

OCC NEWSLETTER



Minister's Message

Kingdom Multiplication

The most important goal we identified at our “A Day Away” visioning day, is to grow our church. We want to grow our church, particularly by welcoming more young families and young people. Our church has been really good at serving the wider community through many initiatives: Building Compassionate Communities, Craft events, Eco-Kids Church, and Community Breakfast. They have all become practical ways of sharing Jesus’ love with our community and welcoming the community to our church.

These approaches are part and parcel of our work towards God’s kingdom multiplication. When Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed the five thousand, we also saw the faith of a boy who brought them to Him. After prayer, Jesus asked his disciples to distribute the food - the Disciples too had great faith in Jesus. As such, Feeding the five thousand was not just food distribution, but it involved faith, prayer and faith again.

Growth is important not only in churches, but in any organisation worldwide. Interestingly, even secular writers recognise that significant outcomes require bold vision and committed action.

There is a book titled “The 10X Rule” by Grant Cardone, which is widely considered a staple in business, entrepreneurship and personal development. In the book, Cardone says that greater effort will bring greater success; suggesting the two pillars: 10X goals and 10X actions.

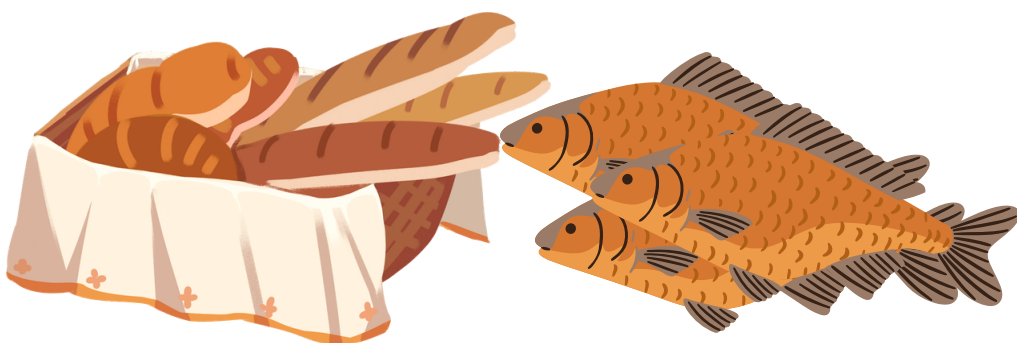
Although written for business rather than ministry, one insight from the book is worth reflecting on: people often think too small and act too cautiously. Christians, however, know that God’s kingdom invites us to think bigger in our actions - not because of confidence in ourselves, but because of confidence in God.

In the 1800s, there was an example of feeding thousands in George Müller, who was called the father of orphans. He cared for over 10,000 orphans, relying entirely on prayer for financial provision. His work reminds us that extraordinary ministry begins with extraordinary dependence upon God. Yet what distinguishes George Müller from Grant Cardone is not in the numbers they achieved or fed, but in their trust and dependence in God.

OCC is preparing for a new season which will start in July. We need to prepare a new strategic plan for the church, find new volunteers for various events and new members for almost all committees, while continuing the ministries that have served our community so well.

We need 10X Vision to see what God can do; 10X Prayer to ask God boldly; 10X Faith to trust God’s provision; and 10X Action to serve the community well. Envisioning our church in this way is not simply part of a wish for a church membership that is larger in numbers; but for a multiplying kingdom. As God’s love and grace multiply in us, they overflow to our neighbours- especially those who are lonely, struggling or searching for hope.

Rev Jin Sook Kim





Junior Masterchef Eco-Kids Caring Kitchen

Sunday 5th July 2026
Meet 9.30am @OCC,
172 Hinemoa Street



Register by emailing sarah@onewacc.org.nz.

Caregivers must attend.

www.onewacc.org.nz



Eco Kids – Caring Kitchen Returns! 🍕🥕

Join us for our next Eco Kids meetup on Sunday 5 July 2026 at 9:30am as we bring back our popular Caring Kitchen Junior MasterChef event!

We'll be getting hands-on in the kitchen, creating delicious food while learning how to reduce food waste and make sustainable choices. Activities may include eco friendly cheese rolls, "Everything" leftover snacks, no-bake energy balls, tasty hummus and homemade smoothies.

Children are encouraged to bring a reusable container so they can take home some of their creations. Food will be supplied. It's sure to be a fun, creative, and yummy morning of eco-foods, learning, and sharing together.

OCC wordsearch

S C O Y W F E Y R J C Q F C L
Y U H U O G R O W T H S D O P
I J S U T U B D J X I M V M I
I W N E R R T H X J L E Q M H
I U B G J C E H H X D X Y U S
F N O V E L H A H K R O N N R
C D Q O B R B W C C E Q C I O
O W Y I C W A J L H N L Y T W
N X B Y I F O C U R T H U Y E
N L Q L S Y A D I S C I P L E
E W W D U C G I T R O F M O C
C C U N M R E E T N U L O V W
T P L E O J J V Z H H J C J L
I S E I L I M A F R Y B O F D
O O A R M L N G E D M Y Z Y J
N O R F A M M Y Y H N L S R H
N G N O M J A M I N I S T R Y
E R I C F R N A I T S I R H C
B F N E P L E A D E R S H I P
G C G P R E S B Y T E R I A N

**Find the words below in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction.
Words can share letters as they cross over each other.**

Bible
Christian
Community
Ecofriendly
Fun
Hymn
Joy

Care
Church
Connection
Faith
God
Jesus
Leadership

Love
Outreach
Volunteer
Ministry
Prayer
Worship



SPEAKER

Zain Ali

*The Muslim Next Door:
Faith, Food, and Frequently
Asked Questions*



Join us at our next Community Breakfast to hear from Zain Ali on the topic of “The Muslim Next Door: Faith, Food, and Frequently Asked Questions.” Dr. Ali teaches on Islam at the University of Auckland, in addition, he teaches a course on Religion, Spirituality and Healing at the School of Medicine in Auckland. Dr. Ali also does chaplaincy work within a Hospice setting.

We’ll start our morning with breakfast, prayers and hymns and will then hear from Dr Ali. Please bring a plate to share for the breakfast table. Come along to learn more about the Islamic faith and enjoy time in conversation and connection.

Matthew 22:37–39 *Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”*

Staying safe from Scams

Scams are illegal schemes designed to trick you into sharing your personal information or money. Scammers often appear highly professional and mimic trusted people (as we saw with the recent phishing scam where someone pretended to be Rev. Jin Sook and asked for help). They frequently target our emotions or our unfamiliarity with new technology to make us react quickly. Staying safe starts with recognizing their tactics.

Common Scams to Watch Out For:

- Cold Calls: Unexpected phone calls claiming you owe money or have a refund. Scammers may pretend to be from government agencies or companies like Spark and Chorus.
- Tech Support Fraud: Callers claiming your computer has a virus to gain remote access to your device. Legitimate companies like Microsoft will never call you about computer issues.
- Email Phishing: Mass emails disguised as official messages from banks or services asking you to click links or verify passwords.
- Romance Scams: Fake online profiles on social media or dating apps built over time to gain your trust before asking for money.
- Fake Invoices & Free Trials: Bogus bills sent via email, or "free" online trials that trap your credit card into costly subscriptions you cannot cancel. If it looks too good to be true, it probably is.





Scammers are often contacting us from overseas and targeting huge numbers of people in the hope that they will have one success. If it's happened to you, you aren't alone. Data from BNZ shows that 84% of New Zealanders are targetted by scammers each year and we can receive 3 or 4 scam attempts each week!

Golden Rules for Staying Safe

- Hang up and look up: If an unexpected caller asks for details, hang up. Find the official number on a paper bill or the phone book to call them back.
- Check before acting. If you get an email from OCC asking you to do something, no matter how urgent it sounds, take the time to check if it's really us.
- Protect your details: Never share passwords, bank numbers, or card details over the phone or email.
- Pause before clicking: Do not open attachments or click links in emails unless you are expecting them.
- Use strong passwords: Create passwords with at least 10 characters using a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols. Use a different password for every account. An easier to remember phrase works well if you can't remember words. Something like MyfavouriteflowersareTulips()
()126 is a good example.
- Activate extra security: Turn on two-factor authentication where available for a secure login process.

If you think you have been targeted by a scam, contact your bank immediately to secure your account.

MATARIKI FESTIVAL

2026

Matariki IMAGINATION DAY in Kaipātiki

Join us in celebrating
Matariki - with lots
of creativity!

Plenty of crafts to try... including making
POIS, LANTERNS, ORIGAMI STARS
AND MUCH MORE.

Plus there will be a Sausages Sizzle so
bring all the tamariki with their whānau.



FREE

11:00am to 2:00pm | Friday 10 July 2026

Marlborough Hall, 13 Chartwell Avenue, Glenfield

Contact Carol Simms for more information

09 484 8854 or 0275 398 697 | Email: carol@kcft.org.nz

NOTICES



VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Can you help with any of the following ?:

Bread pick up and delivery Third Sunday of the month.
Contact Sarah sarah@onewacc.org.nz or 021 0919 7097

Support for Matariki kids event: This year we are collaborating with Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust for our Matariki kids craft. We are looking for one volunteer to help Cathy at the event on Friday 10th July (Matariki Holiday) from 11am-2pm at Marlborough Hall, Glenfield. If you are available, please get in touch with Cathy on 027 386 5920

Garden volunteer for 172 Hinemoa street. Can you help with weeding and planting the raised garden bed outside the church? If so, please get in touch with Sarah.
sarah@onewacc.org.nz or 021 0919 7097

ACCOMMODATION:

Now available, Unit 9 at Iona Close. Occupation Right Agreement \$750,000. Monthly service charge \$724. Please contact Cathy Fraser 0273 865 920 if interested.



Book your tickets for our annual family games and pizza night from 5pm Friday 17th July! Bring your competitive spirit, sense of fun, friends and family - and we'll provide the games and pizza! Tickets are \$10pp or \$30 for a family of four. All ages welcome. Pizza will be ordered around 6pm so make sure you arrive before then!

Book your tickets by emailing Sarah@onewacc.org.nz or call/text 021 0919 7097



PRIMARY YEARS 5-11

TOOL BOX

Feel confident to tackle the primary years

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of love and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- Discipline and boundaries
- And lots more!

Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm
28th July-1st September
OCC, 172 Hinemoa St, Birkenhead

Cost \$85 pp or \$120 per couple.
To book, email or call Sarah Thorne on:
sarah@onewacc.org.nz or 021 0919 7097

Toolbox by Parenting Place

Earlier this year, Sarah Thorne undertook training to learn how to lead Parenting Place workshops. She'll be delivering the first of these workshop series over six weeks on Tuesday evenings, starting 28th July. The registration fee goes to The Parenting Place. We are looking forward to welcoming families to OCC for this wonderful coaching series and hope to run similar workshops on parenting teens and preschoolers at a later date. Thanks to Cathy Fraser who will be supporting Sarah with the first lot of workshops. If you're keen to attend (or know someone who is), get in touch with Sarah and she will book you in. Sarah@onewacc.org.nz

BIBLE TALK SUPPERS

Meet on Every 4th Sunday
5pm at church



Join Minister Jin Sook Kim and other friendly members of our congregation for a relaxed evening of good food, faith exploration and great conversation! We're a group of Bible lovers and food enthusiasts who gather once a month to read, reflect, and share thoughts on Scripture while enjoying a simple, homemade meal. No preparation needed - just come as you are. Bring your appetite for food and faith! All are welcome.



Let's build our faith
one verse at a time! ♥

BIBLE

TALK PLUS

Discover God's Word together!

More than a talk.
It's a life transformed. ♥

Ask. Share. Grow!

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
— Psalm 119:105

FAITH moves MOUNTAINS

HOLY BIBLE

GOD IS GOOD

STUDY
the Bible together

SHARE
thoughts and learn from each other

ENCOURAGE
one another and grow in faith

LIVE
God's Word every day

WE MEET UP
1ST, 2ND & 3RD SUNDAYS
DURING TERM TIME
AT 5.30PM – 7.00PM

📍 **172 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead**

Onewa Christian Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

“Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.”
— Proverbs 27:17

Bible Talk Plus is for anyone who wants to explore the Bible more deeply. Together we discuss biblical themes, share our insights, ask questions, and encourage one another as we grow in faith. We are currently studying Mark's Gospel and meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays from 5.30 - 7 pm during the school term. Everyone is welcome!

Onewa Christian Community Church Council Report – June

Church Council met on 16 June 2026. Rev. Jin Sook opened the meeting with a reflection on Matthew 9:35–38, reminding us of Jesus' words that "the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few," encouraging us all to continue serving God's mission with faithfulness and hope.

Strategic Planning

Council reviewed the current Strategic Plan as the 2025/2026 planning year draws to a close at the end of June. We are pleased with the progress made across the plan and thank everyone who has contributed to its implementation. Rev. Jin Sook and Sarah are continuing to develop the working documents for the 2026/2027 Strategic Plan, which will be shared in due course. The continued priorities from "A Day Away" and the distillation group are feeding directly into the Strategic Plan. Thank you everyone for all your hard work.

Ministry and Worship

Council gave thanks for Rev. Jin Sook Kim's faithful leadership and the many ways she serves our church and wider community. Council also affirmed Rev. Jin Sook as she continues to introduce changes to our worship services to help them remain welcoming, engaging, and relevant for our congregation and visitors.

Community Engagement and Eco Church

Council again expressed its appreciation for Sarah's outstanding work across Community Engagement and Eco Church. Her commitment and energy continue to benefit many different areas of church life and Sarah will be putting on Parenting Centre courses next term as well.

Children and Youth Ministry

Council received encouraging reports from both our Children's Ministry and Youth Group. Although youth attendance numbers remain small, the sessions continue to be well prepared and are providing a positive environment for those attending. We remain grateful for everyone involved in supporting our young people including our Youth Alpha leader, Caleb.

mainly music and Friendship Group

Council received reports from both mainly music and Friendship Group and appreciates the ongoing ministry these groups provide within our church and local community. It was also noted that Friendship Group recently completed a successful evacuation drill.

Pastoral Care

Council noted the pastoral needs of a number of people within our church family and encourages everyone to continue supporting one another through prayer, care, and practical encouragement.

For Onewa Christian Community Church Council



Worship schedule All welcome!



Sundays 9.30am

 **172 Hinemoa St**

Week 1

**Worship Service &
Children's Eco Church**

Week 2

Worship Service

Week 3

Community Breakfast

Free breakfast, social time and hear from an interesting speaker

Week 4

Communion Service

Week 5

**Joint service with Birkenhead
Methodist Church**

(takes place at alternate churches where a fifth week occurs)

July Roster

Date	Elder	Door Duty	Prayer	Reading	Morning Tea
Sunday 5th July	Robin B	Garry Pash	Garry Pash	Robin B	Jocelyn & Linda B
Sunday 12th July	Mary Boyd	Bianca L	Mary Boyd	Bethany L	Elizabeth & Robin B
Sunday 19th July	Community Breakfast				
Sunday 26 th July	Pauline F	Nan Inkson	Pauline F	Nan Inkson	Barbara Wadams & Karen Davies
Serving elders: Pauline F, Cathy Fraser, Rachel Hurr, Nan Inkson					

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Giving

BNZ account

Account name: ONEWA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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