

Today's Speaker:

Karla Paotonu, from Volunteer Services Abroad, has been part of the VSA team since April 2010. As the Fundraising Manager she is constantly inspired by the highly qualified and skilled New Zealanders who give their time as VSA Volunteers. Karla sees it as a privilege to raise awareness and grow support for VSA to ensure that we can continue to send volunteers to work for transformational change in local communities throughout the Pacific. Thank you Karla for sharing with us your experiences visiting VSA Volunteers on assignment and the highlights and challenges they face.



Notes



Celebrating Spring - Tuesday 1 September Combined Churches Women's Morning at St Thomas's Motueka. Guest Speaker: Rev Yvonne Mclean, Nelson Hospital Chaplain. Morning Tea 9.45am, Meeting: 10.30am. All Welcome.

Church open for Prayer - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

Welcome - We welcome Lyn Ashby as a returned member of our church and Gary and Sara Clover as new members.

Lyn previously worshipped at Holy Trinity until 2007. She has a passion for mission work in Greece.

Gary and Sara moved into Richmond around a year ago. Gary retired last January from his role as Presbyter leading the Stoke Methodist Parish. He graduated from Auckland University in 1973 with an MA in history and in his retirement is continuing his research and writing of early New Zealand mission history. Last year he published a biography of an early New Zealand Wesleyan missionary printer. Sara has recently worked as a carer in a local rest home. She has enjoyed being involved in varied parish and community activities.

Please add their contact details to your Parish Directory:

Ashby	Lyn Postal : C/- Green, 23A Florence Street Richmond 7020	Mobile 027-448-7488 lynashby@hotmail.com
Clover	Gary & Sara 11 Griffin St, Richmond 7020	544 9903 Mobile 021 2566965 gsclover@xtra.co.nz

First Aid - As part of SafeHere we need to ensure that we have trained First Aid people with current certificates at church events. We need two trained people to cover each of these church activities: Youth, Crèche, Messy Church, 9.00am Service, 10.30am Service and the Wednesday Service. Do you have a First Aid Certificate? Are you willing to serve as a First Aider? We are planning to hold a Red Cross 4 hour 'save a life' course at Church on the Hill for those who would like to be trained and are willing to serve us in this way. No charge for attendees. Donations for course costs are Welcome. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Greece, A Christian Nation? - Nico Bougas of Hellenic Ministries, Greece will be speaking on what God is doing in Greece at this critical time in their history. 5.00pm Saturday 5 September at Church on The Hill. Greek supper will be served. Come & learn how you can pray more effectively for Greece or be involved in reaching this nation for Christ. Contact: Lyn Ashby 027-448-7488

Parish Finance Update: July Results

	July	Budget	Variance	Year to Date
Income	\$14,059	\$17,164	(\$3,105)	\$108,360
Expenditure	\$17,930	\$18,429	\$499	\$110,396
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,871)	(\$1,265)	(\$2,606)	(\$2,036)