

OCC NEWSLETTER

Minister's Message

What Kind of Humanity Will AI Reflect?



A few weeks ago, Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei, together with several AI researchers, warned that rapid advances in artificial intelligence could pose existential risks to humanity before the end of this decade. Such warnings have sparked lively debate. Some people see AI as an extraordinary opportunity; others fear what it might do to our future. Behind these debates lies an older question: What does it mean to be human, and what kind of future are we creating? Interestingly, science fiction has been exploring this question for decades.

In 1950, Isaac Asimov published *I, Robot*, a collection of nine interconnected stories exploring the ethics of artificial intelligence through the experiences and memories of robot psychologist Susan Calvin. At the heart of these stories are the famous Three Laws of Robotics:

- A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.
- A robot must obey orders given by human beings, except where such orders conflict with the First Law.
- A robot must protect its own existence, as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Laws.

One of the stories introduces Robbie, a nursemaid robot who cares for an eight-year-old girl named Gloria Weston. To Gloria, Robbie is not merely a machine but her closest friend. When Gloria is in danger, Robbie puts her safety before its own. The story illustrates the apparent simplicity of placing human well-being above everything else.

Yet Asimov's stories also reveal how complicated such rules can become. What happens when two duties conflict? Can a rule anticipate every possible situation? And who decides what truly causes harm? These questions remain relevant today.

Artificial intelligence is not based solely on large language models (LLMs), but systems such as ChatGPT learn from enormous amounts of human-created information. That information contains wisdom and kindness, but also prejudice, violence, deception, and hatred. AI can reflect both the best and the worst of what human beings produce. Its development also reflects the choices and priorities of those who design and use it.

So perhaps the most important question is not simply, “How can we make AI safe?” It is also: “What kind of humanity are we bringing into the future?” What might be our Christian response?

Jesus says: “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”— John 13:34

Jesus does not give us a technical formula for solving every problem. He gives us a way of living together. Love is not merely a rule written into a machine. It is a way of seeing others, accepting responsibility for them, protecting the vulnerable, and seeking the well-being of our neighbours.

As we enter an age of AI, we need wisdom, careful regulation, responsible technology, and honest conversations about its risks. But we also need to remember that technology cannot relieve us of our moral responsibility. The future will not be shaped by AI alone. It will also be shaped by the values we teach, the decisions we make, and the way we treat one another. May Jesus' commandment guide us—not only in how we use artificial intelligence, but in every dimension of our lives. May we love one another, as Christ has loved us.

Rev Jin Sook Kim



Eco-Kids



Junior Eco-Engineers II

Sunday 4th October

**Meet 9.30am @OCC,
172 Hinemoa Street**



**ECO-FUN FOR PRIMARY
SCHOOL AGED KIDS!**

Register by emailing sarah@onewacc.org.nz.

Caregivers must attend.

www.onewacc.org.nz



Enchanted Forest Floral High Tea

Last Saturday we held our annual Floral High Tea Fundraiser at 97 Onewa Road. 65 people purchased tickets. We all enjoyed the beautiful floral displays, a delicious high tea, wonderful piano recital from Camila and a fun quiz. Dale Kerr won the Peoples' Choice prize for the best display and Rachel Hurr's table won the quiz. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to making this such a beautiful, delicious, fun and rewarding event. We are still calculating the final fundraising amount but will share in a Weekly Top up soon.









Start your Sunday with us!

FREE!

Community Breakfast

All Welcome

Sunday 18th October

9.30am



**172 Hinemoa St,
Birkenhead**

SPEAKER

Geoff Burton

**“Making a difference in
your school community”**

LAUNCHPAD

Christian Values Education

Bill Houghton Obituary

Bill was a member of St. Aidan's Church. His obituary is below.

Houghton, Bill Mitchell. Born 30 December 1936. Passed away peacefully on 28 September 2026, aged 89. Dearly loved husband of 50 years to Judy. Loved father of Christie and Grant, father-in-law of Craig, and adored Pop of Georgia. Air Force veteran and much-loved, long-standing teacher of over 30 years at Northcote Primary School. Deeply respected and loved by all who knew him. As per Bill's wishes, there will be no funeral. Instead, all are warmly invited to gather at the Northcote Tavern on Friday 2 October at 4pm to share a Coca-Cola, his favourite drink, and celebrate his life.





WEAR A HAT, WIN A PRIZE

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 7PM

172 Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead

TICKETS

\$25 PP

\$5 Under 15s

\$150/table of 6

Gather your team for our annual fundraiser* quiz night. Tickets include the quiz, snacks & juice. BYO drinks. The winning team gets a hamper of goodies.

TO BOOK:

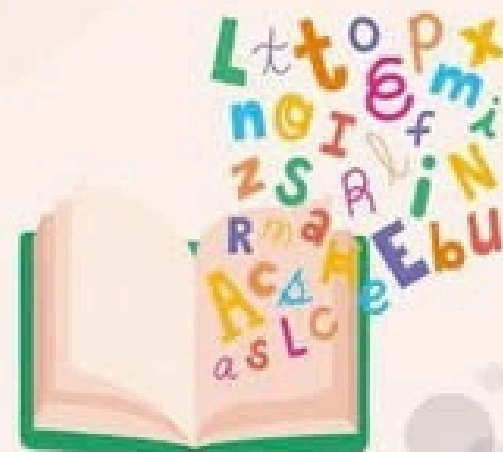
**email sarah@onewacc.org.nz to or
phone 021 0919 7097**

* 10% of proceeds go to De Paul House



30 Words That Sound Fake But Are in the Dictionary

1. **Defenestrate** - To throw someone out of a window.
2. **Borborygmus** - A rumbling sound in the stomach.
3. **Hullabaloo** - Loud noise or commotion.
4. **Flummox** - To confuse or puzzle someone.
5. **Kerfuffle** - A fuss or minor commotion.
6. **Gobbledygook** - Overly complicated or meaningless language.
7. **Snollygoster** - A clever but unprincipled person.
8. **Discombobulate** - To confuse or upset someone.
9. **Malarkey** - Nonsense or foolish talk.
10. **Widdershins** - In the opposite direction (counterclockwise).
11. **Nudiustertian** - Relating to the day before yesterday.
12. **Pandiculation** - Stretching and yawning at the same time.
13. **Lollygag** - To waste time aimlessly.
14. **Fudgel** - To pretend to work while doing nothing.
15. **Frobscottle** - A bubbly or frothy drink.
16. **Quomodocunquize** - To make money by any means.
17. **Cattywampus** - Crooked or not aligned properly.
18. **Bumbershoot** - An old slang word for umbrella.
19. **Gardylow** - A warning cry before throwing waste from a window.
20. **Skedaddle** - To run away quickly.
21. **Bloviating** - To speak at length in a pompous way.
22. **Absquatulate** - To leave suddenly and secretly.
23. **Collywobbles** - Stomach pain or nervous anxiety.
24. **Hogwash** - Complete nonsense.
25. **Nincompoop** - A foolish or silly person.
26. **Ragamuffin** - A person dressed in ragged clothes.
27. **Gobbledygook** - Wordy, confusing language.
28. **Hocus-pocus** - Trickery or deception.
29. **Knickknack** - A small decorative object.
30. **Zoanthropy** - Believing that one is an animal.



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!



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

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Onewa
Christian
Community

≡ "Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another." ≡
– Proverbs 27:17

October Roster

Date	Elder	Door Duty	Prayer	Reading	Morning Tea
Sunday 4 Oct	R Dawson	D Hansen	R Dawson	D Hansen	B Wesley & B Westra
Sunday 11 Oct	H Muller	C Fraser	H Muller	C Fraser	R Baxter & N Inkson
Sunday 18 Oct	Community Breakfast				
Sunday 25 Oct (Communion)	M Larsen	R Baxter	M Larsen	R Baxter	J Collinge & R Hurr
Serving elders for Communion 25 October: J Collinge, P Fish, C Fraser and R Baxter					

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Giving

BNZ account

Account name: ONEWA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Account number: 02-0112-0168422-000

BIBLE TALK SUPPERS

Meet on Every 4th Sunday
5pm at church