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Growth

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Growth

Spring is the beautiful time of the year where every day a new thing is seen. The soft greens of new shoots, bright blossom colours and muted blue skies make for a time that is refreshing and full of life. And yet only a few weeks ago, none of the growth was visible. Hidden under the soil or buried in the bark of trees were the growing buds and grass-blades, waiting for the day length and temperature to be right. Growth was happening, it just was not visible. Horticulturists tell us that many plant species need the adverse conditions of winter to trigger the hidden growth.

In God's created world, the cycles of nature are often repeated in our lived lives. This pandemic-affected year has meant that so many of the groups we gather in, the programmes we run, the worship services we attend, have paused, dwindled, or disappeared. It seems as though they have died. The struggle to stop, start, stop again, and start again has taken its toll.

But just as in nature, adverse conditions trigger growth. Only in the hard times do we discover resilience. Only in the hard times do we sift the dross from that which is vital. Underneath and unseen, God is at work in the deep places, breathing life and growth into God's creation.

Last magazine I wrote of Archbishop Philip's call to live into being a *people marked by gratitude*. We may not feel grateful for the pandemic and ongoing restrictions that it causes. But, low and behold, spring has come around and the beauty of it surrounds us daily. We cannot help but give thanks for the life God is pouring forth.

All over the world churches and communities are finding new ways

of gathering and caring for each other. People who have not been able to get to church for years in some cases, are enjoying seeing their own community at worship in on-line services. Some churches are reporting much larger “attendances” for their on-line worship that they have actually experienced in their churches for years. Whilst these are encouraging signs, we need to acknowledge that the work and growth of being Christ’s followers happens in community. Christianity is only truly able to grow when people are in relationship with each other; as up-close and challenged as siblings in the family of God. Being family means standing alongside each other through the differences of opinion, different personalities and abilities.

Not being able to go to church has created a deep sense of gratitude for each other and for all the years we have been free to worship as often as we wish. Surely, from that gratitude will flow a renewed determination to ensure others receive the same opportunity. A church full of grateful people, treasuring being together again and aware of the cost Christ paid for their freedom is a church loving and serving each other. That makes for a worshipping community where anyone who even tentatively put their toe into that church, will know they have found something special.

We don’t yet know where new growth will spring from. There are hints and tentative shoots. What signs of new life have you seen in the church? What encourages you? One thing is certain. Just as new spring growth needs the right environment and careful protection, any emerging growth in the church will need careful nurturing. Living as *a people marked by gratitude* will provide the nurturing environment God calls us to offer.

Rev'd Julie Guest

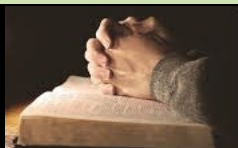


We commit to God and

Pray for the family of:

Eric Townley

Please advise the Parish Office (Ph. 871-5568) of any parishioner illness, hospital admissions or prayer requests for noting by our Pastoral Care team.



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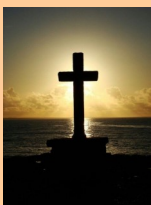
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St John's Women's Christian Fellowship



October is fast approaching and we will be starting to think of Christmas and all that is entailed! The speaker will be Barbara Waldron talking of her English holidays and waterways. And November is our AGM. If you have a burning desire to be on the committee please let someone know beforehand. We hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to some warm weather.

Janice Millar



***The fact of the matter is
The choice was all His
But the cross in the middle
Should have been mine***

What's On at St John's

<u>Sunday</u>	8.00 am	Service (Old St John's, Te Awamutu)	
	9.00 am	Service (<i>1st & 3rd Sundays</i>) (St Paul's, Hairini)	
	9:30 am	Service (St Saviour's, Pirongia)	
	<u>10.30 am</u>	Service (St John's, Te Awamutu)	New Time!
<u>Monday</u>	9.30 am	Knit and Natter (Lounge) **	
	10-2.00 pm	Pirongia Craft Group (St Saviour's)	
	5.00 pm	Outreach Meal (Lounge) back at Covid Level 1	
<u>Tuesday</u>	9-10.00 am	Gardening Group (<i>2nd Tue</i>) (St John's)	
	11.00 am	Christian Women's Fellowship	
		<i>every second Tuesday of the month</i> (Lounge)	
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:30-11.00 am	Mainly Music (Hall)* **	
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30-12 noon	Selwyn Centre (Lounge)**	
	11 am	Mid Week Service (<i>1st & 3rd</i>) (Old St John's)	
<u>Friday</u>	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (<i>In Vicar's office</i>)	
	9:30-11.00 am	Mainly Music (Hall)* **	
	5: -7 pm	Youth Group (Hall)* **	New Time!
<u>Last Sunday of the Month</u>			
	5.30 pm	Social Parish Meal at Te Awamutu RSA **	

(Meetings with an * are term time only)

(** Dependant on Covid Levels status—check with office)

Upcoming Events:

October	Saturday 3rd	Zoom Synod
	Sunday 4th	Pet Blessing Service
November	Sunday 29th	Heritage Christmas (<i>instead of Evensong</i>) <i>Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols.</i>
December	Sunday 6th	Carols at St Saviours Pirongia
	Sunday 13th	Carols at St Pauls
	Sunday 20th	Messy Christmas (<i>Covid permitting</i>)

We Have A Story to Tell

There is a melodic hymn of which you may have heard, or you may have even sung, called “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.” And the opening line of its chorus proclaims, “This is my story, this is my song.”

I'm sure we all have stories to tell or yet to write of our lives and experiences. It is important to record all those memories – good or bad – for future generations to read and maybe incredulously marvel at; as it is to share who and what we are, telling out our stories, and singing our songs. Well, I'm going to share with you a story of my own; it is a story in which the invisible hand of God was at work in me, preparing me for what I am now.

Both my parents came from farming stock, and I – like my brothers – was pretty much a townie ignorant of farm life. A friend of mine who attended the Parish's Roundabout Club, comprised of young adults, with me encouraged me to join the local Young Farmers' Club to broaden my limited horizons.

Little did I know that I would soon learn how to milk cows in every imaginable way; learn how to sew, transforming urea bags into a dress to model at the District YFC Make and Model competition (yes, I'm sure our Vicar, like all you ladies may find that rather hard to believe), and also learn how to keep the club's cashbook as its new, yet inexperienced but willing treasurer. And once we reached a certain age, we had to leave gracefully (or disgracefully!) the club and join the Federated Farmers – which I didn't since I was one of **those** townies. Oh, the happy memories!

Those memories and experiences have put me in good stead. As I underwent ordination training as a Vocational deacon and rigorous spiritual formation as a Franciscan in the early and mid 1990's, I found myself visiting young farmers who were members of our Parish. Helping them milk cows in the late afternoon (they were so thrilled to see a minister from the Church, yes, the Anglican Church!) actually getting his feet wet and hands dirty in the milking shed!; delivering food parcels of home-baking with refreshments of a stronger kind in the height of calving season [delivering the goodies in their kitchens with sinks piled high with leaning Pisa-like towers of dirty dishes]; going on farm walks with them - listening to their plans for the future - in my gumboots, ankle deep in grass and almost

knee deep in fresh cow manure, followed by an ample farmer's lunch. And they came to my place to hang-out as well, to have a coffee, a smoke or two, to sample some home baking, to relax and to have a good chat with someone who understood and was prepared to listen and who cared enough and who had time for them.

And today, I have a better awareness and understanding of farming life, the pressures and stresses that confront young farmers, driving them to the edge of suicidal thoughts; I have become a fabric artist as a means of occupational therapy; and I audit books, teaching and mentoring newly appointed treasurers how to keep them, and am currently the Parish Treasurer. God wastes nothing, he wastes no-one.

In the opening chapter of the Scroll of Jeremiah the prophet, God said to him, "I knew you before I formed you in the womb..... and you shall go where I send you and you shall speak the words that I give you." This is a story, this is a song, of mine to share with you all today. So what is your story to share, what is your song to sing?

So often do we hide our light/s behind a bush, too afraid that we may be mocked or looked down upon or even criticised for what we do by those who may not understand or by those who do not feel called to do something beautiful for God. Stepping out can be risky!

Everything we do in our Parish, in our home, in our community, in our world is something beautiful for God. Last year we looked at the concept of re-imagining the church, by being front-lines for God. It is more than likely that God has been writing in our hearts and preparing us to do that something, if not for today, but then for tomorrow; to go where he wishes to send us, to say those words he calls us to speak.

God did something beautiful for us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the gift of eternal life, the gift of his unconditional love for all of us, his blessed assurance. So, what will be your response? What will be your story to tell, your song to sing?

May God bless us all in the stories we are writing and living and telling out, today and tomorrow, and the days ahead.

Deacon Norris

End of Life Choice Referendum

The 2020 election is unusual because, as well as casting our vote for a candidate and a party, we have two important referenda on which to vote Yes or No. This article will focus on the End of Life Choice Referendum only.

The first point to understand is that the End of Life Choice Act 2019 (EOLC) has already been passed by the NZ parliament. If more than 50% of New Zealanders vote “Yes” in the referendum on 17 October, this act will come into force 12 months after the final votes are counted, i.e. November 2021. If that happens, Pandora’s box will have been opened; there will be no going back. Therefore, it is essential firstly to understand what the Act says, secondly to consider the risks that would expose New Zealanders to, and thirdly, what should a thoughtful Christian response be to the question in the referendum: Do you support the End of Life Choice Act 2019 coming into force?

Firstly, then, let us summarise what the EOLC Act says.

Any New Zealand citizen or permanent resident over the age of 18, suffering from a terminal illness which is likely to end their life within 6 months, can ask for assisted dying if they also have significant and ongoing decline in physical capability, experience unbearable suffering which cannot be eased and are able to make an informed decision about assisted dying.

The EOLC Act makes it legal for doctors and nurse practitioners to administer a lethal dose of medication (euthanasia) or give it to someone to self-administer (assisted suicide). Under the Act, a person must be able to understand and remember the information about assisted dying. The person’s doctor and an independent doctor must agree that the person meets all the criteria above and is not under pressure to make their decision. The person sets a date and time and the doctor or nurse practitioner administers the process.

Secondly, let us discuss the risks faced by NZ society if the Act comes into force.

A number of professional bodies, including the NZMA, Hospice NZ, Australia and New Zealand Palliative Care Association and the Inter Church Bioethics Council oppose the Act coming into force because it affects some of the most vulnerable people in society and places an unreasonable burden on medical practitioners. Although the Act makes it legal for them to give a lethal dose of medication, it also gives them all the responsibility for discerning that a person is making their decision freely and without pressure.



The patient could activate the process of assisted dying in as little as 4 days from the time of diagnosis. They could do this without having to see a specialist, without trying any treatment to alleviate “unbearable” suffering, without being screened for depression and without having to involve a family member. Remember this includes 18-year olds too!

The NZMA knows that prognoses can be, and often are, unreliable. People with terminal illness can live far beyond the 6 months specified in the Act.

Rachel, an 18-year old student, makes an impassioned plea against euthanasia by recounting her father’s illness. (<https://youtu.be/ZA5qEOVC8pc>) Diagnosed with a brain tumour 5 years before Rachel was born, her father was given weeks to live when she was 1 year old and again when she was 4 years old and was receiving hospice care both times. Although he found everyday tasks difficult, Rachel’s dad lived until she was 9. She says: “What if EOLC had been available and he had decided not to be a burden to his family?” She would have missed out on 9 years of knowing he loved her.

A young woman I knew well was diagnosed with an aggressive, inoperable brain tumour. Her initial prognosis was given as 8 weeks to 8 months. In fact, she had almost 3 years, time to marry her long-term partner and to spend 2 more lovely Christmases with her family – precious time which might have been denied to them all if the EOLC Act were in force.



The NZMA argues that euthanasia is unethical, it is harmful to individuals and is risky for the vulnerable. Those who have just received a diagnosis of a terminal illness with 6 months remaining are at a very vulnerable point in their lives. Even more vulnerable are the 18-year olds whose brains have not yet fully matured. Normalising physician assisted dying may even increase the rate of suicide, especially among young people, according to Rachel, as it may normalise dying by choice.

The Australian and New Zealand Palliative Care Association and Hospice NZ say that end of life care is improving all the time. There are very few people who cannot enjoy quality of life right to the end, however long that may be. In NZ there are already a number of measures which are legally available to alleviate suffering which are NOT euthanasia. These include:

- ◆ Turning off life support
- ◆ Receiving pain relief that shortens life
- ◆ Stopping medication and tests
- ◆ Respecting Do Not Resuscitate orders

Lastly, but most importantly, overarching the arguments against the EOLC Act is our belief as Christians that all lives are sacred in God's sight. God brought us into being and He has a purpose for every life, whatever the

term of that life may be. Those who have a terminal illness and unbearable suffering are not less loved by God than the able-bodied. Many scriptures speak to us who are made in his image of God's love and his desire to accompany us through our whole life. Psalm 139 is especially powerful. In v.14: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made". In v.16: "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be". Again, in v.23: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts". God has poured out His love upon all – John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Not one scripture says that the ill are not welcome. We have only to think of Jesus' ministry among the lepers, the lame, the blind, to the woman with haemorrhages, to Lazarus and Jairus' daughter. The compassion of God, although beyond our understanding, is available to all. This is the love, the compassion which is visible and available on a daily basis in the many hospices of NZ.

We do not need the EOLC Act to come into force in NZ. Instead we need the commitment of our MPs to funding and supporting quality hospice and palliative care, irrespective of where you live in NZ.

A compassionate society does not need euthanasia legislation. Instead it values the life of each person and supports them, especially when they are at their most vulnerable.

I urge you, therefore, to give your most prayerful consideration to the End of Life Choice Referendum.

Christine Bryant

See also: <https://youtu.be/1DpYmMkzIdE>

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St Saviours as the Gateway To Heaven

What fun! Fourteen children present at the August 2 service at St Saviours numbered more than half the congregation. Afterwards the wonderfully floral and delicately scented Michaelia tree planted in memory of Margaret Sherwin was heavily populated with angels ascending and descending. Jacob, about whom we had read in the Old Testament, named the place where he saw angels ascending and descending, Bethel (House of God.) Appropriation is appropriate, and also the blessing of God:

"I am the LORD, the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give the land on which you are lying to you and your descendants.



14... Through you and through your descendant every family on earth will be blessed.

15 Remember, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go..."

17 Filled with awe, Jacob said, "How awe-inspiring this place is! Certainly, this is the house of God and the gateway to heaven!"

Light Party

This year the Te Awamutu Combined Church's Leaders Association (TACCLA) has decided not to hold a Light Party. The decision was partly driven by the uncertainty caused by the Pandemic. But the escalating cost and declining numbers of volunteers from each church also contributed. Aside from the cost of the rides and sausages, there were increasing costs in meeting traffic management and other Health and Safety requirements. Each year there was a growing Light Party debt which the Bible Chapel has carried. As a group, TACCLA members felt that had to be addressed.

So the decision was made to make the Light Party a bi-annual event with a different format. Exactly what the format will be is still to be decided. A bi-annual Light Party also means that churches will be able to lessen the financial impact by spreading their financial commitment over two years.

So although there will be no Light Party this year, donations towards next year's one are welcomed, along with any feed back and/or offers of help or ideas for next year.



Op Shop Report

With the change of seasons upon us the Op Shop had a large task changing our winter clothing and shoes to summer items. This involved dealing with the stored items and ironing, steam cleaning, repairing, freshening up and displaying to complete the task before the Parish Fair Day. We do appreciate the work the team put into this changeover.

Many thanks to all who contribute items for us to sell as this is the only way we can continue to present good quality items for sale.

A reminder, clean old towels or similar soft items not suitable for sale can be left with us to donate to Riding for Disabled to rub their horses down so are very acceptable.

We look forward to some warm sunny days so we can sell our summer items.

The Op Shop Team

Many Thanks!

To all the folk who brought us weekend meals during a time of my incapacity after a nasty fall followed by ulcerated legs. It was so difficult to spend any time on my legs in preparation of meals, so as well as getting Meals on Wheels from Freeman Court during the week, the kindness and generosity of the ones who helped out at weekends was so appreciated. May God bless you all in your giving. Linda and Brian.

Blessings. Linda

Three Decades of Dedication



Losing her husband to cancer is the source of Hazel Robertson's 30 year-long determination to help others facing a cancer diagnosis.

"My first husband was diagnosed with cancer in 1983 and I ended up taking over the day-to-day running of the grocery shop we had in town.

"All of a sudden I was running a business for the first time and trying to manage how my husband would make all of his medical appointments, and that's not even touching on the emotional side of how it impacted our family."

Hazel started as a Cancer Society volunteer three decades ago and has seen through almost every Daffodil Day – the iconic event now also marking 30 years.

As well as supporting the local Cancer Society team in unifying the Te Awamutu community for Daffodil Day, Hazel co-ordinates a local team of drivers.

"In my experience, helping people to get to and from medical appointments has always been one of the most useful ways to support people and their families."

"I have been a Cancer Society driver since the very beginning." "Helping the client with their seatbelt, walking with them up to the right place in the hospital, taking care of the cost of petrol and parking, or just listening to their story – these all seem like small things but they can make a big difference to someone."

Congratulations Hazel for 3 decades of involvement in Daffodil Day.

(excerpt reprinted from Hauraki Herald, Friday August 28th, 2020)

The Wednesday Night Study Group

(Religious Diversity)

Our Vicar initiated this group in the wake of the senseless shootings in Christchurch last year. The aim is for we as Christians to become more aware of other faiths, their beliefs, and their similarities to or differences from the Christian faith.

Our tutor is Todd Nachowitz, a former lecturer at Waikato University. Todd has a wealth of knowledge, both academic and personal, of all the major faiths of the world.



We first looked at the religions that arose out of Mesopotamia, now a part of modern-day Iraq. These started with Zoroastrianism, then Judaism, Christianity and Islam, with a term spent on each.

We are now looking at the eastern religions that have arisen out of the Indus Basin in India, beginning with Hinduism. We will go on to look at other faiths that have arisen out of Hinduism.

I have found this course very stimulating and am thoroughly enjoying being a participant. Now for a couple of questions:

Did you know that Hinduism is a mono-theistic faith, as are Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

Did you know that other mono-theistic faiths have difficulty accepting that Christianity is a mono-theistic faith?

This course is on-going, and you can join at the start of any term.

Please contact the Vicar (or office) for details.

From the Library

Have you read anything from our church library lately? Did you know we have a library? (It's in the little room off the entrance foyer at New St. John's).

I found a book in there called "God's Golden Acre" by Dale le Vack. It's the biography of a truly amazing woman called Heather Reynolds. Heather and her husband Patrick established a community care centre for orphaned and abandoned children in KwaZulu-Natal - in an area where 36% of people are infected with the HIV virus and many children are cared for by older siblings or grandparents after both parents have died.

It is a story of tremendous courage, tenacity and faith, truly inspiring. It was so good I gave it to my husband to read, and he enjoyed it so much he spent some time researching more about Heather Reynolds!

I encourage you to read this book, and to explore the riches of our parish library!



Stephanie Owen

Vestry Minutes

September 2020

Parish of St John's Te Awamutu

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on Wednesday,
September 9th, 2020, at 7.15 pm, in the St John's Parish Lounge.

Opening Devotions & Prayer – Meeting opened with prayer and devotions.

Matters Arising from Minutes:

- ♦ **Direction Signs to help the public find their way around St John's site:** Devoy Signs has been instructed to make them.
- ♦ **First Aid Kit** – First Aid kits in each building are being updated.
Moved that we purchase the required First Aid equipment.
- ♦ **Prices for Advertising in Parish Magazine.** Still to review.
Advertisers will be visited to discuss their needs/costs.

Outstanding Matters Arising:

- ♦ **Mobile Eftpos** – Will be operational soon. Will be kept at office.
Training will be given.
- ♦ **Connectivity** – The new smart screen requires a secure cupboard to be built in the lounge to securely store it in the back corner parallel to whiteboard. 800mm wide x 2000 long.

Correspondence:

INWARD

To Rev'd J Guest: Invitation to regional pre- Synod gathering Te Kuiti 12 Sept 2-5pm.

- **Summons to Synod 3 Oct 2020**
- **Bible Society** – thank you for donation letter and informing they will soon no longer accept cheques.

OUTWARD.

Norris is to check with the museum if they have a photo of John Morgan's wife, Maria with a view to placing her portrait alongside Rev'd John Morgan's in Old Saint John's. A faculty will be needed for each.

Facilities Reports:

HEALTH & SAFETY –

- ♦ **Refreshing First Aid Kits** – office now is to monthly check and restock kits and supply/collect/collate incident forms.
- ♦ **Possible Break-in in Parish Lounge** – 31st August and 1st September, possibly through the sliding door not shut correctly. As one door is locked with the switch in the “down” position and the other in “up”, new labels have been installed on sliding doors to show the way they lock.

WORKS REPORT – Alan Empson

- ♦ **St Saviours maintenance:** Lawns - Tony McKinnon will mow front, church section and large back section lawns, and also ‘weed eat’ to establish the time it takes as a baseline cost. Estimated at over \$100-\$120 a mow, with 15-16 mows a year. Discussion about these added costs.
- ♦ **Organ light in St Johns** had blown. Light socket near organ is faulty.
- ♦ **Organ Pedal in OSJ.** Kevin Hanna piano tuner can fix.
- ♦ **Ongoing faulty lights at Hall** - Follow up with electrician what has happened.

- ♦ **St Paul's section maintenance** – Alan also seeking a mow and mulch quote. Estimate cost similar to St Saviours. Norris to explore whether the Heritage grant can be increased.
- ♦ **Rangiaowhia Church Sign** needs replacing. New sign in keeping with to the new St John's Sign.

Moved that a bilingual sign for St Paul's be designed, approved and quoted for having made.

VICAR'S REPORT FOR VESTRY September 2020 –

The return to Level 2 has been difficult especially for those programmes which had just reopened and were rebuilding. The situation now, where food can only be from one source, and must be served to seated guests is especially challenging for those groups where a meal is offered. However, everyone is working hard to find ways around, and I so appreciate the good will and hard work needed to meet these requirements.

- ♦ **St John's Sign:** Was created to have a “hanging sign” (x2) for weekly notices. We need it to advertise (for e.g.): Messy Church, Spring Fair, service time change, Pet Blessing service etc. *Alan Empson to look into getting it priced.*
- ♦ **Filming:** RNZ filming of interviews with a view to producing a documentary which will be broadcast later this year on the Waikato Campaign of 1863-4 took place this week after a few delays. Tom Roa was interviewed at St Paul's (Monday 6th Sept) and Vincent O'Malley at Old St John's (Tuesday 7th Sept).
- ♦ **Youth Group:** Level 2 hospitality restrictions meant Youth Group was suspended for three weeks. Reconvened on 4th Sept, as Archbishop Philip had somewhat relaxed the rules. It is challenging to manage. This week Headspace are visiting Youth

Group and St Saviour's church.

TO DISCUSS:

- ♦ **Decorating Churches for Christmas:** Looking for people to help.
- ♦ **Brass cleaning:** Brass cleaning working bee? *Judy to organise. Advertise in pew sheet.*
- ♦ **Decision to change the time of 10 am service to 10.30 am:** This was a decision made at a worship planning meeting. With uncertainty of priest numbers due to Covid levels changing, it was clear Vicar Julie would need to sometimes manage three services but the times would need to change to make it possible. There was no time to set a process in place to discuss this as people needed a long advance notice. It will be advertised for a month.. This is a trial for 3 months.

Planned leave: Nov 9 to Nov 16th. 11th to 15th is EFM Mentor training.

General Business.

- ♦ **Pastoral Care:** Joy Spraggs and Joan MacManus are joint Co-ordinators. Contact either with needs.
- ♦ **Banner Flags.** The Christian Women's group offered to make a donation towards purchasing a an "Open" banner for the office and/or church so people can see where to find it and the church looks open from the street.
- ♦ **Full Licence for Steph.**

***Moved** that Vestry support Steph Owen's application to the Bishop to reinstate her full licence.*

Next Meeting: 14th October, Parish Lounge.

7.15 for prayer. 7.30 meeting start.

Headspace



Headspace is a gap year mission opportunity for young people. Their plans have had to change due to Covid 19. Instead of spending twelve weeks on mission in Cambodia, they are serving in churches around New Zealand. Luckily for us that brought them to Capernwray and then to St John's Youth Group and St Saviour's Sunday morning worship. These photos show them trying crickets for lunch at our place and on tour around the parish.



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