



**Next Sunday's Propers**

**Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Ordinary Sunday 23*

*Celebrant – Rev. Ken Light; Preacher – Leith Brew*

**Sentence:** So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. *James 2:13*

**Collect:** Healing God, you speak into the hurting and wounded places; empower us to speak your vision of wholeness, and turn us to action in the face of injustice, that empowered by the Spirit we may be agents of your healing love, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

**Readings:** Isaiah 35: 4-7a; Psalm 146;  
James 2: 1-10, 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37

**Liturgy:** 476

*Rev. Damon Plimmer is in Cromwell and Tarras this morning.*

**Winter Study, Thursdays 3.30 – 4.30pm**

*For details talk to Fred McElrea or Rev. Damon Plimmer.*

**Local Committees**

St Andrew's Cromwell, Tuesday 11 September 5pm;

St Columba's Wanaka, Wednesday 12 September 7.30pm.

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**Quiz Night, Thursday 13th September, 7.00pm.**

Cate and Sue (Davis), Cycling in Cambodia for Heart Kids.

A fundraiser for Heart Kids in New Zealand.

At Wanaka Bowling Club rooms. \$15.00 ticket.

Contact Cate Davis on 443 4339 or 021 1133877, by 7th September.

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**Diocesan Synod, 14-16 September**

**TGI Friday, Children's Liturgy, 21 September, 5pm**

**Community Day, Saturday 22 September, 9.30am – 2.30pm**

An opportunity to learn about Christian meditation. The day will be led by Rev. Yvonne Smith, a Presbyterian Minister from Christchurch, and held at the home of Peter Chamberlayne, 116 Cardrona Valley Rd.

To register your interest, talk to Annette Reinheimer 021 207 5122.

**Taizé, Contemplative Evening Prayer, 30 September, 5pm**

**Song of faith that sings forever**

through God's people, ages long,  
Word that holds the world together  
when our hearts take up the song,  
always, always somewhere sounding,  
though the source we do not see,  
counterpoint to all despairing,  
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,  
rising through the vaults of prayer,  
tune of simple celebration  
offered up in open air,  
song in chapel and cathedral,  
descant to our daily tone,  
song from sickbed or in prison:  
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,  
when there seems no song to sing,  
hear the constant voice of courage  
out of fear and suffering:  
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,  
all who lift us to be strong,  
endless, endless are the voices  
of the faith that makes the song.

*Shirley Murray*

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“Waking up this morning, I smile.  
Twenty-four brand new hours are before me.  
I vow to live fully in each moment  
and to look at all beings with eyes of compassion.”

*Thich Nhat Hanh*

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**Community House Update**

Excavation work is set to begin tomorrow!

If you would like to make a donation, or to find out more about this project, please talk to Rev. Damon Plimmer or to Peter Hook.

*After the service please join us for light refreshments.  
Activities for small children are available at the rear of the church.*