

Parish provides free Pasta Café for community – Wakitipu Presbyterian Church

In 2022, Wakitipu Presbyterian Church celebrated 20 years of its Pasta Café billed as the ‘best free feed in town’.

Pasta Café started out as a free winter meal, offered on Friday nights for four-six weeks, for ski workers who could come to the church building and be served hot pasta and sweet treats accompanied by live music, good conversation and warm hospitality from church volunteers. The ski workers were soon joined by migrant workers, backpackers, homeless people and increasingly in recent years, local families.

Rev Ian Guy says that at its peak volunteers were serving up to 400 meals a night.

“Some of these people were doing it pretty tough. We thought it was a way we could help make it easier and offer a little bit of old-fashioned home cooking and hospitality.”

You can read more about this wonderful initiative of sharing kai on the congregation’s website: <https://www.wakatipuchurch.com/what-we-offer/pastacafe/>

