

COMMUNITY formation

CHAPEL THIS WEEK: Church at its Best

Chapel this week is being led by **Mike Crudge** and curated by **Bridget Barnard**. Mike is the Director for the Carey Centre for Lifelong Learning and Bridget is our Intermission Coordinator.



COMMUNITY LUNCHES

(12.30pm Monday | 12pm Tuesday)

Join us on Monday and Tuesday for our Community Lunches. This is a great time to get to know other students and staff while enjoying a delicious lunch together.

WEDNESDAY PRAYERS

(Carey Chapel 12.40pm - 1pm)

Sandy Kerr is leading prayer this week. Join us in Chapel to pray for one another, the church in Aotearoa and beyond.

MISSION WEEK that was

Were you here for Mission Week? Did you dress in an ethnic/cultural dress? It was such an encouraging few days for us as a community to broaden and challenge our thinking around mission and our participation in that—whether that be in Aotearoa New Zealand or overseas. Thank you to all the amazing, dedicated staff of the various mission agencies who were on site. There was space for students to talk with the agencies, mission focussed Chapel and prayer, interview with Dr Jamie Taylor (the great-great-grandson of Hudson Taylor, the missionary to China and founder of OMF).

Rev Steve Maina (Director of NZCMS) spoke in Chapel.



Click on this link to watch his talk:
<https://youtu.be/-lmRDxhMQGs>.

TOASTMASTERS club

It's not too late to join the Carey Toastmasters Club. They meet every second Thursday in LR3, 6 - 7.30pm.



Contact Santhosh George for more info
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MĀORI WORD of the week

Kōwhiri: to pick, choose.

Mau e kōwhiri ki ahau: pick me!

LIBRARY reminder

The Librarians are here to help! Remember—you can call them on 0800 773 776, or email: library@carey.ac.nz.

Library resources, including the library catalogue, ebooks, journal articles and more, can be accessed from the [library web page](#).

Distance services available to you on request:

- Books sent out, with return postage enclosed.
- PDF scans of book chapters etc emailed.



OPEN DAY – TUESDAY 9th AUGUST

Bring someone along who you know. Perhaps they are still uncertain what God has in store for them in 2019.

It's the ideal opportunity to join us for a day and explore what Carey offers in theological education and training.

That could be Pastoral Leadership, Youth Pastoral Leadership, Mission, Ethnic Ministries, Intermission or a deeper study of the Bible.

[Download the flyer here.](#)

The day will kick off at 8am with our famous (and free) Bagel Breakfast.



Coming to Our Senses

Theology needs to come to its senses. I first read this demand in Louise Lawrence's profound book *Sense and Stigma in the Gospels*. Her argument is that theology is so entangled with rationality that we read the biblical texts, especially the gospel texts, as a combat of ideas. And yet the biblical texts are not merely thinking something, they are doing something; the gospel is not merely pondered, it is embodied and performed as we make sense of the gospel.

The book of Revelation is, perhaps, the most sensational book of the Bible. In class, we are finding that it is a noisy, smelly, colourful, busy, and bustling book of which we are trying to make sense. It demands that we not only try to understand it but sense it too. In fact, sensing the book is understanding it. As a class, we've been stretching our collective resources to make sense of the book, and we have had to draw in a vast array of knowledges manage it—haka, songs, badly timed chants, art, music, standing on chairs, and sitting on floors. Revelation is a sensational book that demands we come to our senses about God and the world. It leaves us asking, how do we make sense of the gospel by our embodiment and performance of it?

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