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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: Worship— no communion
At 10.00 am 19th AUGUST 2018**

SUE SAYS: Talk to God about all your troubles and leave it in his hands. If you keep it in your heart and talk about your problems all the time, you prevent God from helping you and finding peace.



**ST CHAD'S
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR 11.30 am SERVICE
12th AUGUST 2018
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

THE GIFT OF CLOSE CONNECTIONS

I have always firmly believed that close connections are, to a large extent, what keep us sane and give us a sense of perspective in navigating our complex world. I was blessed to have an idyllic childhood, growing up in a home with loving, giving parents and an older sister, who taught me lots of things, but who could also be bossy, probably like many big sisters! (Apologies to those of you who are elder sisters!) In mitigation, though, she has always given me comfort and support in the most difficult times of my life, for which I am really grateful.

My parents believed in service to the community and in the concept that, "There, but for the grace of God, go I," which was instilled into us as young children.

Through this giving, we received a great deal of warmth in return.

I only remember forming close friendships at high school rather than at primary school. We were the class who took French rather than Maths, which in some people's eyes made us far less academic, but certainly made for a diverse group of characters!

Later, when I was fortunate to be awarded an American Field Service Scholarship, I also forged strong ties with those around me as I experienced being a "diplomat" for a year and "blossomed" in the Californian warmth.

Even at this age, I still have close friends I met at Teachers' Training College over fifty years ago and people I have taught with from all over the world are still an integral part of my life.

The Book Club I belong to was started almost twenty years ago, and in that time we have become so much more than that to one another- we have decorated a hall for the wedding of a daughter, mourned over deaths, supported each other through separations and operations and laughed together more often than not late into the night!

Forging relationships on a weekly basis is also where the Selwyn Group, affiliated to our parish, also does sterling work. I was told last week by a friend that it was "the highlight of [her] week," so thank you to everyone who has enabled it to continue. Nurturing, inevitably, brings about close bonds as well. Words can never express the love and peace I feel when there are two little heads, one nestled into each shoulder, as I read them a book and we snuggle together. I thank God for the gift of a loving, caring family and for the new connections we all make with each other on a daily basis.

MMR

Communication with others and with God is so important. To hear another's opinion sometimes gives you a different light on your own problems.

Often God's help comes in listening to another person. But remember that person has feelings too and it is not easy to listen to a person's distress so many times and see that she isn't listening to God or to you and making no effort to put her hurt behind her and go forward with her life.

I had afternoon tea with three old friends this week. They were my art students for many years and we had many happy times together. I hadn't seen them for quite a while so it was great to be with them again. Two of them had heard the tough times the third had been through and I had had many phone calls about it. However, after we had settled, she started to talk and talk. If anyone made a comment she told us she hadn't finished speaking and carried on—for about two hours. By this time my ears were ringing and I felt very stressed. All I wanted to do was leave and go home and I felt very guilty. We don't know the other side of the story and we have no right to go to her family over this—it could make matters worse and they would look at it as interfering. We all know that there always is two sides to any story.

I refer back to my first sentence. I will pray for her and know that God will help her if she will let him. What else can I do? I could go and sit with her and talk to her, but she is not really listening, she is just wallowing in it. She lives in a retirement village and has many friends around her, perhaps she doesn't join in any of the activities.

I don't know—do you have any suggestions?

SR

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

Or Psalm 130

Or Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

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
<u>SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S</u>	<u>1st—3rd—and 5th Sundays will be 10.00 am</u> <u>2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am</u>

3rd Sunday 19th August

Worship—no communion 10 am

4th Sunday 26th August

Worship with Holy Communion 11.30am

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 17TH AUGUST at 11.30 am 45 Meriot Heights, Kumeu. John and Maureen.

Sorry about the format of the pew sheet but my computer has developed a major fault and I can't move things around or do any corrections. I had hoped someone was going to be able to help me today, but it didn't happen. So . . . The jottings are spot on. We rely on Communications so much today. Here's hoping it will be fixed by the next Pew sheet

Please join together after the Service for Togetherness and Refreshments

