

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE 2021

NEIGHBOURS DAY

Dear Friends

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)

I write to you, our generous and giving people, to encourage you to plant some extra seeds of hope and generosity in your community.

Later this month is national Neighbours Day "[Great Plant Swap](#)" and I hope you will participate. Whether your church is a young sapling or has deep roots in the community, your parish can Care for God's Creation by sharing free seeds.

As local churches, we lead by example, and I know from last year's Neighbours Day that many of our parishes share God's abundance from their gardens with foodbanks. To help you to continue growing and giving, we have some vegetable and flower seeds for you.

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians 9:10-15)

If your parish does not have a garden you can still participate.... share seeds with your neighbours, help someone care for their garden, offer to share gardening knowledge at a local school.... you will know best what your community needs.

While Neighbours Day is late May, this way of Caring for Creation could be ongoing, an all year project involving all generations of your church and community - our older people in particular have decades of knowledge to pass on.

If you would like to request free seeds, PCANZ parishes can find email [details here](#) but be fast, as it's first in first served - they will run out! Auckland area churches only can also request free seeds from Presbyterian Support Northern through [Prescare](#). Thank you PSN.

Let us pray that together we sow the glory of our Creator God in our neighbourhoods.
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