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Hutt City UNITING Congregations

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PARISH BULLETIN

MISSION STATEMENT

"WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE HUTT CITY UNITING CONGREGATIONS PARISH, COVENANT TO NURTURE THE SPIRITUAL IN OURSELVES AND OTHER PEOPLE AND EXPLORE NEW WAYS OF EXPERIENCING AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN CHRIST."

UPCOMING HCUC EVENTS AND COMBINED SERVICES 2026...

NOV 8

HCUC AGM

Held at Waiwhetu Uniting Church 10AM

NOV 14

HCUC YOUTH SOCIAL

Stokes Valley Uniting Church 5PM

Congregation Services:

Stokes Valley Uniting: Rev Les Solomona
Weekly Sunday Services: 10.00am

- Morning tea—every 1st Sunday and after services led by visiting lay preachers
- Holy Communion Service is every 1st Sunday of the month.

Waiwhetu Uniting: Rev Les Solomona
Weekly Sunday Services at 10am

- Holy Communion Service is every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- Women's Fellowship meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm.

St John's Avalon: Rev Hana Popea-Dell
Weekly Sunday Services at 12pm - Tongan Speaking Service

- Holy Communion Service every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- Kids Church at 10.30am

St Marks Wesley: Rev Hana Popea-Dell
Weekly Sunday Services at 10.00am - English Speaking Service
Samoan Language Service at 12pm.
Samoan Steward: Samaila Faafetai Faalogo

- Holy Communion Service is every 1st Sunday of the month.
- Sunday School at 10am
- Check out the notice board beside the church doors for the latest roster.
- If you are unable to fulfil your roster duty, please arrange a replacement and contact Eseta Alatau or Koli to advise. Thank you!

St Aidan's on the Hill Normandale: Rev Kolotau Ahokava
Weekly Sunday Service at 10am (Time updated as of 6.09.2026)

- Every 1st Sunday of the month is a Café service.
- Holy Communion every 2nd Sunday
- Messy Church every 3rd Sunday at 4pm
- Open door lunch every 3rd Thursday at 12pm noon

Wainuiomata Union: Rev Kolotau Ahokava
Weekly Sunday Services at 10am

- Morning tea—every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. Biscuits will be supplied and a donation please. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday please bring a plate.
- If you are unwell or lonely & need help, please ph Heather &/or Freesia. They are our Pastoral Care champions when needed. Adele Ph 564 7544, or Freesia Ph 564 4550.

New Notices:

<u>UCANZ Update:</u> The **Commission of Church Partners** has been looking at the future of ***UCANZ (Uniting Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand)*** and has recommended that **UCANZ no longer continue as the national organisation supporting Union and Co-operating Parishes.** This recommendation comes from the belief that churches can be better supported when decisions and leadership are closer to local communities through regional church structures. While this would mean changes to how UCANZ operates, **it does not mean churches will stop working together**.

The Commission remains committed to cooperation, shared ministry, and strong relationships between Methodist, Presbyterian, and other partner churches.
The Commission understands that many people may have questions about what this means for their parish and the future of cooperative ministry. **Over the coming months, regional church leaders will be meeting with parishes to share information, listen to concerns, answer questions, and discuss how these changes could best support local congregations.**

A final report is expected to be presented to the UCANZ Forum during King's Birthday Weekend 2027. Until then, parish members are encouraged to stay informed and take part in conversations about the future of cooperative ministry.

Information Zoom Meeting
📅 **Thursday 19 November, 7:30pm**
Meeting ID: 843 5111 1236, Passcode: Presbytery
Please contact Neti or Peter if you have any questions or would like further information.

As we continue this journey together, let us keep our churches, leaders, and communities in our prayers. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation, learn more, and share their thoughts as we seek God's guidance for the future. 🙏💙

<u>Methodist Woman's Fellowship - WLG District Gathering</u>
Saturday 14 November 2026, 10am to 2pm at Wesley Church, Taranaki st, Wellington. Please bring a small plate of food to share for lunch. All women welcome. If anyone has any queries, Please contact Brenda Baker at 027 5695308 or bakerbrenda360@gmail.com

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St Aidans on the Hill - Garage Sale: Saturday 21 November, 9am to 12pm.
Join us at the St Aidan's Garage Sale, a much-loved community event supporting the work of the church. Browse books, plants, white elephant treasures, home baking, preserves, and enjoy delicious island food! To donate goods, offer help or order island food in advance please contact Janine or Dave on 021706055 or 04 586 1311.

CHRIST AMOUNG US - Advent Calendar: Join us for a four-week Advent Journey, Christ Among Us: From Watching to Living by Philip Garside. Held at Waiwhetū Uniting Church, Wednesdays from 25 November, 2PM – 4pm. Open to all HCUC members.

Bible Study with Rev Hana Popea: Everyone is warmly invited to join Rev Hana for online Bible Study each Monday and Friday at 7.00pm. Whether you're new to Bible study or have been attending for years, all are welcome as we learn, reflect, and grow together in faith. To receive the meeting link, please contact Rev Hana at hana@hcuc.co.nz. We would love to have you join us! 😊

Upcoming Youth Events:

END OF YEAR SOCIAL - WILD WEST ON BROADWAY
Saturday 14 November | 5PM Stokes Valley Uniting Church
To celebrate the end of the year, HCUC Youth warmly invites our congregations to join us for a fun-filled evening. Come dressed in our Wild West theme, with prizes for the best-dressed cowboys and cowgirls of all ages! Our young people will also be presenting performances inspired by their favourite musicals and please bring a plate to share!

For more information, please speak with the youth leaders in your congregation. We look forward to celebrating with you! 😊

Or find us on Instagram and Facebook @HCUCYOUTH

The Lord bless & keep you. The Lord be gracious to you and give you peace.

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Please send your bulletin contributions no later than Wednesday evening.