

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

New Plymouth Branch



Correspondence.: Pres. Jim Scrivener, 30 Hine St, New Plymouth; tsnewplymouth@gmail.com
 Website: <https://theosophy.nz/centres/new-plymouth> Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheosophyNP/

President/Treas.: Jim Scrivener, Ph 021-2511 011 or 06-758 3511; tsnewplymouth@gmail.com

Vice President: Nicola Haines, Ph 021-316 615; nicolainthestudio@gmail.com

Committee: Norah Lambie, Katherine Kingsbury, Glenn Willard, Donna Willard-Moore, Jo Watson

PROGRAMME November – December, 2022

November 2022			Meeting type*
Wednesday 2 nd	7.30pm	<u>The Beginning of a Spiritual Life</u> by Jim Scrivener	MF
<p>(A repeat requested by some who missed it.) A look at the ideas theosophy suggests as useful in beginning a spiritual life: Study Meditation and Service. An interactive session where we explore the ideas through stories and analogies.</p> <p><i>Jim is a retired architect with an interest in music and theosophy. He enjoys playing french horn in the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra and been involved in the Theosophical Society since 1988 serving the New Plymouth Branch in various roles since then.</i></p> <p>Venue: Jim Scrivener's place, 30 Hine St, NP. Please phone or text Jim on 021-251101 if you're attending in person, to give him an idea of numbers. Or, use Zoom Link below.</p>			
Wednesday 16 th	7.30pm	<u>Ideas discussion for the year ahead</u>	MF
<p>Come along with your ideas about what you'd like to see in presentations, or would like to present yourself, or be a part of in a presentation (e.g. a panel), next year.</p> <p>Venue: Nicola Haines' place, 5 Price St, Westown, NP. Please phone or text Nicola on 021-316 615 if you're attending in person, to give her an idea of numbers. Or, use Zoom Link below.</p>			
December 2022			Meeting type*
Friday 2 nd	11.30am	<u>End of year lunch</u>	MF
<p>A chance to socialise and not worry about the dishes</p> <p>Venue: Pukekura Park Teahouse on the Lake (aka Pukekura Park Kiosk). Meet there at 11.30am</p>			
February 2023 dates			Meeting type*
Wednesday 1 st	7.30pm	<u>To be decided</u>	tba
Wednesday 15 th	7.30pm	<u>To be decided</u>	tba
March 2023 dates			Meeting type*
Wednesday 1 st	7.30pm	<u>To be decided</u>	tba
Wednesday 15 th	7.30pm	<u>To be decided</u>	tba

Zoom meetings: While in-person meetings are definitely the best, if you can't make it person, you can join the meetings marked, by Zoom. (The link is the same for all meetings) **Click on the link below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4642392089?pwd=bHcyMUJ6SWVzWnZOYkhseUkvTTMxQT09>

or use the following : **Zoom Meeting ID: 464 239 2089** **Passcode: 9aR2ZP**

Help with Zoom: let Jim know if you'd like help using Zoom. Ph 021-2511011 or email tsnewplymouth@gmail.com

*Meeting types: MF = Members & Friends; P = Public

Phone Survey: Thank you those who replied or returned a call about what would interest you in our branch. If you think of something please get in touch.

Members & Friends meetings

If you're thinking of bringing a friend to a members & friends meeting, as a courtesy to the hosts, please phone them to let them know beforehand. Ideally we invite people to members & friends meetings after they have been to at least a couple of public meetings and show interest. If your friend hasn't made it to a public meeting and is still interested, then either point them to the Theosophy New Zealand website <https://theosophy.nz/> or hand them first some of the pamphlets and the 'green book' as an introduction, so they will have some idea of what we're about. Ring or email Jim Scrivener (see details above), for extra copies of pamphlets etc.

New Plymouth Branch Programme/Newsletter

We publish this usually every 1-2 months with the programme. We welcome a short article, quotation, report etc. either your own thoughts or others' that is theosophically related, or generally helpful, please email it in to Jim at tsnewplymouth@gmail.com While inclusion is not guaranteed we will do our best depending on content and space.

Other events outside our branch – keep an eye on the Theosophy NZ website <https://theosophy.nz/> for upcoming events you might be able to attend. Also keep an eye on neighbouring branch activities via the pages at <https://theosophy.nz/centres> (e.g. Whanganui, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Napier, Wellington) - if there is a talk or event you'd like to attend, email tsnewplymouth@gmail.com to see if other members here are also interested in getting a car-load together.

Other resources on the web – Theosophy World

<https://www.theosophy.world/>

Have a look at a wealth of articles publications, ebooks, video and audio archives, all searchable and perfect to help you research something.

EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR BRANCH

In addition to checking what's on at other NZ branches on the TSNZ website, from time to time some international Zoom talks are available from the very active Theosophical Society in the Philippines and I endeavour to send links to members in emails as they come.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Next National Convention 12-17 January 2023 in Whanganui at

<https://theosophy.nz/events/national-convention-2023-whanganui>

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Check out the International School of the Wisdom online in July and onwards –see a full list and details at <https://www.ts-adyar.org/content/school-wisdom>

New Plymouth Branch Library of over 750 books is now in shelves sorted & catalogued by author at the president's place. Work is under way to classify them by subject to make it easier to use. To visit, please phone or text Jim on 021-2511 011 (or email tsnewplymouth@gmail.com) to arrange a time. We have recently received some new books from National Office.

Membership subscriptions reminder

Subscription invoices issued on 23rd August, 2022 for the Sept2022-Aug2023 year were due on 20th September, 2022. A reminder that we have to lapse members when they are a full 2 years in arrears, so please check if you've had a reminder, or if you have any questions, email the treasurer Jim (tsnewplymouth@gmail.com) or ph 021-2511 011. Even if you can't make it to meetings, bear in mind the subscriptions are at a similar level to those for National Section members who are not affiliated to any branch, but still receive the magazine and all the other advantages of membership.

Three of our members are running independent courses in New Plymouth currently:

Glenn Willard - a wellness course on *breathing, Tai Chi and meditation*; Saturdays 9.30-10.30am; \$koha
Donna Willard-Moore - *art/drawing* classes; Saturdays; various times, \$20/session.

For venue and other details phone Glenn on 027-325 2543 or Donna on 027-349 8372; or email dwmgcw@farmside.co.nz

Katherine Kingsbury – '*Meditation and Relaxation for Beginners*'. For details ring Katherine on 027-697 6660 or email kkingsbury@xtra.co.nz



We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aids, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn, which does not forsake us even in our soundest sleep. I know of no more encouraging fact that the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavour...

To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of the arts.

Henry David Thoreau
Walden.

Reprinted from *The Theosophist*, Vol. 143.12, September, 2022