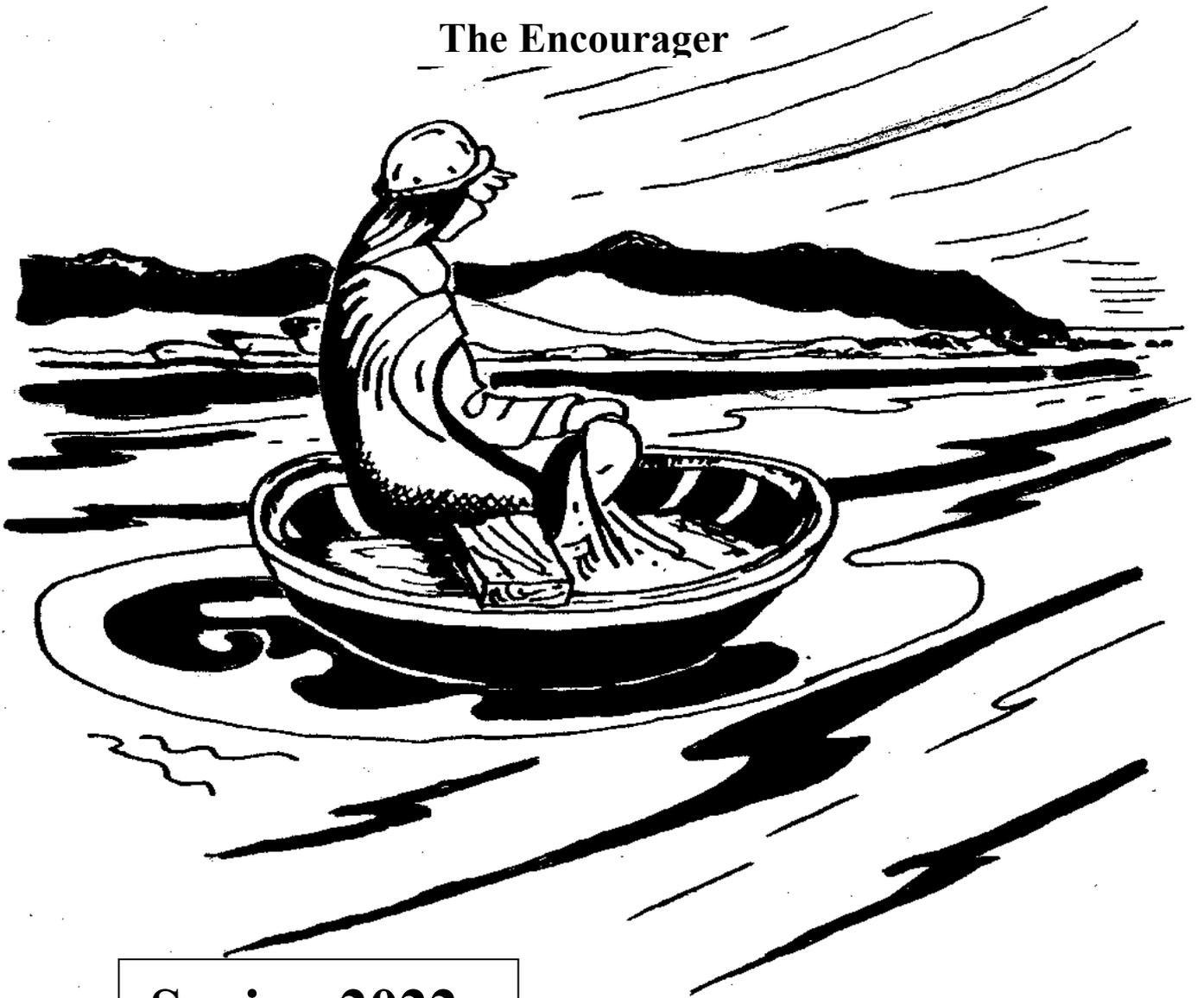


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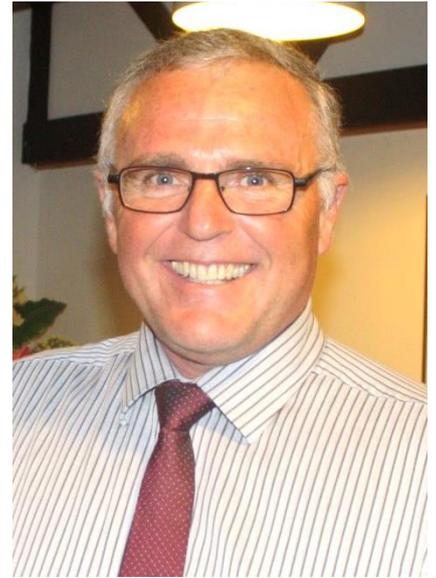
A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

On our recent visit to Aitutaki the hermit crabs fascinated us. A few times we remarked on the bad choice of home some of them made. Many of the shells were not the colourful impressive and perfect looking shells lying around. The shells they chose often seemed too heavy, awkwardly shaped, and...ugly.

But, what do I know! I look at the shell's shape and colour and want it to be unblemished and pretty. The crab is likely concerned about other criteria like a good fit for their body, whether it is hard enough to protect from danger, and if it blends in with the rest of their surroundings.

We look at each other and think, and sometimes remark, on things which do not fit within our opinion of what is appropriate, nice and good. Often the fine nuances of our body language convey the message subtly that the other person should be or behave differently or is not quite up to standard.

But what do we know? We do not truly understand if we have not spent time in the other person's shell. We do not know what their concerns, challenges and priorities are. We should, though. The biggest attraction of the early church was that the Christians radically followed in Jesus' footsteps. Jesus acknowledged and affirmed every person. He sometimes urged them to change their behaviour and other times He afforded them a space of grace within which they could change over time. The early church did not always get it right, but by and large they broke societal barriers and formed a loving, caring community which included people from every socio-economic standing. The biggest of which was probably that masters and slaves had



fellowship and worshipped together. The expression of God's grace and love in such a way was a powerful testimony and proof of the reality of God's Kingdom and attracted people to the Jesus movement.

This is so crucial that James 2:1 asks the question: "My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favour some people over others?"

As spring is a time of new beginnings, let us reflect on what it means to be God honouring, Christ following, and Holy Spirit led within the context of our relationship with each other, with every member of our St. Enoch's faith family. Let's refrain from forming opinions about each other's shells and rather see the image bearer of God within the shell.

May Spring 2022 be marked by us bearing beautiful fruit of the Spirit.

Jaco

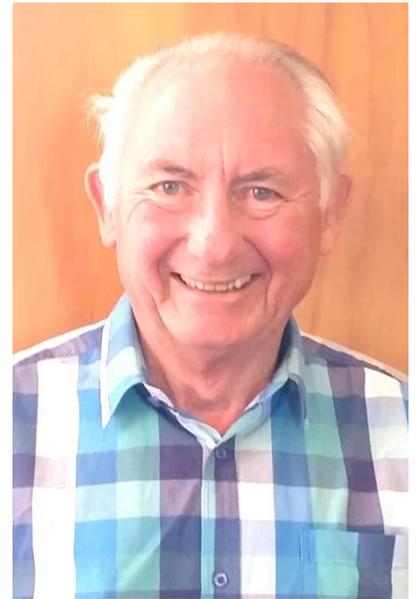
Taxi driver and Peter

Both a priest and a taxi driver died and were resurrected. St. Peter was waiting for them at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter motioned to the taxi driver, 'Come with me.' The taxi driver followed St Peter to a mansion as instructed. It had everything imaginable, from a bowling alley to an Olympic-sized pool. 'Oh my word, thank you,' the taxi driver said. St. Peter then led the priest to a run-down shack with a bunk bed and an old television set. 'Wait, I think you're a little confused,' the priest said. 'Shouldn't it be me who gets the mansion?' After all, I was a priest who went to church every day and preached the word of God.' 'That is correct.' 'But during your sermons, people slept,' St Peter countered. Everyone prayed as the taxi driver drove



SESSION REPORT

What an interesting time we all have had since 1st January 2022 dawned! We've confronted many challenges and changes both medically, physically and emotionally. By the grace of God, and our faith in the Almighty, it has meant that most of us have faced and overcome those challenges and we can look forward to the love and blessings that He surrounds us with each day.



Your Session has continued to shepherd the flock at St Enoch's and has been active in promoting outreach into our community. Under the leadership of Louise H. our faith family have been active in a programme to help feed the needy. Called 'Under the Stars', this project provides lunch and dinner once a week for up to 70 disadvantaged members of our community. As noted in the last Manawa we introduced a mission/identity statement that was the focus of six sermons before Easter. GOD HONOURING; CHRIST FOLLOWING; HOLY SPIRIT LED is the mantra that we should all have as our daily goal. Hopefully it has helped you to stay in tune with our Lord and all the blessings that abound.

Recently I learned of a man flying back to NZ from London. Sitting beside a woman passenger, the conversation got around to what each of them did. His response was that he was a branch manager in a world-wide company that had branches in every corner of the globe. It had one CEO, over one hundred thousand managers and had millions of customers. Oh said the woman. What is the name of the company? THE CHURCH was his reply! I'm a minister. What is so obvious, and yet do we realise, that we are a small part of a world-wide outreach organisation to spread the love and grace of our Lord? No matter how insignificant we may think we are in today's world, we are all super stars in God's world. He needs you to actively proclaim that love in all you do and in all you say.

I will finish with a reading from Hebrews 10: 19-25. Using 'The Message' translation.

"So friends – without hesitation – walk right up to God, into "The Holy Place". Jesus has cleared the way by the blood of His sacrifice, acting as our priest before God. The curtain into God's presence is his body.

So let's do it - full of belief confident we are presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps His word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big day approaching."

May our Heavenly Father continue to richly bless you.

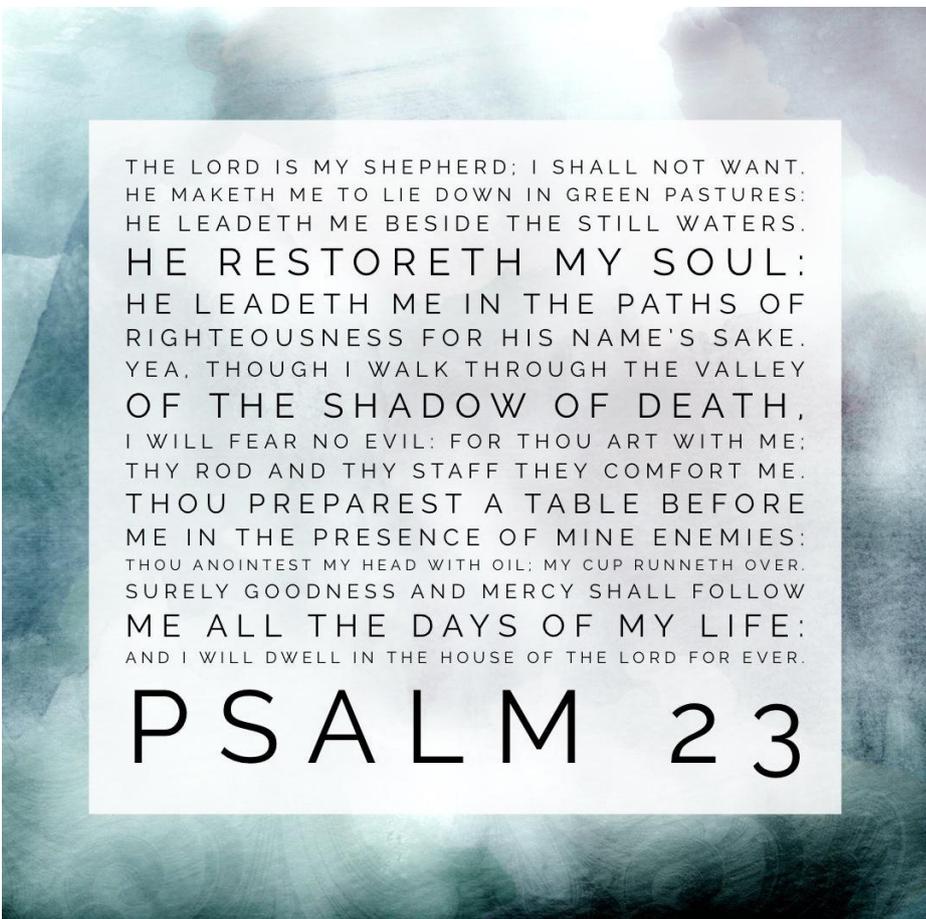
Philip P. Temple
Session Clerk

Psalm 23

The minister was to preach on Psalm 23. Known as the Lord's My Shepherd. When the time came for the lesson to be read the Minister noticed a well-known actor in the congregation, so he invited him to read the Psalm. This he did with oratorical flourish and appropriate gestures. He finished and there was a round of applause. Inspired by the Holy spirit, the Minister asked an age bent senior elder whose spirituality he much admired to read the Psalm also. When he finished there were many tears throughout the congregation. The actor then had the grace to say to the elder. "The difference between our readings is that I knew the Psalm but you knew the shepherd!"
Do you dear Reader?

PS Take a few moments to read the Shepherd Psalm again and ponder its spiritual richness.

W. Wilson



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL:
HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL: FOR THOU ART WITH ME:
THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME.
THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE
ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL: MY CUP RUNNETH OVER.
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE:
AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.

PSALM 23

Intern report

There has been a lot of disappointment for me during the last couple of months, but most of that disappointment was on the rugby field! I was at the Super Rugby final between the Blues and the Crusaders, the Blues lost. I was at the 2nd test between the All Blacks and the Irish in Dunedin, the All Blacks lost. It seemed that if I attended a big game in person, the team I supported lost! But life is like that, as the world moves forward, we tend to think that we affect the outcome of things, even from the side lines. We like to frame everything that happens through the lens of ourselves. I think we will find so much more hope and satisfaction by continuing to give credit where credit is due, to the ultimate winner, to the true hero, our captain Jesus! I will still support the Blues and the All Blacks, but considering the time, energy, and emotional investment involved, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, should always take priority! As I've stated in previous reports, a large part of the Knox internship focus has been to slow down and to prioritise our quality time with Jesus, through scripture, through prayer and fellowship. So, although the last couple of months has been demanding on time and energy, it is made much easier and much more meaningful and hopeful, when considered with an eternal perspective, a Jesus perspective. I know this may seem to be more of a reflection than a report, but it comes from an internship focus that prioritises our time with God before all else. And this is not just a paradigm of thought that applies to ministers, all who profess Christ as Lord can and should maintain this disposition. Be assured, I am keeping on top of my responsibilities and requirements for the internship, one of which is to encourage my placement context, I hope my short spiel above has helped in this.

Blessings
Joshua Tepou
Intern Minister



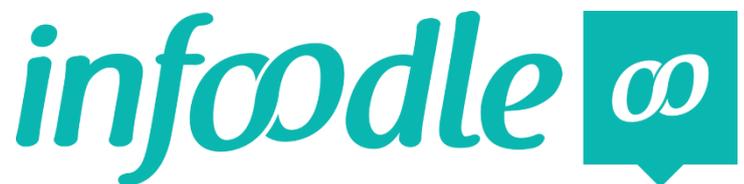
\$\$\$ Treasurers Notes \$\$\$

We have had Covid around us for over two years now and a lot of things have changed socially and economically. And yet at St Enoch's we have managed to stay strong and stable. Sure, sometimes we have been down in attendance in our Sunday services, but we do come back.

Because of the shift to tithing by bank AP's and the addition of a few bequests St Enoch's is in a good financial position. You will see how good when you attend the AGM, and all will be revealed.

In the meantime, we are looking at ways and means to bring the Sunday service to our congregation and the wider community online and alive. This is exciting stuff, but it needs to be done properly so not only our Sunday service will be online but also it could be used for weddings, funerals and the like.

St Enoch's is now trialing an administrative software program called Infoodle. It will help Marie with all her administrative work and streamline the year end donation receipts process. More on this in the next Manawa.



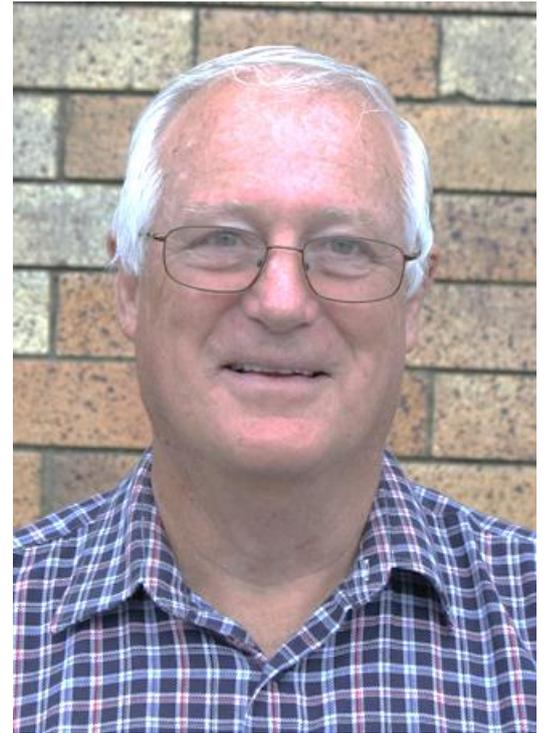
In the meantime, be healthy live long and prosper and give generously.

And once again please consider giving by automatic bank payments. This method of tithing saves a lot of administration and does reduce

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Ken Hartley



It is a privilege to be part of St Enoch's Board Of Managers and present this report.

I will try not to repeat that of Maintenance and Development in what we have achieved during the year.

Firstly, we welcomed onto the board Doug Naude who has taken on the position of Health and Safety officer.

We were fortunate to purchase 4 trestle tables and several black chairs from the Heart Foundation on the closing of their office. Old heavy trestles and some chairs were sold on Trade me. The sale of these offset the new furniture with some to spare! Marie also acquired a new filing cabinet and drawers for the office.

Other purchases have been much needed new pillows for the pews. A fridge for the Lounge as the old one was unable to be repaired.

St Enoch's have received and are most thankful for bequests from the estates of Maide Belk and Beryl Goodger. Board Of Managers have put these monies aside for a special purpose, and not into the general running of the church.

We are fortunate to have good tenants in the Manse. Various minor repairs and maintenance have occurred as would be expected on an older house.

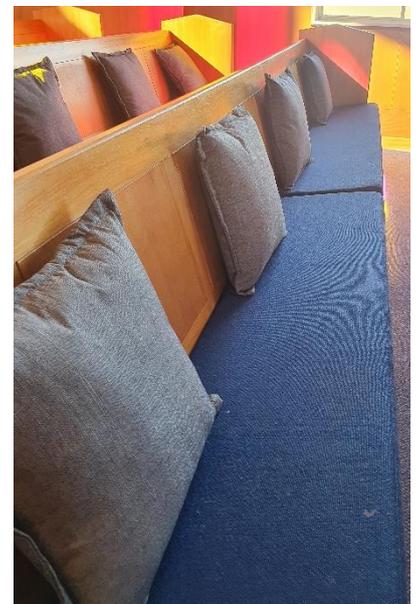
The hire of the Hall has been a good source of income for us. A big thank you to Marie for managing the Hall hire and also the hire of our Lounge and Church. Also thank you to Geoff Tyrell and Richard Wilson for the many occasions that the Hall needs to be opened and closed for people hiring and for keeping check that it is left clean and tidy.

Ongoing work being done is the upgrading of internet access into Jaco's office and to the front of the church, and also taking internet into the hall.

This will give us access to more groups wanting to hire the Hall requiring internet.

Overall, we have had quite a busy year with much accomplished.

Blessings Robyn M





All throughout dinner my wife's best friend's four-year-old daughter stared at me as I sat opposite her.

The girl could hardly eat her food for staring. I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, and patted my hair in place, but nothing stopped her from staring at me.

Finally I asked her, "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior, and the table went quiet, waiting for her response.

Finally,.....the little girl said.....

"I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."

Spiritual Growth Group

This group continues to study Prayer: 24 Ways to Walk with God by Mary Kate Morse. We are now in Part Two which explores prayer related to God the Son. Hence The Examen as a daily reflection prayer, the Lord's prayer, the Servant and Simplicity prayers. These all call for some active involvement as a result of time in contemplation.

Jaco is a skilled facilitator and each of us feel included as he listens to what we offer, reflects and guides the discussion. This is a very affirming and safe group and we are challenged in our walk with God. We cannot apply all the different types of prayer regularly but they are there as a 'repertoire' which we can draw upon at different times and in different circumstances.

Do you struggle with prayer? Then join us. We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month in the lounge. It would be good to have more of our folk join us in this most beneficial of studies.

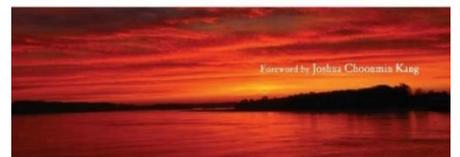
Joan Bryant



A Guidebook to Prayer



Twenty-four ways to walk with God



Contact Details

Thank you to all those who have returned their contact details to the office.

With our new Infoodle programme on the computer it is a good time to correct and update any details on members of the congregation. We are also able to store a lot more information on people which is always helpful.

If you have not yet returned your contact details to the office please do so as soon as possible.

Please note: all data collected is confidential and only used for ministry purposes

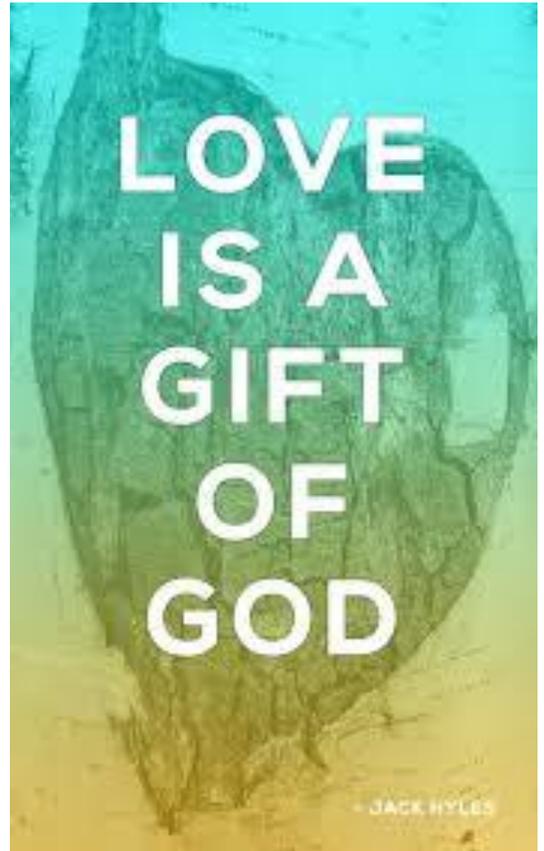
Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care of people is vitally important to the wellbeing and smooth running of the church. We each have a responsibility to help others in our faith family. The group leaders have had morning tea meetings in July with Jaco for encouragement and pastoral input. It is good to get together occasionally. We have quite a number of people with sickness, operations etc and the leaders try to follow up and encourage those in their groups. Thank you, leaders.

If you need a friendly ear, please get in touch with your Manawa deliverer and also remember those who, because of Covid, have stopped attending services. They need a friendly hello also.

Thank you all for our faith family.

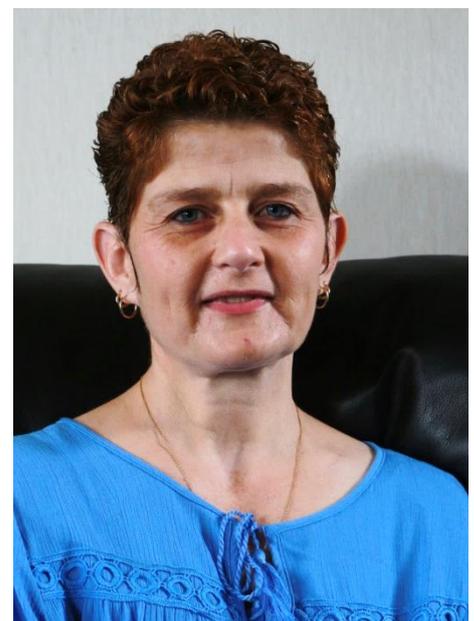
Minette, Joan and Gail



Joan Bryant



Gail Walker



Minette Soekoe

Know Your Neighbours

Gail & Brian Walker

Gail is an Elder here at St Enoch's and Brian was a Baptist Minister from 1972-2005 in various churches.

He was then ordained as a Presbyterian Minister in Balclutha in 2005.

We retired here in Tauranga in 2010.

We both enjoy being part of this faith family.

Brian enjoys pottering at home, walking the dog Toby and reading.

Gail enjoys Aqua Aerobics, baking (gluten free food) and helping where needed e.g. The Prayer chain and Pastoral Care.

We have three children, seven grandees and five and a half great grandees.



Robyn Dowdle

Many years ago, I came to live in Tauranga for nursing training and I've lived here ever since.

Brought up a farmer's daughter and then became a farmer's wife, so very much a country girl.

I've been a member of St Enoch's for many years, joining the church when moving to Tauranga but moved away for a couple of decades and returning,

which I'm glad I did because I love belonging to this branch of the family of God.

I'm an Elder and recently volunteered to assist with the Sunday school. Volunteering for "Under the Stars" is a busy time but a lot of fun, getting to know one other in a

different environment.

Living with a fabulous view in rural Ohauti looking down the valley across Green pastures to the Harbour below, the Mount and Mayor Island, I love sharing it so any time you want to go for a country drive, drop in for a cuppa and take in the scenery I enjoy every day.



Betty Cronin

Prior to moving into Greenwood Park I lived in Papamoa with my husband. At St Enochs I help look after the Church Library and belong to the reading group that meets once a month.

I was born in Hamilton and grew up on a farm in Newstead until my marriage. We were married for 57 years and have 4 children, three daughters and a son(deceased) and now 6 Grandchildren and one Great Grandson. We are a very close family.

We moved to Tauranga in 1970 and lived in Bellevue. During my time there I was employed as an assistant Librarian at the Intermediate which I enjoyed for 11 years.

In 1986 I began work at the Tauranga Hospital as Tutorial Library and later the main Hospital Library and eventually as a receptionist on the medical ward. I was at the hospital for 18 years before retiring. My hobbies are genealogy, reading, cards, knitting and Family.



Jill Gray

I am a retired charter boat skipper from early 70's to 2011 and am an honorary life member of Tauranga Sport Fishing Club and still enjoy the club.

I enjoy growing Orchids and Camellias and am a member of both societies, but need a bit of help in the garden these days. I also belong to two garden clubs. Orchids and Camellias flower in the Winter so enjoyed these when I wasn't so busy fishing.

My mother, Ann Gray and friend Maide Belk were long-time members of St Enoch's.

I can be seen in Maungatapu on my mobility scooter with my dog 'Lucky'



Mama Tu

My name is Seiuli Tutai Kitimira Malietoa – known as Mama Tu Mother's Day this year (2022) my daughter and I had the pleasure of making and distributing posies (in this photo) filled with love and joy to our St Enochs family.

I joined the St Enochs church family after moving to live with my daughter in Tauranga in 2015.

I have been made to feel very welcomed by the warmth of the St Enochs family, thank you!

I look forward to helping out by welcoming everyone at the door on Sundays and helping with the offerings.

Gods blessings to you all

Mama Tu



Nols and Elize Bertram

We were both born, raised and educated in South Africa. Elize is a qualified teacher / librarian and worked in both disciplines in South Africa.

Nols' education is in governance, and he held several senior management positions in local government in South Africa.

We immigrated to New Zealand in February 1998 and settled in Tauranga. Elize first worked at the Tauranga City Library until she was appointed as one of the Librarians at

Bethlehem College in August 2005 and she is still part of the school's library team.

Nols works as a business broker and is part of the team at LINK Bay of Plenty.

We first worshipped at St Columba, then St Peters, then Tauranga Elim Church and the last few years at St Enochs where we feel very much at home and enjoy fellowship here.

We have two daughters and four wonderful grandsons, all living in Tauranga.



Iris Stockwell

Happy birthday Iris. On 26th July 2022 Iris turned 90 years old and she celebrated by going for a swim in the Greerton Swimming Pool and swimming 40 lengths. Iris swims three times weekly and she set herself a goal 10 years ago when this photo was taken to still be swimming and still be able to swim a kilometre on her 90th birthday. She said she is slower now, but she did it – wow Iris, you are an inspiration to us all.



Iris has been a huge part of St Enochs and over the years has been involved in just about every part of the Church. Iris was Session Clerk from 1998-2014 and again from 2018-2019.

St Enoch's helped Iris celebrate her birthday with a lovely morning tea after church on the Sunday before her birthday. It was a testament to how

special Iris is with how many people turned up for this. Even Richard gave her a high-fi. 90 years old and still able to squat down to his level.



Every year on each of their birthdays Marion, Lois and Iris go out for lunch together. This year Eli and Grace joined them.

What amazing lifelong friendships.



Rudolf Nelson & Sue Davys

We met in Auckland in 2014.

Sue moved from Auckland to Tauranga to retire in 2015.

Rudi is a retired builder and he had plans to build a holiday cottage in Samoa for us to escape to in the winter season.



We were looking for a church where we could marry and a place for us to worship.

We have found a friendly and welcoming faith family in St Enoch's. Believe it or not, we were married at St Enoch's by Jim Wallace.

Because we were travelling back and forward to Samoa for the first five years after joining St Enoch's, Sue was unable to commit to many church activities but since Covid-19 pandemic started in 2020 and because of health issues we have been unable to travel so decided we'll give the travel away.

Sue's involvement in church at the moment:

- Singing group
- Prayer meeting Sundays before church starts
- recently joined the Spiritual Growth Group
- the Ministry Reflection Group., (MRG)
- Ladies Tuesday Coffee Morning is a plus+

It's a blessing to worship and be part of St Enoch's Faith Family.

God bless
Sue♥

Cynthia Herring

I was born in Wellington and lived in Lower Hutt, Masterton and Tauranga.

Over the years my life's journey has taken me to Brisbane, Durban, Mackay, Bundaberg, Caloundra and back to Tauranga.

St Enoch's has been my home of friendship and worship over the last 30 years.

I have one son and 3 daughters. Craig, Amanda, Saskia and Marcella. Granddaughters Jessica and Sophie.



My pride and joy are my great grandchildren, Roman, August and Cleo.

I am the co-ordinator of the lounge kitchen and help with the distribution of the Manawa.

Dinis Davie

I met my husband, Alex, on a Real blind-date 47 years ago. We've been married 44 years. We have a blended family of 4 daughters and a son. Family life, project managing the renovation of 7 homes (whilst living in them!), enjoying a variety of part time jobs, sewing and crafting have kept me busy.

I have Worshipped in many places over the years and am now thoroughly enjoying the welcoming atmosphere of St Enochs.

My life has been Very Blessed.



Jannie and Nicolette

Jannie and Nicolette met at Stellenbosch University and married in 1973 after graduation. They have two children: a daughter and a son and three grandchildren. They emigrated to New-Zealand in 2015 and are currently living in Welcome Bay, Tauranga. They both feel very blessed and privileged to currently live in a safe environment like New Zealand



Jannie:

- Jannie is addicted to “sport” in general and specifically loves watching the Springboks (rugby), the Proteas (Cricket) and Rafael Nadal & Nick Kyrgios (tennis) on Sky
- Jannie was a Chief Inspector of Education in South Africa and has a PhD in Law. He specialised in Education Law and Labour Law. He was a lecturer of Education Law for post graduate University students. He acted as chairman of tribunals to settle Educational disputes.
- He played a major role in the Independence process of Namibia regarding the restructuring of the Namibian Education system. He is addicted to tennis and was a professional tennis coach and an international tennis umpire.

Nicolette:

- Nicolette loves to celebrate Life by enjoying everyday blessings on a daily basis such as: spending time with her grandchildren and children, having a cup of T with friends, reading a good book, tramping, a good film and music. She also likes taking photos of exceptional clouds, trees and rainbows.
- She is a retired employee of the South African Education Department where she served as a Subject Inspector of Education, Chief Examiner and Moderator.

Regards

Jannie & Nicolette

John Brabyn

I have been a member of St Enoch's for 30yrs plus. I was the organist for more than 25yrs and played all Sundays except 3 Holiday ones.

I regularly tuned and maintained the 3 manual Deco Organ till replacing it with my Yamaha HS8 digital organ. For many years I backed singing with rhythm guitar, piano and organ. I started a song group that practiced in my downstairs music room followed by supper supplied by my wife Ann who was Board of Managers secretary for some years. I have 4 daughters, 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

I was a ferry Skipper doing timetable trips to Matakana Island, Mount Maunganui, Mayor Island etc.

I used to change the ceiling lights in the church with an extension ladder leaning on the T & G ceiling!

I also played for the funeral directors with my H S 8 on average 3 times a week as far away as Whakatane, Otorohonga and Rotorua Boys High School.

Regretfully I can no longer let my fingers do the talking. Special thanks to our present musicians and Lead Singers.



The pastor and the beer

"If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it in the river," a preacher said as he finished a temperance sermon. "And if I had all the drink in the world," he said with humility, "I'd take it and throw it into the river."

"And if I had all the whiskey in the world," he finally admitted, "I'd take it and throw it into the river."

He slid into a chair. "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River," the song leader said, taking a cautious step forward and smiling.



WHAT'S ON AT ST ENOCH'S

(There may be more - please watch your Sunday Bulletins)

Sunday Prayer Gr	each Sunday in Jaco's office	9.00am
Sunday Worship	each Sunday	9.30am
Men's Morning Tea	each Tuesday (at Mitre 10 Café)	10.00am
Ladies Morning Tea	each Tuesday (at Columbus Café)	10.00am
Have A Go	each Wednesday in lounge	9.30am
Spiritual Growth Group	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday in lounge	1.00pm
Readers Group	last Wednesday of the month (@ different members homes)	1.30pm
Musical Home Group	2 weekly on Thursday in Church	12.00pm
STEWV Bible study Gr	1 st Thursday of month (venue to be advertised in bulletin)	7.00pm
Youth Group	Saturday in hall (Leiona to advise dates)	4.00pm

September 2022

Thursday 1 st	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Communion Service
Wednesday 14 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting

October 2022

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Communion Service
Thursday 6 th	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Wednesday 12 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting

November 2022

Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Communion Service
Thursday 3 rd	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Wednesday 9 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting

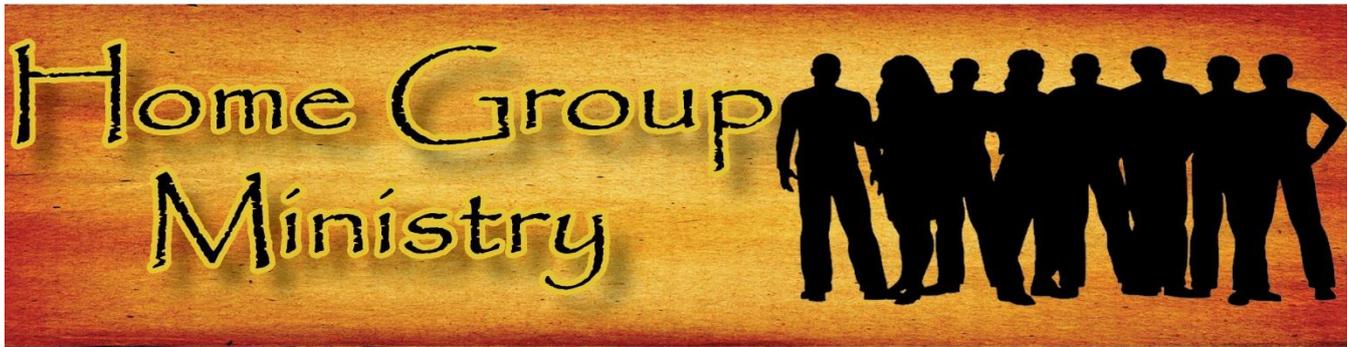
Under the Stars

Help to prepare and serve food to the homeless and needy once a month on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Contact Louise if you want to be involved.

(027 2323481)





Readers' Group This group shares what they have read or are reading, and discussion arises from there. We are introduced to a variety of books, genres and authors which broadens our further choices. Then there is a cuppa and general chat. We meet at different members' homes from 1.30 to 3pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

Ring Joan Bryant for more information (5441669 or 027 7733811).

Spiritual Growth Group 1st & 3rd Wednesday in church lounge @ 1.00pm. Please contact Jaco for more information. (Phone 027 3259003)

A musical group is meeting in the church on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 12 pm. This is a time to fellowship and worship together through a relaxed jam session. Josh invites anyone who loves to play or sing, or even if you would just like to sit and listen, as we express our worship of God through music (no musical ability needed – just a heart of worship). Contact Joshua (022 369 6769) for further details.

STEW (St Enoch's Working Women) Bible study Group: meets on the 1st Thursday at members' homes (venue to be advertised in weekly bulletin @ 7.00pm). Phone Anel for more information 021 2683064

Youth: The youth group, under Leiona's enthusiastic leadership meets regularly in the hall. Let us know if you know of someone who might benefit from engaging with our youth group.

Please contact Leiona (027 505 1117) for more information.

Mens Coffee: All men invited to join this group on Tuesday at 10am in the Mitre 10 Mega Columbus Café. Phone Rex for more info (027 2842317)

Ladies Coffee: Ladies are invited to join this lovely group who meet every Tuesday at 10am at Columbus Café at Gate Pa. Phone Cynthia for more info (027 3241027)

Welcome to St Enoch's – New Members

Leon, Wendy, Odette and Callum Roberson (Joy Fisher's daughter and family)

We have been living in Tauranga for 6 ½ years

Both Wendy and Leon are trained teachers.

Leon teaches Religious Studies and is the Assistant Principal, with responsibility for Special Character and Pastoral Care at Aquinas College.

Wendy is part of the teaching team at Above and Beyond Education and Care Centre, Gate Pa

Odette is in her first year of study at Otago University, where she is working towards becoming a Marine Biologist. She is a keen dancer and football player.

Callum is in Year 11 at Aquinas College. He is pursuing a career in football and is currently the goalkeeper for Cambridge under 23 team. He has also said to say that he is 'good-looking'.



LIOMATA AND DALE MOYER

(Dale is Sue Davys cousin)

We are both Samoan. We came to NZ in 1964, but before we came to NZ we both worked for the Government Printing in Samoa. Dale was working as an 'Intertype Machine' hot metal, and I was working as at 'Book Binding'. Dale's mum was already in NZ in 1961, so we stayed with Dale's mum in her flat.

In those days she was working as a Wards Maid in Auckland Hospital. Dale applied for a job in the NZ Herald in the city, so he started at the Commercial department for a couple of years.

Then the Sunday Paper started at the Newsroom. Dale applied for that job. It was good money because it was a Sunday Paper and still with NZ Herald.

We got married in 1966 and our first child was born in 1967. I stayed at home to look after our son. Dale was working steadily at his job, and Mum too. Then we had our second child in 1968, a girl. Years went by, and when my kids were 6 and 5 we bought our first home in Grey Lynn. When the kids were 9 and 8 we sold that house and bought another house in Mt Albert. Dales Mum retired from her job and I started work for the NZ Herald in Security Print, doing all the cheque books and all other security work. We loved our work.

Dale finished from the NZ Herald after 25 years. He just wanted a change. He wanted to do some painting work, so he ended up doing house paining for some friend's houses. One day one of our friend's wife, Principal for Ponsonsby Primary School in Herne Bay, said was looking for a Caretaker for the school. Dale took the job and worked there for 10 years. Most of the years he was Caretaker he did a lot of sports for the kids. P.E and other sports. We are a sports family.

So we were looking for a city in NZ to retire in and we picked Tauranga. We sold our house in Auckland and bought one in Tauranga. And here we are. Our daughter sold her unit in Auckland and bought a house in Otumoetai.

So we have 2 adult children, Abel and Dorothy, 8 grandkids and 2 great grandkids. So that is Us "Moyers"



SUNDAY SCHOOL

After a Covid hibernation, our Sunday school is up and running again!! It is wonderful to gather again with the young people of St Enoch.

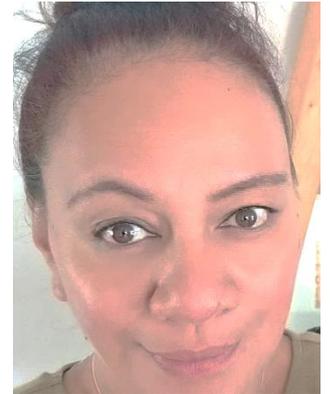
But we do not only have our young ones back in Sunday School, but we also welcome two new Sunday school teachers. A big welcome to Robyn and Wendy who just recently joined the Sunday school team. It is wonderful to have new energy, ideas and plans for the rest of the year.

Currently, we are using the new Sunday school books that Jaco acquired for the children. We are studying the Creation story and the subsequent stories in the Old Testament.

We have a wonderful group of children that attend Sunday school, and it is a privilege to spend time with them. We often have a variety in ages from our very youngest one-year-old member Richard, right through to our teenagers. We pray, read, learn, have fun and do activities and crafts together.



The Sunday school team Louise, Carolynn, Aline, Robyn and Wendy







Maide Belk 2.7.1932 - 31.10.2021

Beryl Goodger - 5.8.1926 - 24.3.2022



Thank you to Maide and Beryl who have both left a bequest in their wills to St Enochs. This money has been put aside and will be used on something special in their memory.

St Enochs was a huge part of both of their lives and we would like to say a very big thank you to them both

Leaving a gift in your Will, also known as **leaving a 'bequest'** is an incredible way to be remembered.



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group

What a beautiful way to celebrate love and life in all the things that God has deemed as good. The mid-winter dinner was amazing! The evening was full of games, prizes, food, lots of dancing and big laughs! The night left us feeling encouraged, reconnected, and excited for St. Enoch's as a faith family. There's always something special about being in these social spaces where you feel safe, accepted, and loved - very much what Jesus was all about. Again, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening from prepping and planning, to bringing food and helping with tidying up. It meant a lot to me, and I know that it meant a lot to everyone else too! A special thank you to Jaco and Louise for being great sources of support. I will always appreciate the lengths you both go to for others!



From this point onwards, we will continue to have our youth nights every second Saturday, and all are welcome to come along!

Let's continue to pray for the youth, and for St. Enoch's as we pick up where we have left off. What an exciting journey! One I know

that God's blessings and hands have been working in and throughout many of us at St. Enoch's. God continues to bless!



The Professor started the class by telling them, "In Veterinary medicine it is necessary to have two important qualities as a doctor. The first is that you not be disgusted by anything involving an animal's body." For an example, the professor pulled back the sheet, stuck his finger into the butt of the cow, withdrew it, and stuck his finger in his mouth. "Go ahead and do the same thing," he told his students.

The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes, but eventually took turns sticking a finger in the butt of the dead cow and, sucked on it.....followed by assorted gagging, retching and spitting, etc.

When everyone had finished wiping their faces, the Professor looked at them and said, "The second most important quality is observation. I stuck in my middle finger and sucked on my index finger. Now learn to pay attention. Life is tough but it's even tougher if you're stupid."

St Enoch's Working Women's Group

Our monthly Bible-studies for 2022 are on the Parables of Jesus.

The Parables of Jesus break down spiritual truths by putting it in simple stories – easier to understand and to re-tell – and to relate the message to our daily lives.

We let the Word speak: discussing what in the Parable we like or dislike; how we see the heart of human and GOD in the Parable, and how this Parable will influence us in the month to come.

The Holy Spirit break open the word for us.

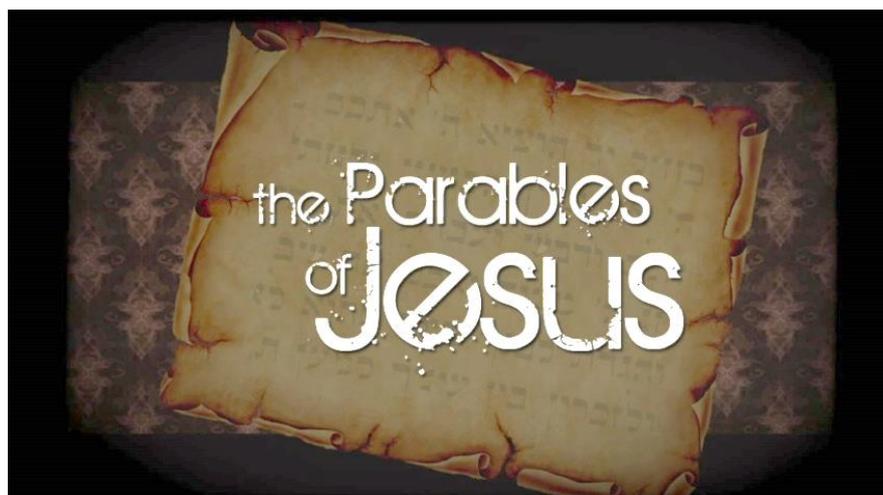
We are grateful for also having the support of each other in our daily chores. As working people, we so easily get caught up in the drag of each day, forgetting how blessed we are with all we have. We are able to go places, do things and be part of the daily hustle and bustle.

IN the month of August (hospitality month) our aim is to support our congregation members, who are unable to be part of Sunday services due to illness or other restrictive factors, by way of a visit and/or a care parcel.

To GOD be the glory

Anel Reyneke

Facilitator – St Enoch's Working Women's Bible study group



ST ENOCH'S

Coffee Morning



Tuesdays

Ladies Coffee Group

Meets at Columbus Café at Gate Pa (except the last Tuesday of the month) at 10am on Tuesday. All women are invited.

WE ARE NOW MEETING AT
THE BROOMTREE CAFE ON THE LAST
TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Cynthia Herring.
Phone 0273241027



Men's Coffee Group

Meets at Mitre 10 Columbus Café at 10am on Tuesday. All men are invited.

For more info phone Rex 5431606 or
027 2842317



MISSION OUTREACH

St Enoch's congregation supports the following mission organisations:

- Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- Wycliff Bible Translators NZ (WBT)
- Homes of Hope
- Hospital Chaplaincy



Under the Stars

Thursdays at Under the Stars have become a real highlight. The cooks discuss what meal to prepare and between the ladies, a wonderful home-cooked meal gets delivered. The last two times, the meal included chicken, rice and a side of vegetables, and a big mouth-watering lasagne was served. One of the guests commented that it feels like a restaurant.

One of our recent serving days fell in the school holidays, and some of our youth joined. They slotted right in and joined the assembly line in making beautiful deli-style sandwiches. They helped with the setting up of tables, serving food and respectfully engaging with the guests.

A previous serving Thursday was an extremely wet and rainy day. The number of people attending almost halved. This is just a reminder of the



challenges they face daily. The weather can make it too challenging to get somewhere. Once wet it is challenging to get warm and dry again when you are on the street.

Serving at Under the Stars is rewarding in itself. But one of the unexpected benefits is working alongside and getting to know other St. Enoch's members. It is a busy, fun morning with lots of chatting and always meeting new people.

Louise Hediger
Mission Co-ordinator



Hospital Chaplaincy

After a year of COVID restrictions we are now able to be part of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team again.

We are on a roster system, with other Tauranga Churches where St Enoch's take their turn by helping out on a Sunday morning by collecting patients (who want to worship) from their Ward to go to the Chapel.

This is a very rewarding part of our Mission Outreach, and we welcome any helper to contact either Louise on 0272323481 Or Bernice on 5782224 .



Library

It is pleasing that borrowing has increased recently. Hopefully readers will recommend books they have appreciated.

New books have been purchased or donated so check them out. They include biographies: My First 80 Years by Fred Barrett, a Kiwi farmer and entrepreneur; Leading from the Stop by Elias Kanaris and Cindy Vida's Walking Through the Fire is a true story. Fiction includes the latest Francine Rivers as well as a novel by Ruth Dalglish. Undaunted Faith is an inspirational book by local Margie Willers.

I invite you to check out something to read that will help you grow, enlarge your vista. Just enter your withdrawals in the black book and return in the box below.

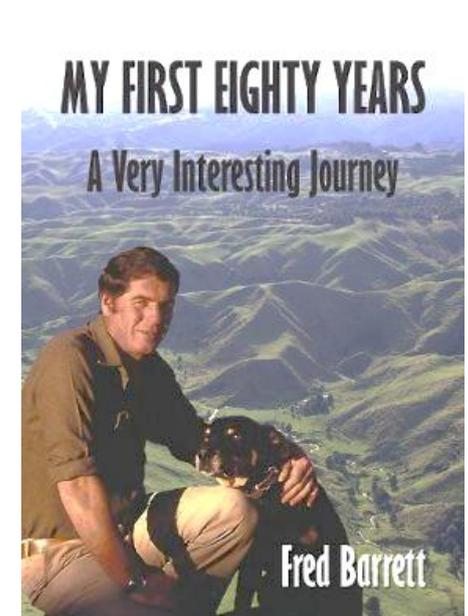
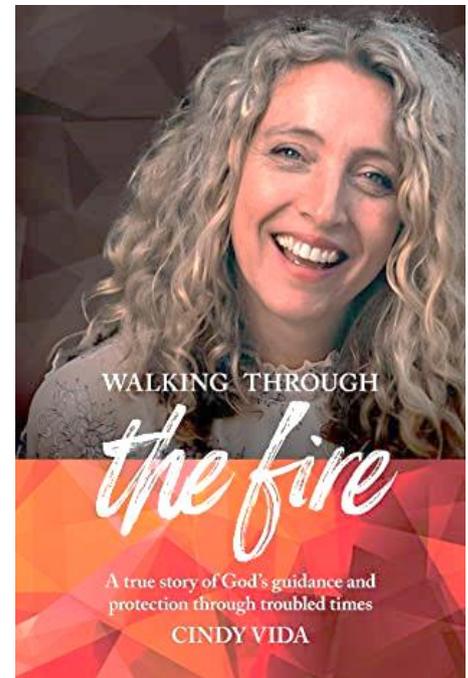
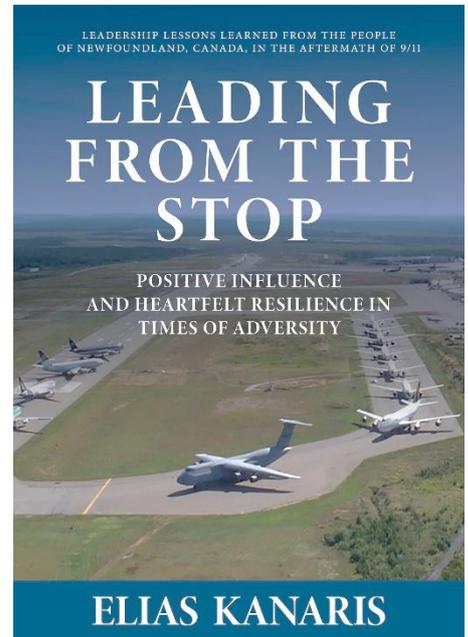
For any help consult...
Betty Cronin and Joan Bryant



Joan Bryant



Betty Cronin



Readers Group

Tricia Brown has kindly hosted our last two meetings. As well as sharing books we are reading, we have shared favourite scriptures and verses. At our next meeting we will share books that have led to our growth, spiritually and otherwise.

Biographies are the most commonly read books in the group with the public library being a great source.

The meeting is for an hour followed by a cuppa and general chat.



**1.30pm to 3pm on the last Wednesday of the month.
Watch the notices for the venue.**

For further info ring Joan 5441669

Feast

A man slaughtered a big cow, lit the grill and said to his daughter.
"Daughter, call our relatives, friends, and neighbours to eat with us... let us feast!"

His daughter took to the street and started shouting.

"Please help us put out a fire at my Dad's house!"

After a few moments, a small group of people came out and the rest acted like they didn't hear the cry for help.

Those who came ate and drank until late.

The stunned father turned to his daughter and said to her.

"The people who came I barely know them, some I had never seen them before, so where are our relatives, friends, and neighbours?"

The daughter said.

"Those who came out of their homes came to help us put out a fire in our house and not for the party.

These are the ones who deserve our generosity and hospitality".

Conclusion:

Those who don't help you during your struggle, shouldn't eat with you at your victory party!!

DUTY ROSTER – SEPTEMBER

September 4th - COMMUNION

Service Leader: Josh Tepou
Vestry: Lester Gray
Servers: Lester Gray, Kitty & Doug Naude', Gloria Mouatt
Kitchen Duties: Anua Abbott, Anel Reyneke
Door / Offering: Barrie & Marylyn Smith
Prayer Partner: Joan Bryant

September 11th

Service Leader: Josh Tepou
Vestry: Lester Gray
Kitchen Duties: Cynthia Herring, Ruth West
Door / Offering: Beverley Cochrane
Prayer Partner: Lesley Ayers

September 18th

Service Leader: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke
Vestry: Lester Gray
Kitchen Duties: Doreen Bunn, Norah Miller
Door / Offering: Brian & Gail Walker
Prayer Partner: Gail Walker

September 25th

Service Leader: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke
Vestry: Lester Gray
Kitchen Duties: Ken & Lyn Hartley
Door / Offering: Joseph Toara
Prayer Partner: Gaye Wilson



DUTY ROSTER - OCTOBER

October 2nd - COMMUNION

Service Leader: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke
Vestry: Eli Yoo
Servers: Eli Yoo, Marie Nilson, Cynthia Herring,
Philip Temple
Kitchen Duties: Gerald & Yvonne Krohn
Door / Offering: Gloria Mouatt
Prayer Partner: Joan Bryant

October 9th

Service Leader: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke
Vestry: Eli Yoo
Kitchen Duties: Gert & Marilyn Smith
Door / Offering: John & Ngaire Foote
Prayer Partner: Lesley Ayers

October 16th

Service Leader: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke
Vestry: Eli Yoo
Kitchen Duties: Jeanette Stewart, Jean Whiteman
Door / Offering: Louise Hediger, Mama Tu
Prayer Partner: Gail Walker

October 23rd

Service Leader: Josh Tepou
Vestry: Eli Yoo
Kitchen Duties: Shona Giles, Cynthia Herring
Door / Offering: Margaret Wakefield, Mama Tu
Prayer Partner:: Gaye Wilson

October 30th

Service Leader: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke
Vestry: Eli Yoo
Kitchen Duties: Geoff & Bernice Temple
Door / Offering: Philip Temple
Prayer Partner: Joan Bryant

DUTY ROSTER - NOVEMBER

November 6th – COMMUNION

Service Leader:	Joshua Tepou
Vestry:	Gail Walker
Servers:	Joseph Toara, Robyn Magowan, Richard Wilson, Leiona Tupou
Kitchen Duties:	Robyn Dowdle, Sue Davys
Door / Offering:	Rob Brown
Prayer Partner:	Lesley Ayers

November 13th

Service Leader:	Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke
Vestry:	Gail Walker
Kitchen Duties:	Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan
Door / Offering:	Gerald & Yvonne Krohn
Prayer Partner:	Gail Walker

November 20th

Service Leader:	Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke
Vestry:	Gail Walker
Kitchen Duties:	Ken & Lyn Hartley
Door / Offering:	Anel Reyneke
Prayer Partner:	Gaye Wilson

November 27th

Service Leader:	Joshua Tepou
Vestry:	Gail Walker
Kitchen Duties:	Barrie & Marylyn Smith
Door / Offering:	Doug & Kitty Naude
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This means you can listen to them any time you want.

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