



FEBRUARY / MARCH  
2025

*Bringing Glory to God in Worship and Life*  
*Established 1854 — Living it in 2025*

### Dear Church Family,

As we step into February, we give thanks for the rhythms of life that return with the new year. Schools are back in session, and our church programmes and activities are beginning again, bringing new opportunities for fellowship.

We had a wonderful time at our church picnic on February 2nd, and we extend a heartfelt thank you to Sharlene and Derek for their warm hospitality in opening their home to us. It was a joy to share food, laughter, and time together as a church family.

Looking ahead, we invite you to our Community Lunch on the second Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. This is an open event, so bring a friend, and enjoy a time of connection and encouragement.

Our combined youth group is also kicking off for the year, beginning on February 14th at Papakura East. We encourage all our young people to come along for fellowship, and faith-filled discussions. If you have any children aged 11-17 in your family that could be interested, please get in touch.

As we embrace the year ahead, let us hold fast to the truth that God is with us in every season. The words of Isaiah 40:31 remind us:

**"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."**

May we trust in God's guidance and strength as we move forward together.

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God,  
Thank You for new beginnings and the gift of community. As we step into the coming months, strengthen us in faith and guide us in all that we do. May our church be a light in our community, reflecting Your love and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessings,

Rev. Maugapaia Ropeti-Iupeli



## February & March Services at a Glance

- Sun Feb 9th** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Fri Feb 14th** *Valentine's Day*
- Sun Feb 16th** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun Feb 23rd** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun Mar 2nd** 9:30am Service, Holy Communion: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun Mar 9th** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun Mar 16th** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun Mar 23rd** 9:30am Service: Paia Ropeti-Iupeli
- Sun Mar 30th** 9:30am Service: T.B.A.

## Sunday Service: 9.30am



## Notices

### COMMUNITY LUNCH

A new initiative for 2025 - the second Thursday of every month during the school term, 12.30pm-2pm in our church hall. A simple lunch is provided; come along for fellowship. Everyone welcome, bring a friend.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 22nd February, 8am-9am at Papakura East Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP to Chris J if attending, so numbers for catering are accurate.

### LADIES' GROUP

Saturday 22nd February, 10am-11.30am at Drury Presbyterian Church hall (see info below right).

### LECTIONARY BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

The Lectionary is a method by which much of the Bible is read aloud in church, over a period of three years. It's produced by CCT (Consultation on Common Texts ecumenical liturgical body). If you'd like to follow along, as Paia does with his sermon themes, pick up a copy of the Lectionary booklet from the foyer table or go to [www.presbyterian.org.nz](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz) and search 'lectionary' - you'll see a 2024/2025 version, downloadable as a PDF.

## DPC Weekly

### Sundays 9.30am

- Service followed by morning tea at 10.30am.
- Kids Rock during service.

### Tuesdays 10am-11.30am (during school term)

- Prayer Group meet in the church hall.

### Wednesdays 7pm:

- 19th Feb - Parish Council meet in church hall.
- 19th March - Parish Council meet in church hall.

### Thursdays:

- Young Adults' Group fortnightly at the manse.
- 20th Feb - Clevedon Church Induction for Rory Grant, 7pm.
- 27th Feb - St Andrews Otahuhu Ordination/ Induction - 7pm.

### Fridays, 7pm-9.30pm (during school term)

- Youth Group at Papakura East Church. Contact Paia for venue or transport info.

### Saturday 22nd February

- Men's Breakfast at PEPC, 8am-9am.
- Ladies' Group at Drury, 10am-11.30am.

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# WORKING FROM HOME



# DURING THE SUMMER



Guest Speaker:

## KATE

### A Camino Pilgrimage

Enjoy catching up with old and new friends over a relaxed Morning Tea then listen to Kate, and her experience of travelling the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage route in Spain that ends at the tomb of St. James in Santiago de Compostela.

Please RSVP to Sharlene 021 105 4477

WHEN:

Saturday 22nd Feb 2025  
10am - 11.30am

WHERE:

Drury Presbyterian Church Hall,  
38 Norrie Road, Drury



## Contacts

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