# CAREY weekly

## WEEK 03 CAREY

#### COMMUNITY FORMATION

#### **Community Lunches**

Join us on Monday and Tuesday for our Community Lunches. Sit next to someone you don't know!

#### TUESDAY CHAPEL

#### Faith in the Midst of Trouble

This week we have New Testament scholar and expert Dr Sarah Harris sharing Psalm 46,



#### WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Bridget Barnard will lead us in a time of praying for homelessness in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond

#### STEWART MEMORIAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIP (Particularly for Open Brethren students)

Applications are still open for this scholarship that is awarded to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Applied Theology programme. Priority will be given to Open Brethren students but this is not a pre-requisite.

Check out the information at <u>carey.ac.nz/prospective-students/</u> <u>application-fees/scholarships/</u> and get your application in!





# God the home-maker

What is a "home-maker"? I've just looked it up in a few dictionaries. "A housewife"; "a person, especially a woman, who manages a home"; "someone who cooks, cleans and washes clothes for their family as their main job." I don't think these definitions are adequate. They stress managing and maintaining but miss the crucial dimension of making, creating home. Home involves place and people, location and relationships, where and among whom people can truly belong. Home-makers set to work on a place and make it an environment where life can flourish. They engage with people and nurture them into relationships within which they know they have value and belong. Isn't this what God does in the Bible's story? From Genesis to Revelation God is making a home, moving towards the day when the goal of God's mission is achieved, and "God's home is among people. God will dwell with them." (Rev 21:3) So God is a home-maker. How could we cooperate with God in that creative, loving, restoring work this week, so that the places where we spend time become homes, and the people with whom we interact are welcomed and nurtured into real belonging? Be a home-maker! You will be participating in the mission of God.

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