoholic Communion

available on the Organ side of the stage for those managing health issues.

Church Family

Thank you

Shona, Kate & Andrew and their families are deeply grateful for the expressions of sympathy and tributes to David. We so appreciate the messages, calls, flowers and food. Thank you for your care and concern and loving prayers.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim Leggett on the recent passing of his wife Judy. Judy's funeral will be held tomorrow at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm.

Others' News

Abortion?

"I lived with the consequences of abortion-anger, sadness, avoidance of babies for years and years. Finally I am free of shame and guilt, able to be myself, accepting my shortcomings, less judgmental. This course was life changing." Starts this month. Ph 5787458, Barbara Hill confidentially, for more info.

Month of Sundays 'Standing in Awe' @ 7pm

Tonights Topic: Beyond the Genesis Debate. St Enoch's Presbyterian Church, 16th Ave. Brochures on the Others' Noticeboard.

Free Tickets to hear Barry Lloyd Vercoe

4pm Tga Boys' College, Graham Young Youth Theatre, Sun 7 Oct. Tickets from Eileen & Paul Garratt. Details on Others' Noticeboard.

Jewish Outreach in NZ

A time of worship and prayer. Sat 13 Oct 2pm HTT Foyer. For more info, see Dorothy Finlay or the poster on the Others' Noticeboard.

Bible Lands Pilgrimages with Phillip Donnell

Israel/Jordan in Oct 2019 and/or Oct 2020, dovetailing with the Feast of Tabernacles. Contact Phillip 021 172 3244 or email pjdonnell@orcon.net.nz for further info.

"But take courage now, Zerubbabel!- Yahweh declares. Courage, Joshua son of Jehozadak high priest! Courage, all you people of the country!-Yahweh declares. To work! I am with you – The Lord of Heaven's Armies declares- and my spirit is present among you. Do not be afraid! For The Lord of Heaven's Armies says this: A little while now, and I shall shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I shall shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will flow in, and I shall fill this Temple with glory, says The Lord of Heaven's Armies . Mine is the silver, mine the gold!- The Lord of Heaven's Armies declares. The glory of this new Temple will surpass that of the old, says The Lord of Heaven's Armies , and in this place I shall give peace -- The Lord of Heaven's Armies declares." Haggai 2:4-9



Daylight savings starts
next Sunday 30 September

Readings 8am: Mark 6: 30-44

10am: Song of Solomon 1: 5-8, Mark 6: 30-44

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Collect: Holy God, in your economy the last will be first and the first will be last; help us to step aside, grant us such humiliy that we may recognise and welcome all your children with open hands, warm hearts and generous minds, with the hospitality of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the warmth of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Parents Room available at the back of the Auditorium during the service

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