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St Chad's Regular Worship with Holy Communion every Sunday at St Patrick's

Except for the 3rd Sunday in the month which will be

Less formal non communion service

Our next service:

Sunday, 29th July 10.00 am

Worship with Holy Communion

SUE SAYS: To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."

[Oscar Wilde](#)



**ST CHAD'S
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR 11.30 am SERVICE
22nd JULY 2018
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Creative Words

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said 'Let there be light'; and there was light."

In *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis, there is a marvellous account of how Aslan creates Narnia:

'The Lion was pacing to and fro about the empty land and singing his new song. It was softer and more lilting than the song by which he had called up the stars and the sun; a gentle, rippling music. And as he walked and sang the valley grew green with grass. It spread out from the Lion like a pool. It ran up the sides of the of the little hill like a wave. In a few minutes it was creeping up the lower slopes of the distant mountains, making that young world every moment softer ...'

The only way we can ever talk about anything is to use words. But the words are only descriptions of reality – and what the Bible writers (and modern physicists) are doing when they speak about the creation of the world is struggling to describe a mystery in words we can understand.

'God said "Let there be light."' A creative energy went forth from God and everything began. Many scientists now believe in the 'big bang' theory – that at a moment at the beginning of time (because before that moment there was no time) something mysterious and mighty exploded into existence from which everything that is developed.

God spoke his creative word in the darkness, and the heavens (the galaxies spinning around in space) came into existence – and then, perhaps after thousands of millions of years of creation, men and women like you and me, being created by the God of love to have a relationship with him forever.

Taken from 'Day by Day' by Shelagh Brown

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The first daytime Discussion Group was held at the home of John and Maureen on Friday 13th July. We watched a video about Taking a Journey. That's what life is all about—a journey. We don't know what will happen on that journey, how far we will go, or how long it will take us. We are given gifts (talents) to use along the way, we come up against different situations—good and bad—and as we use our talents and learn from triumphs and our mistakes, so we grow.

There was a time when I was questioning everything. Why was I here? What's it all about? And so on. Although I spent much time with my Christian grandparents, went Sunday school, said my prayers at night I was still questioning.

Many years later I went to a weekend study group and everything that was said made sense but I still had my questions. During supper one evening I heard someone say, above all the noise, "It's so simple". Suddenly I was in a quiet world of my own and everything fell into place. Love God and Love your neighbour as yourself". Easy? Not really. I try but I fall down sometimes but God is always there to pick me up again.

So many 'coincidences' have happened in my life—too many not to believe that the hand of God was keeping me afloat. Now I am on my own in a retirement village and some nights are very long. I think back over my life and realise how blessed I have been, and so it continues.

As we grow older we are not as spry as we once were or we get forgetful and need help. I was feeling rather despondent thinking back over how much I loved all the sports I had played and couldn't now. Then I thought how lucky I had been to have had the ability to do those things.

I can't save the world, but with God's help I can bring a bit of sunshine into the lives of some of the people around me. And it is a healing process for me too.

So . . . what has God got planned for each and every one of us!

Lunch—Delicious soup, rolls, followed by cake, cream and hot drink.

Hebrews 4: 12-16
John 14: 1-6

PRAYER MINISTRY

We ask for your prayers – that God who knows each person or situation, may bless each one according to their needs.

Bishop Ross Bay: Bishop Jim White: Rev. Marilyn Welch: Rev. Chris Harris: Marston would welcome your prayers, but no visitors.

Rosemary remains in hospital. She is progressing, and is in good hands. So please continue your thoughts and prayers.

Hilary is now at home, which she is very happy about, after 4 weeks in hospital. She is a bit stiff but moving around with a lower walker. The pain medication is being reduced. There is such a long waiting list to have the valve repair done that there is no sense in staying hospital any longer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Dear Lord, we also bring to you others who we know in our hearts and we pray that you will look with mercy and grace upon our needs.

We would appreciate it if you would let Maureen— Pastoral Care Co-ordinator of anyone needing prayer. (tel: 021 1150598)

THE OP SHOP WILL BE CLOSED	FROM THE WEEKEND 18th February 2018
SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S	<u>1st—3rd—and 5th Sundays will be 10.00 am</u> <u>2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am</u>

SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S

5th Sunday 29th July Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am

1st Sunday 5th August Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am

2nd Sunday 12th August Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am

3rd Sunday 19th August Worship—no communion 10.00 am

4th Sunday 26th August Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am

HOME GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at

7.30 pm. Please contact Paul Haines (021-761367) for more information

MONTHLY DISCUSSION GROUP Next meeting Friday 10th August 11.30am

45 Merlot Heights, Kumeu. John and Maureen



Friday July 27th at 6pm, is the day and time when we shall join our friends from the other churches in our district, for a time of worship followed by a time of fellowship over a shared meal. This year it will be held in St Patricks Church.

Please join together after the Service for Togetherness and Refreshments

