



LOCKDOWN LETTER

Wednesday 8 September 2021



It's another blustery Spring day in Level 4 "lockdown" and while the rest of the country move to level 2 there is still uncertainty about the future of Auckland. As people start to feel the effects of isolation and lockdown, please continue to keep in touch with each other and if you'd like to receive a regular lockdown call please let Patsy (Ph: 5218219, 021 024 00417) or Isabella (Ph: 575 5323, 021 776 263) know.

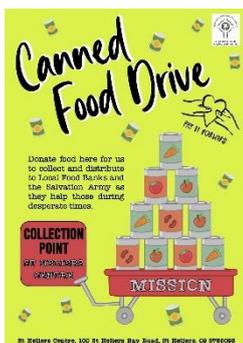
Please continue to pray for our church family, community, our country's Leaders and all those working on the frontline or in essential businesses.

Lockdown Worship: This week Bill Humphrey shares his thoughts on "living in the now" and finding happiness whatever the situation – an apt reflection for a time like this. Thank you Bill. If you'd like to take this opportunity to share a short reflection please let Jill know.

We are also invited to join the virtual community of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Symonds Street in worship. Thank you Rev David Williams for sharing your worship service with us.

Both these worship resources will be emailed to members on Saturday afternoon. We appreciate your feedback on these resources.

Your opinions are important: Attached to this email is a **survey** in which we invite you to respond to two important questions namely: **What are we doing well?** and **What could we do better?** We invite you to reflect on these questions in relation to the last 6 months and respond on the form attached.



Bill Duncan shared his inspired idea with us recently to contribute one item of food (cans and packages) per week to create "towers of food" in our Centre for the Salvation Army and local foodbank. Bill sent through an urgent reminder this week: "*Salvation Army announced today that during the first week in Lockdown 4 there was an 84% increase in demand for food parcels. Please as we shop for ourselves can we remember to purchase a can or package for our FOOD FOR HUNGER campaign for delivery to our Church and Community Centre when it re-opens.*"

SEEKING A HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

Our Church Council is committed to ensuring that safety is a priority for our Church, Community Centres, staff, parishioners and the public. Graeme Smith, our Acting General Manager is doing a great job on revising all our health and safety policies and has identified a need for a Health and Safety Officer to oversee this important area in the future. A role description and responsibilities (not too onerous) is available for interested candidates. Please let Graeme or any Church Council member know if you would be willing to serve our church in this area.

Lockdown Inspiration: Read a good book, watched a good film or TV series, listened to a good Youtube talk or podcast? Let me know jillkaysernz@gmail.com and I'll share it with others.

I love the daily meditations offered by **Pray As You Go** (<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>). It's about ten minutes long and includes music, scripture and some questions for reflection with an aim to help us become more aware of God's presence, listen to and reflect on God's word and grow in our relationship with God. The style of prayer is based on Ignatian Spirituality and the reflections are produced by Jesuit Media Initiatives.

What's inspiring you this lockdown?

Stay safe and well. God bless. **Jill Kayser, Transition Facilitator**