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Congratulations to Anna van Oeveren who is a member of the St John Youth Division in Napier. Anna recently completed her 1000 hours Community Service Shield. This is the highest community service hour shield that can be awarded to St John Youth and demonstrates Anna's commitment and dedication to both her community and the Order. Anna has also been promoted to Cadet Leader for her Napier Division. Congratulations Anna.

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- Meet Waiapu's Newly ordained deacons
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## Synod 2018

Synod 2018 was a relaxed gathering in Taupō this year. Like many of the diocesan synods around Aotearoa the agenda was neither large nor controversial. Much of the business was the confirmation of statues passed by the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui held in May, the bulk of which were liturgical alterations.

With more time available guest speakers at the Synod were allowed a little more time than usual. Both the Reverend Robert Kereopa of the Anglican Missions Board and

Margaret Poynton on furlough from Papua New Guinea addressed the Synod on overseas mission matters.

The usual range of reports were presented along with the Diocesan Budget. These are all available on the Diocesan website - <http://www.waiapu.com/resources/2018-synod-documents/>

***Pictured above are the clergy and Taupō Parish choir gathered at the conclusion of the Synod Eucharist.***