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Whaikaha Mihinare**



**The Anglican
Disability Network**

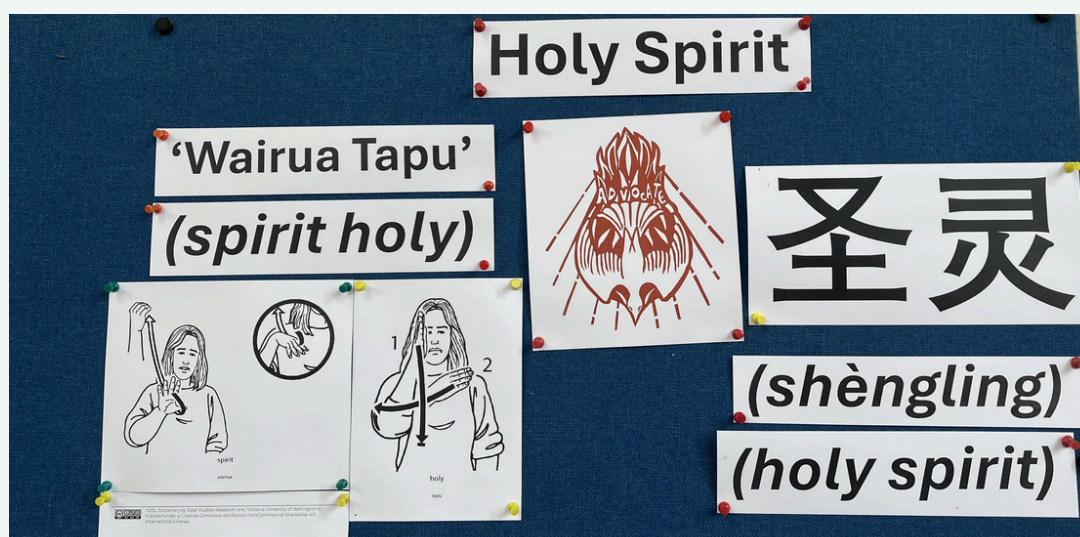
**Included Across Our Church:
Newsletter of the Disability Ministry Educators
Pentecost 2026**



**Disability Ministry Educators:
Revd Vicki Terrell (left) Cheryl Thompson (right)**



Greetings, Kia ora, Bula, Malo, Talofa, Namaste



Welcome to this Pentecost mini newsletter.

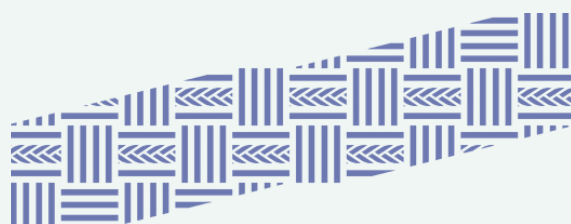
Pentecost season is upon us now, the Holy Spirit is moving!

This picture was found on the noticeboard at St James, Lower Hutt. It proclaims the message of Pentecost in multiple languages in our part of the world.

This newsletter accompanies the Disability Awareness Sunday Poster and Resource Pack for 21st June.

We share some Anglican news about:

- **the Upcoming Disability Summit**
- **Anglican Disability Inclusion Programme**





Skilled public speakers on disability David Loving-Molloy, Hilary Willett, Gray Ruffell, Karen Plimmer, Carolyn Tregea and Prudence Walker are the confirmed speakers at our church's first Anglican Disability Summit.

The Anglican Disability Summit -Brentwood Motel Kilbirnie Wellington, Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June- is intent on being a thinktank on the full inclusion of disabled people in the Anglican Church both physically and socially.

The Anglican Disability Network has recently secured presentations from 6 experienced commentators on disability –

David Loving-Molloy

David Loving-Molloy has transitioned into the role of Pou Ārahi o Whakauru – Leader and Advisor for Inclusiveness with the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North. With nearly 30 years of service as Chaplain to the Deaf Community, David now oversees spiritual growth and ministry for the Deaf, hard of hearing, and those who experience disability.

Hilary Willett

Hilary Willett, recently inducted Anglican vicar of Mania Rauhea/Hanmer Springs, in the Diocese of Ōtautahi Christchurch is a Christian ADHDer. She is passionate about neurodivergent and disabled inclusion in the church, as she believes that Christ invites, calls, and welcomes all people into the whānau of God.

Gray Ruffell

Since the age of 17 Gray has visited Hawkes Bay schools and spoke to children about everyday life while living with disability. Since then in his roles as a marriage celebrant, Community educator, radio deejay or theatre actor he has realised the power of honest vulnerable communication and the difference that it could make in the community around us.

Karen Plimmer

Karen Plimmer is completing a Master of Music at the University of Auckland, specialising in creative practice and assistive music technology. Alongside her creative and academic work, she is also the parent of a lively and curious seven-year-old. Before beginning postgraduate study, Karen worked in the disability sector for more than twenty years, where she frequently encountered the tension between ideal outcomes for disabled people, limited resources and funding priorities.

Carolyn Tregear

Carolyn is Deafblind, lives in Wanaka, has a Degree in Theology from the University of Otago and is a Spiritual Companion. She loves bible studies, baking, singing, dancing, and knitting. While working at Otago Polytechnic and studying theology she was able to share with health students how important Disability Theology in people's lives is.

Prudence Walker

As the Disability Rights Commissioner and rainbow/ health/ housing rights spokesperson for Te Kāhui Tika Tangata | New Zealand Human Rights Commission, Prudence is deeply committed to advancing equity for all people. With 25 years of advisory and governance experience, Prudence is a strategic thinker, and their work has always involved a strong people focus.



Te Hui Taumata Whaikaha Mihinare

The Anglican Disability Summit
2026

With opportunities to listen, contribute, watch a thought-piquing Saturday night performance act, hear from famous Anglicans like Archbishop Phillip Richardson, Archbishop Justin Duckworth, Archdeacon Mere Wallace and Lady Tureiti Moxon and enjoy good company: the Summit promises to be concurrently stimulating, startling and encouraging!

Bookings for the weekend are available till Friday 5th June at <https://anglicandisability.org/events/2026/anglican-disability-summit-2026>.





Anglican Disability - Inclusion Programme

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, through The Anglican Disability Network (TADN), has employed 2 Educators to raise awareness of Inclusion disabled people with every aspect of the church through Education, Engagement and Information.

The Inclusion programme:

- is designed to support the church enable changes to be more inclusive and accessible for disabled people.
- is available to all ministry, staff, parishioners, disabled people and their whanau within the Anglican Church.
- is held in the church, Parish, rohe, Amorangi of your choice. The places and spaces, we already use.
- runs for a minimum of 3 hours.
- There is no cost, however, we ask you provide us with a space to meet.

On-site workshop programme

Introductions – whakawhanaungatanga,
know me know my space – 20 mins

Workshop 1 – Disability – Inclusion – Accessible
Brainstorm, Feedback, Discussion session -45 mins
Exploring the words, their meaning
and how they are really seen in our community.

Workshop 2

Practical explanation and demonstration of
the Access Assess Assist Form – 60 mins

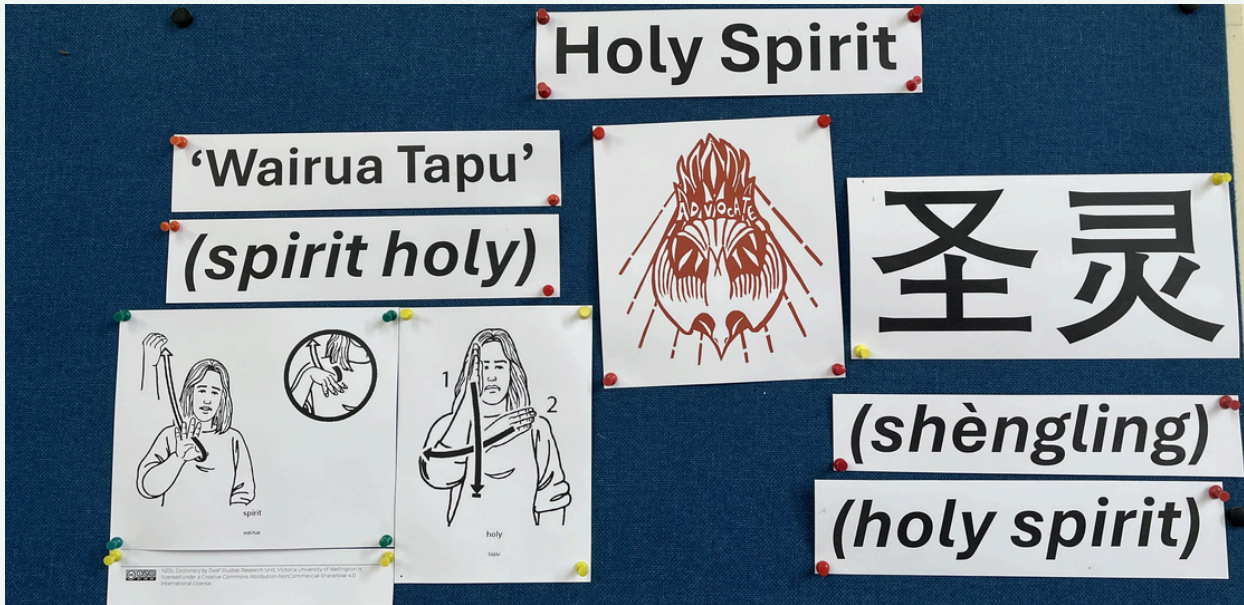
Programme Presenter:

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Pentecost is here

Spirit who empowers us



Disability Awareness Sunday June 21st



New song to sing
We are created in the image of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49q3T0lyuJE>

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