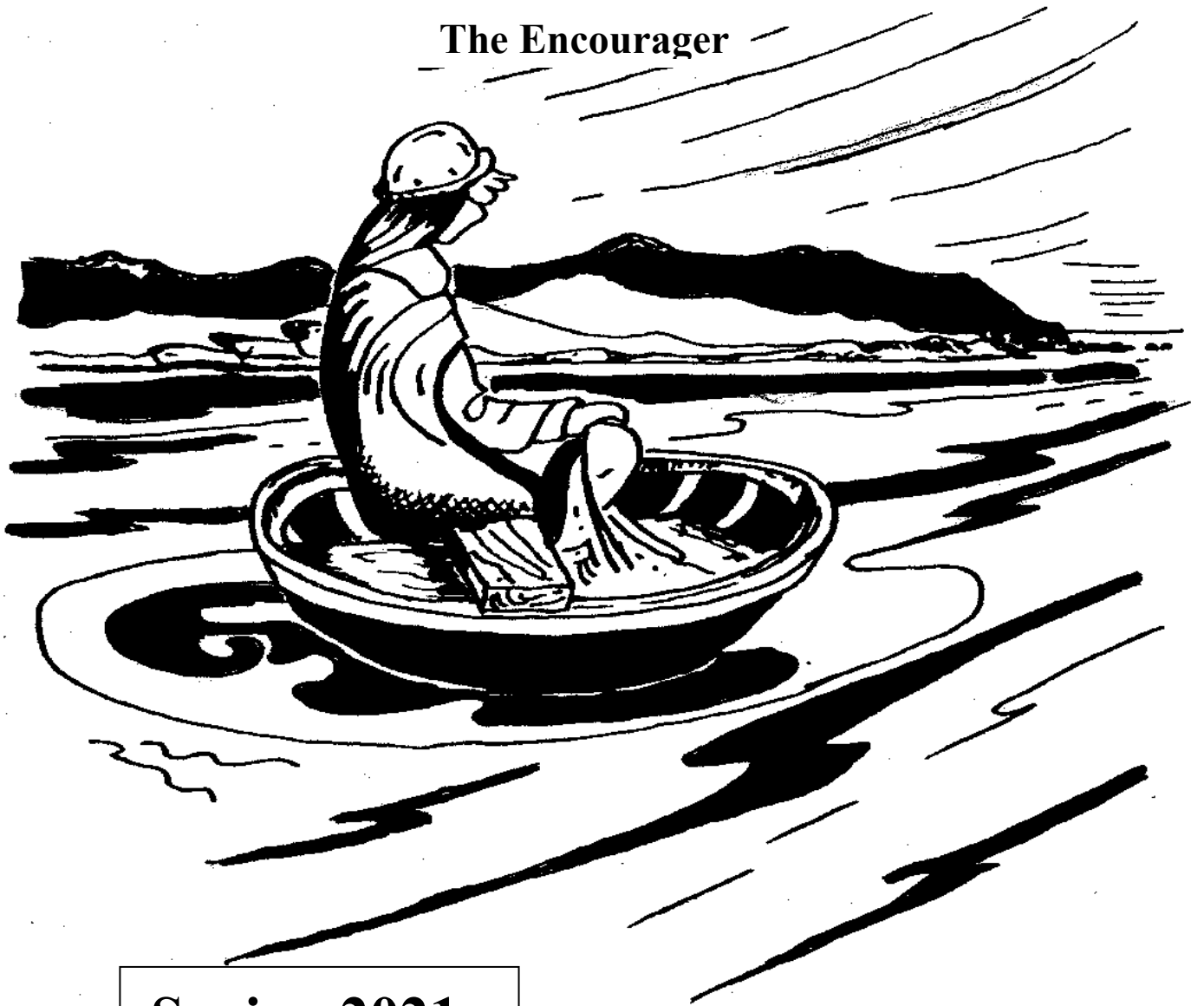


# St. Enoch's Church Community Manawa

The Encourager



Spring 2021

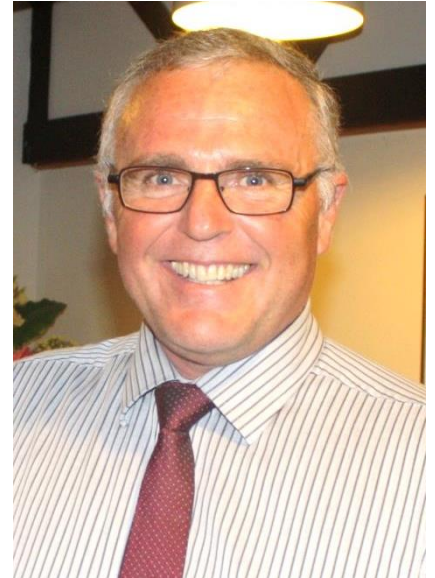
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond. Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"



Why are we sometimes hesitant to even try if we think we are the only one pulling? Such an attitude can cause us to ignore promptings of the Holy Spirit. If we think of something we can do in the church or the community and tell ourselves that nobody else will support it, before we even explored the idea, we might miss an excellent opportunity to express our faith, make a difference and contribute to the Kingdom. God is at work in all our communities. Do we notice it? Do we ask ourselves how we can get involved with what God is up to where we live, work, play or learn?

God's overwhelming love for the world brought him to the point where He gave his Son so that everyone who believes in Him will have life. (John 3:16) In 1 Timothy 2:1-4 we are urged to pray for all people. To ask God to help them; to intercede on their behalf, and to give thanks for them. "This is good and pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." (1 Tim 2:4) Jesus is sending us as the Father sent Him. (John 20:21)

So, let us be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Let us not resist or hesitate the next time God asks us to pull. Let us not wonder if there are others or wait for others. Let us not



make excuses. Let us not suffer from doubt. God never asks more of us than we are capable of. God wants to bring new life into our communities and people around us as God has given us new life. God is using you and will continue to reach out through you to build the Kingdom.

Please talk to me about what God is doing in and through you. If the opportunity God showed you is a more than one person job, maybe others can join you in working out God's will.

There are many people around us who feel they are stuck in a ditch. Pull them out in the name of God – commissioned by Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit.

*Jaco*

**AS ANY GARDENER WILL TELL YOU, THE  
CYCLES OF NATURE REQUIRE  
PATIENCE...EVEN A FAST-GROWING  
VEGETABLE LIKE A RADISH REQUIRES  
TIME.**

**- M. J. RYAN -**

## SESSION REPORT

Dear friends

As we head into summer we can watch in awe as our God transforms our gardens from bare to colourful, the trees from barren to fruitful and our days from cold to warm. It never ceases to amaze me how we take so much of life for granted. The wonderful things that surround us that we do not appreciate and yet when we look at other places in our world we see the real devastation of hunger, homelessness and today a raging pandemic that is out of control. We are so blessed here in New Zealand yet there are still those who object to controls that stand us apart from so many other countries.



This winter has seen physical and mental challenges in several areas of New Zealand and our prayers go out to those affected. It is a real blessing that amidst all the turmoil that surrounds us, we at St Enoch's can remain stoic on our faith and the guidance of our Lord and Master. We were delighted to have Joshua conduct his first ever Communion service which was followed by preaching three Sundays in a row. What a star! We are truly blessed by his and his family's involvement in so many activities in our parish.

At present, your session is working through twenty-one suggestions written by the Rev Stuart Lange addressing the critical ideas for a healthy, growing church. Along with this we are planning a 'Discernment Day' in September which will address specific needs and aspirations in our parish. On a practical front we continue to minister to those in need with prayers, meals, phone calls or whatever else is necessary to share God's love to our congregation and those around us.

It is with deep sadness we recognise the passing of Michael Giles. A true warrior for truth and honesty who exemplified a life

full of love, challenges and success. Our thoughts and prayers go to Shona and all his family.

As a community of faith, our Lord has a task for each one of us. No matter how big or how small, we each have undertaken to do God's will here, and so my last thought for you is from Proverbs 3: "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen to God's voice in everything you do, wherever you go; He's the one that will keep you on task." May our loving Lord Jesus continue to richly bless our family here.

*Philip P. Temple*

Session Clerk.



## ***Gratefulness practice***

*Look up: There is a whole world overhead  
beckoning our attention and delight.*

*Find some space today to look up.*

*See how it feels to position yourself so you  
Can look up directly at the sky for some time,  
rather than simply shifting your glaze upward while standing.*

*What surfaces for you with this shift in perspective?*

*Try to experience the world above you  
during both daylight and night-time hours.*

*Give freely: The next time you encounter an opportunity to  
donate to something you care about-whether  
in the form of money, food, or your skills-*

*Say yes freely and joyfully.*

*Giving time, energy, and money to causes  
we support is a powerful way  
to act on gratefulness and share in the gifts of life.*

*Delight in the fact that you have  
something to offer and the opportunity to give.*



## Intern report

Greetings, grace, and peace to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Firstly, let me once again thank you for the privilege of embarking on my internship placement amongst you here at St Enoch's Presbyterian Church. For those of you who may not have been aware; very late last year, my family and I were preparing to shift our lives to either New Plymouth or Dunedin. We are thankful that God had other plans for us, which did not involve uprooting us from the beautiful Bay of Plenty once St Enoch's opened her doors. You have all been extremely welcoming and embracing of my whole family and it has been a real pleasure being able to serve God here with you. To the Session, Board of Managers, and especially Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke, thank you for your openness and your hearts to serve the church by taking on my internship placement.

It is quite amazing to me that it has been almost 7 months since my internship officially started. For me, it seems that so much has happened in such a brief time as I am now already more than a quarter way through the internship. This is due I suppose to the interwoven nature of my commitments to both KCML (Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership) and St Enoch's, let alone my commitments as a husband and father. As you know, Knox requires me to be away in the deep south for a few weeks each year and my last block course is coming up next month. These are times of great theological discussion and reflection where my fellow interns and I, can explore with the KCML Faculty, our experiences and the current challenges facing the church today.



**KNOX CENTRE**  
FOR MINISTRY  
& LEADERSHIP

There are a number of areas that, in discussion with Jaco and my wider support network, I have looked to concentrate on in this internship. Firstly, is leading in various ministry environments which might involve small groups, gatherings, meetings as well as preparing, organising, and leading the Sunday worship service.

Jaco has given me many opportunities to lead services, communions, and meetings. He has also given me freedom to take the initiative with various small groups as well as having responsibility for a monthly worship service at Radius Althorp rest home in Pyes Pa. It is also a pleasure to express worship through music with fellow music lovers in a small Thursday gathering. This group played together at the most recent Radius Althorp service which is a step toward a practical way to minister to the wider community with their talents. As part of my KCML requirements, I am leading a spiritual discernment group (a listening group). This is a 2–3-month exercise, where we hope to discern what God might be specifically calling St Enoch's to, as well as strengthening our sense of mission. Additionally, I will be starting a 'homegroup' during the day to see if there is need for a midweek time of fellowship. I'm excited to see what comes of these various gatherings.

Another area that I wanted to concentrate on is in the wider governance of the Presbyterian church. As such, I have made a point to ensure that I am present at all Session and Board of Managers meetings, Presbytery meetings and gatherings (including ordinations, minister's luncheons, theological reflection, and training days...etc). There have also been opportunities that I have taken to speak and preach at various places within the margins of our church. A couple of weeks after returning from



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Dunedin in Sept, I will also be attending General Assembly as part of the internship.



A third area of emphasis which I feel a general affinity with, is in Discipleship, Mission and Pastoral Care. These are areas where I have been able to immerse myself within the life and lives of this body of believers. Visiting pastorally, getting to know you the parish, doing my best to be present and available to you all (there's been a lot of coffees!). Of note is being able to visit those who are not always able to come to our church gatherings and worship services, and there have been opportunities to have communion with many of you in your homes. It is also an area where I have taken steps to engage in the wider community through the various networks that we have developed during our few years in Tauranga. This being said, these encounters, meetings and visits have been such a blessing to me personally, so thank you all for being open to having time with me.

Lastly, I have been intentional about ensuring my life rhythms remain balanced and conducive to maintaining my well-being for ministry. These are my spiritual, mental, physical, and family rhythms. As the life of ministry can be excessively demanding on all four of these life rhythms, it is an area that KCML and the wider church hope that we are strict on maintaining. To be able to serve God to the best of our ability, it is important that we keep these rhythms well-maintained and in check. To this end, let us all keep each other in prayer as we all need to be mindful of self-care.

The start of my internship would not have been such a blessing, or as enjoyable, were it not for the supporting cast. First and foremost, God who is sovereign, gracious, and forgiving; my wife and family who are so supportive; the Ministry Reflection Group who volunteer their time to discuss and reflect with me



on my ministry. My various supervisors, at KCML and from the Kaimai Presbytery; my mentoring minister Jaco who has been so encouraging and open to allow me freedom to explore ministry and service to God; the leadership and you, the wider body of St Enoch's.

As I look ahead to the latter half of the year, there is much on the cards it seems. Mostly from the KCML side in the next few months, but then practically with St Enoch's. It is exciting to see how the Spirit moves in and amongst you and what God might have in store for you. Let us be vigilant together in ensuring that Jaco and the wider St Enoch's leadership is lifted in prayer and cared for as they continue to lead, serve, and minister.

God Bless

*Joshua Tepou*  
*Intern Minister*

## NIGHT PRAYER

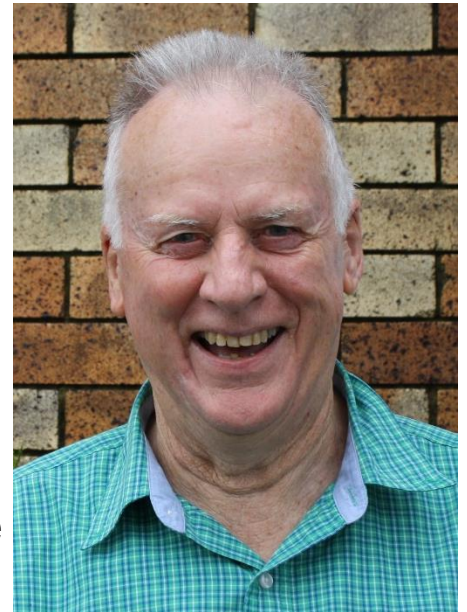
Almighty God, radiant with light,  
Cast your goodness to shine upon me.  
Most wonderful Lord, creator of all things,  
Hold your truth to shield me.  
Majestic King who reigns over all,  
Slay with great love all the shadows around me.  
Prince of Peace, glorious and true,  
Lift your arms of strength to cover me  
All this night through.

Amen.

## Pastoral Care

It has been a full-on year with many of our folk sick, in pain or in troubled circumstances. Our team, Jaco and others have been involved with much visiting, many phone calls and other ways of showing care. We have started delivering meals to one family to show our love on a time of need.

The passing of Mike Giles was a great loss to the church and there was a large gathering for his funeral. We extend to Shona and her family our deep sympathy and support as she deals with her grief. We have undertaken a major re-shuffle of the Manawa deliverers so that they are more geographically arranged for ease of visits. These are your carers and if you have a need, request prayer or would like a visit, contact your distributor or one of the pastoral leaders: Gail Walker, Minette Soeke or myself and we will arrange what we can.



On behalf of the team

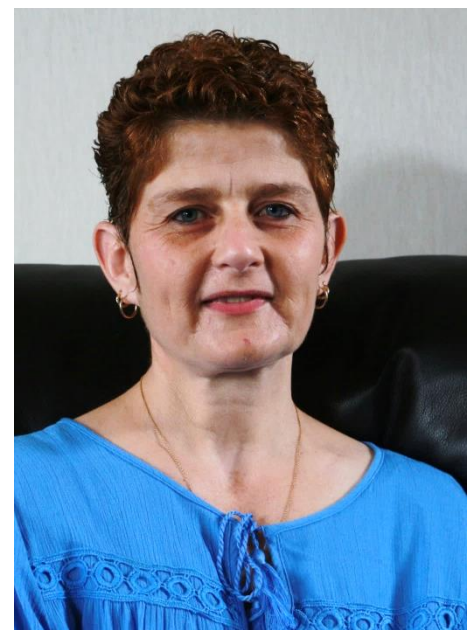
*Gail, Joan and Minette (Pastoral Care Leaders)*



*Joan Bryant*



*Gail Walker*



*Minette Soekoe*

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

The following is the summary of St Enoch's Profit and Loss Accounts for the Year June 2021.

The actual figures are compared with the budget.

It will be seen from the statement, when compared with the budget, the Church is well ahead in Income due to the Intern sponsorship donations \$10,200 and additional revenue received from property rental.

As reported in the previous Manawa the expenses are above budget by \$10,436 mainly due to the intern cost and the additional cost of building maintenance of painting the kitchen, lounge, entrance, and office.

This all combines to give an excellent result for the year a profit of \$8,993.



<b>Profit &amp; Loss</b>			
<b>St Enoch's Presbyterian Church</b>			
<b>For the Year ending 30 June 2021</b>			
<b>Income</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Var</b>
	<b>Actual</b>		
Intern Sponsorship Donations	10,200	0	10,200
<b>Giving</b>			
Automatic Payment Receipts	85,000	84,094	
Cash Receipts	10,832	10,275	
Envelope Receipts	28,995	31,593	
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>124,827</b>	<b>125,962</b>	<b>-1,135</b>
<b>Sundry Income</b>			
Property Rental income (Church, Hall, Grounds & Manse)	79,081	62,476	16,605
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>214,108</b>	<b>188,438</b>	<b>25,670</b>

<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>			
<b>Administration Expenses</b>	<b>39,823</b>	<b>38,244</b>	
<b>Ministry Expenses</b>	<b>103,121</b>	<b>96,224</b>	Includes Intern cost of 8.322
<b>Mission Expense</b>	<b>7,051</b>	<b>9,474</b>	
<b>Property Expenses</b>	<b>55,119</b>	<b>50,736</b>	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>205,114</b>	<b>194,678</b>	<b>10,436</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>8,993</b>	<b>-6,240</b>	<b>15,233</b>

During the year the office had a new computer installed which entailed the change of the church's email address and the ability to mail merge those PDF files for the yearly tax receipts. So, Marie is a real whiz on the computer now.

Just another reminder, if you are contributing to the church in cash or using the envelope system, please consider paying your offering each month via an Automatic Payment.

If you would like to change to automatic payments, but need assistance please call myself or Marie and we will be happy to assist.

With the Banks phasing out Cheques and trying to reduce the amount of cash that they handle, APs are a good alternative to make a church donation. This will also help in the administration of collating the Tax receipts.

As with the envelope system please ensure you add a number to your initialled surname.

This helps to collate your giving to a total for your end of year tax refund of 30%, and ensures contributions are confidential.

The church bank details are

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*Ken Hartley*  
*Treasurer*



Hello everyone

I trust you are all dealing with Winter and keeping warm.

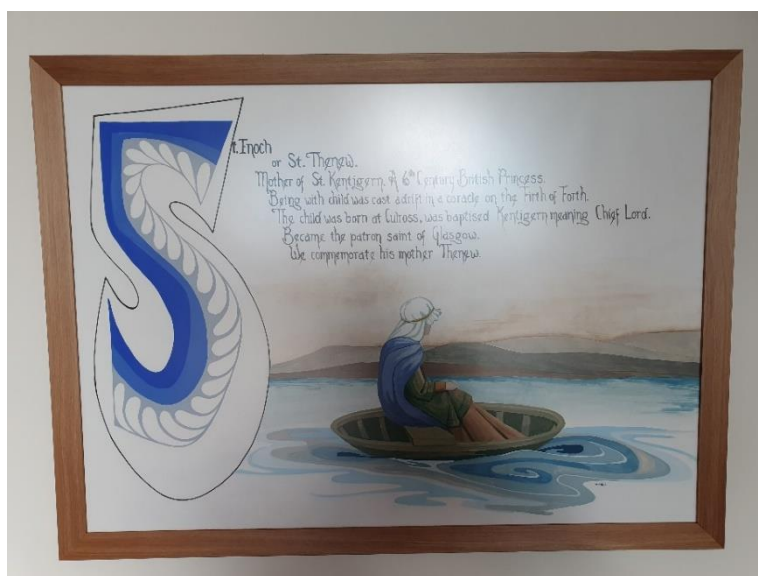
The main project for this quarter has been painting our church foyer, Marie's office, the lounge and kitchen including the pantry, also the ladies and men's toilets. We can be proud of our facilities, and we thank all those who have assisted in making this happen.



The mission board has been relocated in the foyer. It is now on the left and any newsletters etc will be placed underneath. The cubbies have been removed.

The picture of St Enoch has been 're framed and now back in the special place under the cross in the foyer.

A leak was discovered in the men's toilets. Water seemed to be coming in via the skylight which has weathered and become brittle. So, the plumber was called and now has been repaired.



On a lighter note, we had a lovely soup lunch after church a few weeks ago. Many brought their favourite soups, and we had a great time of fellowship.

The roof of the church has been treated for lichen/moss just recently.

We can now look forward to Spring and getting into our gardens.

*Blessings*  
*Robyn M*



# LIFE

*Life is like a SONG.. share your music with those  
who will play it full volume.*

*Life is like a DANCE.. choose a partner  
who puts you in the spotlight.*

*Life is like a COMEDY.. always be first to laugh at yourself*

*Life is like a JOURNEY.. take it with someone whose favorite place is  
right by your side.*

*Life is like a ROMANCE.. most of all, love yourself.*

*Life is like a DREAM.. share yours with people who believe in your  
vision.*

*Life is like a BATTLE.. make sure those in your corner are cheering for  
you and not the ones sticking the knife in.*

*Life is like a TEACHER.. take every opportunity to learn.*

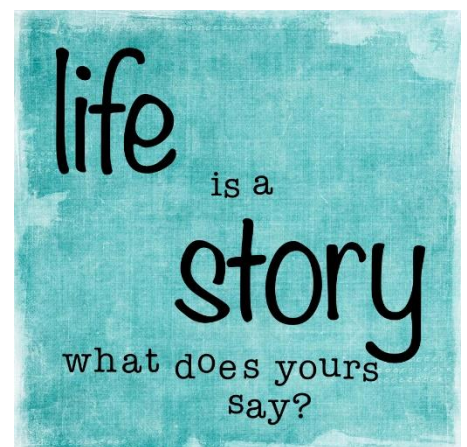
*Life is like a GARDEN.. our thoughts are the seeds from which our  
character grows.*

*Life is like a FLOWER.. it needs the sun and the rain.*

*Life is like a RIVER.. some dip their toes in the water, some will only go  
waist deep, but the happiest bare it all and take the plunge.*

*Life is like a STORY.. Are you the HERO.. the OUTLAW.. the  
LOVER.. the ADVENTURER.. the FIGHTER.. the POET.. the  
TEACHER?????*

*Perhaps we're a little bit of them all?? But we are  
all the AUTHOR of our own story. So sing and  
dance, laugh, travel, fall in love, go after your  
dreams, fight for what you believe in, learn,  
grow.. and most of all.. at least once in your  
story, go skinny dipping and dive deep into life.  
Your life is your story... what will your story be??*



## Room 302

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

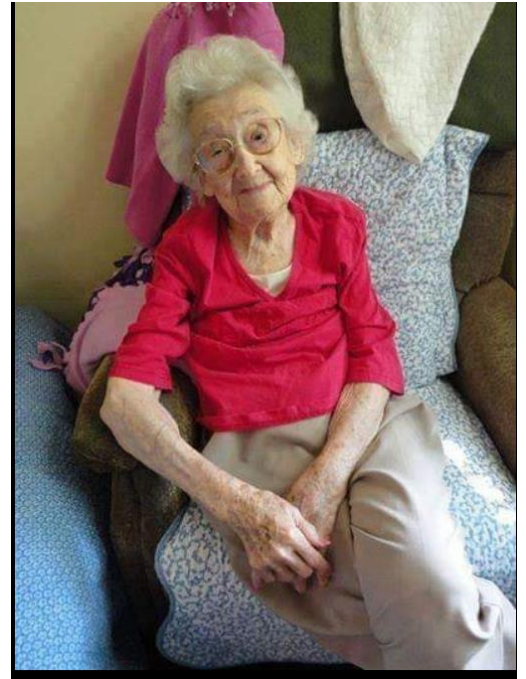
The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, Norma Findlay, Room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her Physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow." The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good News."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me anything"



## HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

Robyn Dowdle is stepping down as our Health and Safety officer.

Robyn has done an amazing for the past 3 Years. Thank you Robyn, we appreciate everything you have done to keep the Church safe and hope you can now spend more time enjoying your retirement.

If anyone is interested in taking on this task, please talk to Jaco or Marie in the office. It involves around 1 hour per month to do this job and full training will be given.



One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me.

I was maybe 2 1/2 years old and had just recovered from an accident.

Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a get-well gift and it was one of my favorite toys. Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water.

After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mom came home.

My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!'

My Mom waited, and sure enough, I walked down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watched him drink it up.

Then she says, (as only a mother would know...) 'Did it ever occur to you that the only place that your daughter can reach to get water is the toilet?'

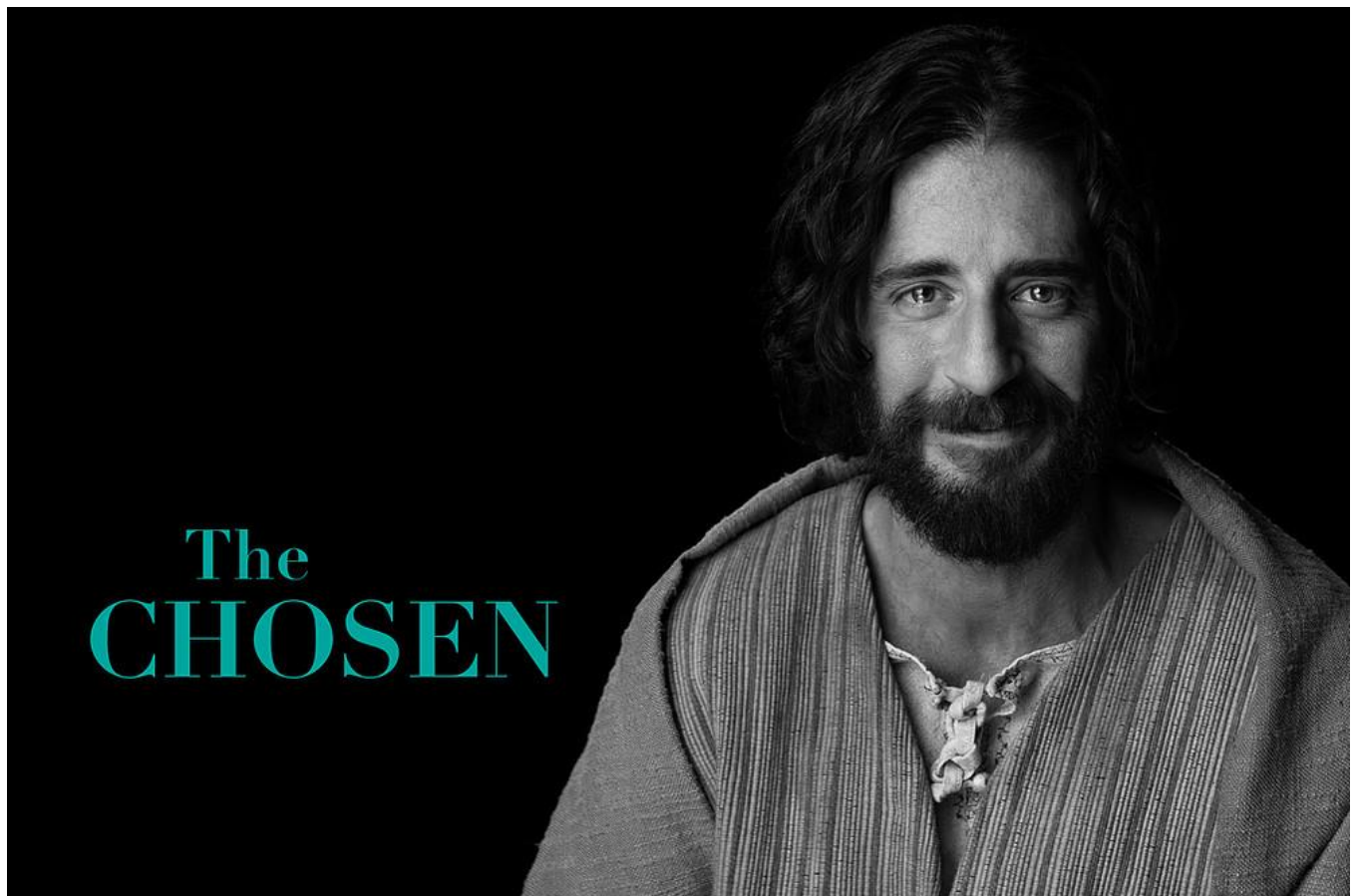


## **St Enoch's Mid-Week Home Group**

Josh invites you to a time of fellowship with a daytime 'homegroup' (which is being held initially at church) every 2 weeks at 1:00 pm. This started on 12<sup>th</sup> August but it is not too late to join in.

If you are free to join, please come to church to share a small bite to eat, enjoy a coffee or tea, and get to know each other better as we explore our faith together in a relaxed environment. Our initial meetings will be a 'watch party' of a recent TV series, 'The Chosen' which attempts to present the gospel narratives in the form of a single series. There can be inherent issues and dangers to this approach, but as mature Christians, it could be an interesting and informative discussion for us to engage in if you so wish.

**Please contact Joshua Tepou - Mob: 022 396 9769 or Email: [joshua.tepou@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.tepou@gmail.com) if you are able to attend so we can have some idea of numbers for set up.**



# WHAT'S ON AT ST ENOCH'S

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

<b>Sunday Prayer Gr</b>	each Sunday in Jaco's office	9.00am
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	each Sunday	9.30am
<b>Faith Formation Classes</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	after Sunday service
<b>Monday Home Group</b>	fortnightly at Minettes home	6.00pm
<b>Men's Morning Tea</b>	each Tuesday (at Mitre 10 Café)	10.00am
<b>Ladies Morning Tea</b>	each Tuesday (at Columbus Café)	10.00am
<b>Have A Go</b>	each Wednesday in lounge	9.30am
<b>Spiritual Growth Group</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in lounge	1.30pm
<b>Readers Group</b>	last Wednesday of the month (@ Joan Bryant's home)	1.30pm
<b>Musical Home Group</b>	each Thursday in Church	12.00pm
<b>STEWV Bible study Gr</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday (venue to be advertised in bulletin)	7.00pm
<b>Youth Group</b>	Fortnightly on Saturday in hall	4.00pm

## September 2021

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	New Comers lunch
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting

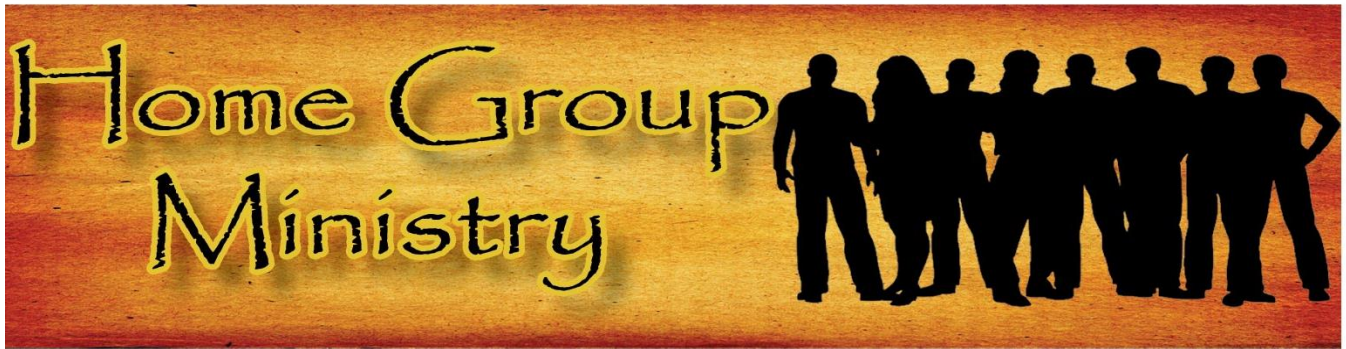
## October 2021

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting

## November 2021

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting





**Monday Evening Homegroup** meets at Minettes home fortnightly at 6.30pm. Contact Minette for any further details - 021 995 875

**A Readers' Group** meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm at 224A Welcome Bay Rd.

Enjoy an animated conversation about what you are reading. Open to all. For more details ring Joan (5441669 or 027 7733811).

**Spiritual Growth Group** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in church lounge @ 1.30pm. Please contact Jaco for more information (Phone 027 3259003)

**A musical group** is meeting in the church on Thursdays at 12 pm. This is a time to fellowship and worship together through a relaxed jam session. We invite 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 Gr:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at members homes (venue to be advertised in weekly bulletin) @ 7.00pm). Phone Anel for more information 021 2683064

**Youth** are gathering fortnightly on a Saturday afternoon. Please contact Leiona (027 505 1117) for more information.

**Faith Formation Classes** are being held on the second and fourth Sunday for children and youth of intermediate age and older. This is held in Jaco's office, 10 minutes after Sunday service finishes.

*Understanding that  
you matter  
inspires gratitude  
and loving action*

*Gratitude  
is the best  
Attitude*



## **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> September**

If you are new or newish to St Enoch's we would love you to come along and meet with us for a special luncheon we will be putting on for you.

Please RSVP the office by 10<sup>th</sup> September with numbers attending if you are able to join us

### **Would you like to occasionally prepare a meal?**

We currently have people in the church who would benefit from some extra love and support.

If you are able to help out by preparing a meal for others, please contact Gail Walker (544 2179 / 027 316 3510 / [gaillindawalker@gmail.com](mailto:gaillindawalker@gmail.com))



# St Enoch's Hamilton Gardens Bus Trip

**Saturday 16th October**

**Leave the church at 10.00 and leave  
Hamilton Gardens at 15.00**

**Expected arrival back at the church 16.30**

**Cost: \$20 per person**

People are to provide their own lunch by  
either taking something along or buying lunch at the Hamilton Gardens  
Café.

*There are only 33 seats available - so book your spot ASAP by  
contacting the office or Jaco*

*Phone 578-3040*





## New Church email address

Board of Managers gave permission for the office to purchase a new computer after having a few issues with the old computer which was 7 years old

What a lovely change it is to be able to use the new computer so easily. It is a lot faster and so much easier to use.

While we were doing this, we got advice from a computer technician and decided to upgrade our emails and security system at the same time.

If you have not already changed the church email in your computer, please change it now as the old emails will not be used any more.

Marie      [office@stenochs.org.nz](mailto:office@stenochs.org.nz)  
Jaco        [minister@stenochs.org.nz](mailto:minister@stenochs.org.nz)



## How to go to bed Earlier by going Later

I was watching U-tube and realised it was after 11pm, grabbed a 1.5 L bottle of diet coke, dropped it on floor, benched it and unscrewed lid a whisker and WHOOSH!!!! EXPLOSION!!! All over bench tops, walls, cupboard doors, microwave, floor and me!

Finished cleaning up and into bed about 1am, so you can see, I went to bed earlier than I would have, by going later! True or False?

Please note-- Still had diary to read and write, the bulletin prayers to read, and the Word for Today and Bible verses to read.

*Yohan Brabinski*  
(John Brabyn)



# Message to Mum

Do you recall when I was young  
Did we play and have lots of fun  
Over the years our memories fade  
Another day with you, I would not trade

You've been gone so long; I try hard to remember  
Your soft smile, soft nature  
Never seeking the spotlight  
You'd take a back seat, stay quiet out of sight

Dreaming of a better life, a world far away  
I broke the umbilical cord, I did not stay  
Thinking life's one big journey  
Searching for happiness, choosing to go abroad

So as the years passed by, I'd pop home and say hi  
Snatching moments, visiting times we'd arrange  
Reconnecting, not suspecting  
one day I'd wake up and alls changed

I look back now, and I could cry  
For all the years that's gone by  
Days apart lost forever; stolen moments so unfair  
Behaving like I did not care

Hoping all would work out right  
Keeping disappointment way out of sight  
And now my thoughts go to you  
How'd you feel, and what was real

You were gone before we were ready  
Taken after such a short time  
Your light burns brightly within me  
And your spirit will live on in my line

*Written by Chrissy Meyer*





# Life's Choices

Just for the record I am an English lass – born in UK not SA ☺

As a teenager I hated the English winters and dreamed of living overseas in the sun..... Then fate intervened!

I was a child bride when I arrived in NZ in 1974. Life was exciting – A new land full of opportunity – New beginnings – A place to build a beautiful home and raise a family, weekends full of Sea /Sun and Fun.



I was homesick and missed my family however felt fortunate to be in Aotearoa and benefit from all she had to offer!

We would travel regularly visiting home in the UK arranging family reunion and holidays, catching up with loved ones, storing away moments and precious memories, to forge me on for the next family get together. It was one Christmas holiday while visiting that I was given the news Mum was sick. We spent our 4 week enjoying the festive season then came back home to continue our normal life of days filled with work, kids school and weekend sports.

My mum was 59 that January – she passed away February 24<sup>th</sup> after having a short terrible battle with cancer (5 months in all). I was home again for her funeral the following day.

My father in his grief and frustration told me I had broken Mum's heart by choosing to leave and live in NZ.

That was one very hard day to endure.

I believe a mother and daughters love cannot be broken by distance or time. The bond lives on internally – love stored deep in your soul. On quiet still days the pain emerges, and I reflect on the past – turning pages of my memories – bringing a smile to my face.

Talking to others in our church family I find myself sharing an understanding. Those of us who have chosen a New Land a place to call home share a bittersweet existence. The joy of providing a new beautiful rich lifestyle for family and loved ones – balanced out with the pain, guilt and heartbreak for the missing loved ones that we left behind. In this covid land we find ourselves navigating it is no longer and option to travel – to reunite!

To our church family – please pray for all the loved ones overseas struggling with wave after wave from covid – pray we will be in a world where it is possible to reunite again soon!

For that young child bride that stepped foot on NZ soil many years ago -if she had this old women's wisdom would she still take the same path???

Blessings Church family  
*Chrissy*



## **Share a Cup of Tea with Chrissy**

If you are a senior and feeling lonely, you are not alone. Many seniors feel lonely, without the support of family (who may have moved away) and friends.

If you are feeling lonely, or would just like more social contact, give Chrissy a ring.

Chrissy is offering to visit or phone anyone in the congregation who would like a friend to chat to or to share a cup of tea with.

Phone Chrissy on 576-3839





**We're in  
this together.**

Now is the time for us all to be kind to one another. It's the little things that could make a difference.

**Do you have an elderly or isolated neighbour?  
Please check in on them to make sure they are OK.**

*They might need:*

- Help with getting groceries
- Help getting to a medical appointment
- or just a friendly face

Or are you elderly, unwell, or isolated from family & friends?

Then reach out to one of your younger, healthy and able neighbours or church family and if you need help, ask for it.

You should all have a church contacts list - so pick up the phone and ring someone.

It is a great time to ring someone you don't know – you might just make a new best friend and you'll be surprised just how willing and able others are to help out when they know you are in need.

If you need any sort of help, please phone the office (phone 578-3040) and we will pair you up with someone to help you.

**REACH OUT | LOOK OUT | HELP OUT**

# 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

## Mission Aviation Fellowship

MAF has purchased a hangar at Tauranga Airport, as well as office space and accommodation. The plan is to develop it into the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre! This Centre will

allow MAF to recruit and develop missionary pilots, engineers, ground staff, managers and leaders. It will be a "hub" of MAF activity—prayer, fundraising for the work overseas, recruitment, equipping of new staff, training and connecting with others in the aviation industry. They currently are starting to develop the space to bring the dream into reality.



The Centre will enable MAF to connect with upcoming generations of young people to be inspired by the vision of missions and aviation. Schools will be able to bring their classes for a "MAF experience". All kinds of visual and digital media will be used to tell the history of MAF and share stories in an interactive and engaging way. The Cessna 206 will allow visitors to sit in and experience an operational plane that flew for MAF for 30 years.



MAF will be having an official opening in October (more details to follow) and this will be an opportunity for churches and donors to come and visit the Centre and find out more.

### **Wycliff Bible Translators NZ**

Kevin and Jillian Connole from Wycliff will be in Tauranga on Sunday November 7th, and plan to visit St Enoch's that day and tell us more about their work at Wycliff.



In their newsletter, Kevin and Jillian ask for prayer for the health and wellbeing of their colleagues in East Africa. When reading the Connole's newsletter one again realises in what a unique situation we are here in New Zealand to be Covid free. Apparently the COVID situation in Tanzania has become much worse. The newly translated Simbiti New Testaments arrived in Dar es Salaam and are on their way to Musoma, in northwest Tanzania. A dedicated celebration of the Bibles is planned for the 21st of August but due to the covid situation in Tanzania there is currently some doubt as to whether the planned Simbiti New Testaments launch will be able to take place in August as planned.

Prayer is needed for:

- The Simbiti people as they plan to celebrate the dedication of the New Testament.
- The health and wellbeing of the Wycliff employees and colleagues in East Africa.

### **Homes of Hope**

Biggest news this year from Homes of Hope was the opening of their 4th home, which the children have named Kauri. There is still a need for kitchen, laundry and bathroom appliances, as well as bedroom, lounge, and household items to make it a cosy little hub for the tamariki. Donations and messages for the children can be done via the website.





## Hospital Chaplaincy

The lead chaplain, Shelley Gilmore with the help of about 10 Voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants visit the wards/units on a daily basis to support patients. Molly Reid, who is a Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteer and member at St Enoch's spoke at church about her work as Chaplain. It was inspiring to hear

Molly tell about her work visiting patients in hospital and offering them support. Molly told of patients that are often lonely during their hospital stay and who appreciate a visit and to see a friendly face.



Training to become a volunteer chaplain assistant will commence later in the year. Additional chaplain volunteers will supplement their team and provide more support especially to the mental health patients. Prayer is always appreciated as they seek God's best person for the team.

St Enoch's sends a team of six volunteers to assist in taking patients from the wards to the Church service in the Tauranga Hospital chapel which is held every Sunday morning at 10:30. The volunteers meet in the chapel and after a communal prayer they disperse to the wards and give patients the opportunity to attend the service and worship. St Enoch's volunteers serve approximately every two months and will again be heling at the Hospital chapel in September. Anyone who is interested in serving in this way by escorting patients to the Hospital Chapel can contact the church office and get into contact with Bernice who organises the volunteers.

*Louise Hediger -  
Mission Co-ordinator*



# Men's Coffee Group

Meets every Tuesday at 10am at Mitre Ten Mega Cafe

Good coffee, tea and great food, great fellowship with a friendly group of men.



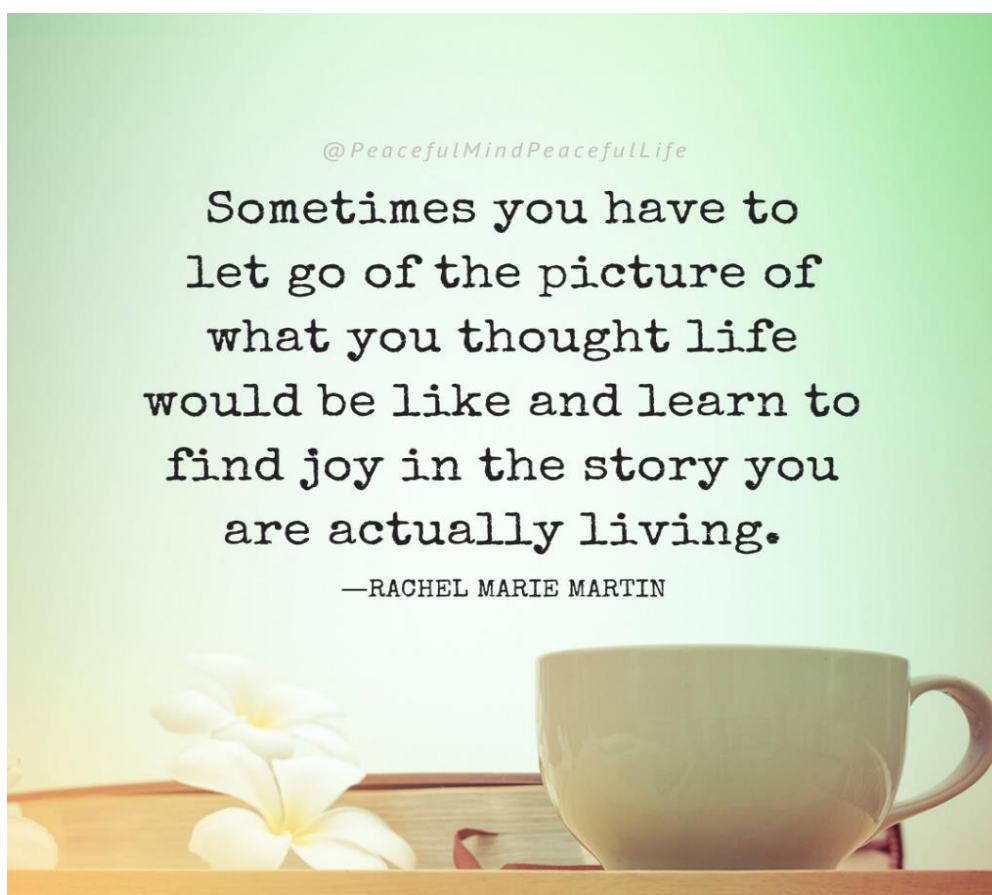
We share amazing life stories, a lot of wisdom and lots of laughs.



Please feel free to join us.

P.S. Thank you Mike we miss you.

Contact Rex Eagle (Phone 543-1606) for further details.





# LIBRARY

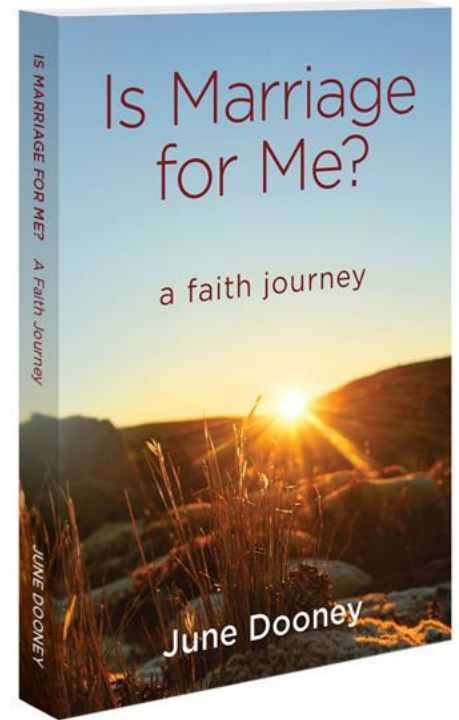
## Book Review:

*Is Marriage for Me?*

*a faith journey by June Dooney*

Even though the question isn't of personal concern, I enjoyed and learned from this autobiography by an accomplished, educated woman who has been involved in many Christian fields.

I could relate to the questions singlehood poses for a woman regarding her future. I appreciated June's honesty and courage in raising many subjects that arise in deciding on a life partner at the age of 49 and then adapting to living in a relationship. The Bible is June's resource for resolving many of the issues she researched.



**Check the top shelf for recent acquisitions in the library**



# DUTY ROSTER – SEPTEMBER

## Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Lester Gray

**Servers:** Lester Gray, Marion Bennett, Barbara & Rob Brown, George Bryant, Robyn Dowdle, Gail Walker, Philip Temple.

**Kitchen Duties:** Anua Abbot, Anel Reyneke

**Door / Offering:** Peka Tautali, Danny & Benjamin Atoa

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Lester Gray

**Kitchen Duties:** Bev Hayman, Norah Miller

**Door / Offering:** Brian & Gail Walker

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Lester Gray

**Kitchen Duties:** Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

**Door / Offering:** Jean Sutton, Mama Tu

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Lester Gray

**Kitchen Duties:** Jeanette Stewart, Jean Whiteman

**Door / Offering:** John & Ngaire Foote

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Lesley Ayers

## ROSTER DUTIES

**PLEASE mark your rostered duties for KITCHEN and DOOR on your calendar or in your diary.**

**If you are unable to do this on the date given, please arrange a swap with someone else on the roster to a date that suits you. You should all have a contact list to ring others on the roster. If not please ring the office and we will arrange for you to get a contact list. Phone 578-3040**



# DUTY ROSTER - OCTOBER

## October 3<sup>rd</sup> - COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Joshua Tepou

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Servers:** Minette Soekoe, Cynthia Herring,  
Robyn Magowan, Richard Wilson, Lawson Stewart,  
Iris Stockwell, Carolyn and Josh Tepou

**Kitchen Duties:** John & Gayle Marchbank

**Door / Offering:** John & Lesley Ayers

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gaye Wilson

## October 10<sup>th</sup> – White Sunday

**Preacher:** Joshua Tepou

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Kitchen Duties:** Ken & Lyn Hartley

**Door / Offering:** Joseph Toara, Mama Tu

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Kitchen Duties:** Robyn Dowdle, Tricia Brown

**Door / Offering:** Juliet, Hazra & Marliza Syed

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Kitchen Duties:** Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan

**Door / Offering:** Tofia, Peter and Monisa Tautali

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Kitchen Duties:** Cynthia Herring, Shona Giles

**Door / Offering:** Doug & Kitty Naude

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Lesley Ayers



We begin so aware and grateful.  
The sun somehow hangs there in the sky.  
The bird sings. The miracle of life just happens.

# DUTY ROSTER - NOVEMBER

## November 7<sup>th</sup> – COMMUNION - Wycliff

**Preacher:** Joshua Tepou

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Servers:** Chris Meyer, Eli Yoo, Marcel & Louise Hediger,  
Sue Davys, Yvonne & Gerald Krohn, Shona Giles

**Kitchen Duties:** Ken & Lyn Hartley

**Door / Offering:** Louise Hediger, Mama Tu

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gaye Wilson

## November 14<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

**Door / Offering:** Margaret Wakefield

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## November 21<sup>st</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Judith Thomas, Pat Collins

**Door / Offering:** Philip Temple

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## November 28<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Joshua Tepou

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Molly Reid, Mary Woods

**Door / Offering:** Mativa Ropati

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Lesley Ayers

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help out on a Sunday with door duty,  
where you greet people as they arrive  
or in the kitchen serving after church,  
please let Marie know – 578-3040 or  
[office@stenochs.org.nz](mailto:office@stenochs.org.nz)

## **Contact People**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke	544 0644 (home) 027 3259003
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Ken Hartley	579 3477
<b>Session Clerk</b>	Philip Temple	570 2275
<b>Administrator</b>	Marie Nilson	578 6902 (home)
<b>Sunday School</b>	Louise Hediger	027 2323481
<b>Youth Group</b>	Peka Tautali Joseph Toara Leiona Tupou	572-2329 027 4404625 027 505 1117
<b>Envelope Secretary</b>	Lois Rout	578 4956
<b>Mission Motivator Homes of Hope</b>	Minette Soekoe Robyn Dowdle	021 995875 544 2231
<b>Lounge Kitchen Co-ordinator</b>	Cynthia Herring	544-3053
<b>Hospital Visiting</b>	Gail Walker	544 2179
<b>Musicians</b>	Helen Temple George Bryant Ruth West Denise Priest	570 2275 544 1669 281-0661 027-2553945
<b>Prayer Chain</b>	Gail Walker	544 2179
<b>Sound System</b>	Richard Wilson John Foote Robert Brown	578-3894 926-9065 578 7492
<b>Library</b>	Betty Cronin	544 0551
<b>Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>	Volunteer required	

## CONTACTS

Minister:	Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke	544 0644 (home)
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Lester Gray	021 757599	Robyn Dowdle	544 2231
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Peka Tautali	572 2329	Gail Walker	544 2179
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### Pastoral Care Leaders

Gail Walker (team leader)	544 2179	Iris Stockwell	578 5148
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Helen Temple	570 2275	Lawson Stewart	548 1204
Ngaire Foote	926 9065	Lesley Ayers	544 2135
Cynthia Herring	544 3053	Mary Woods	578 5561
Ken Hartley	579 3477	Shona Giles	578 0192
Norah Miller	543 4918	Bernice Tyrrell	578 2224
Ralph Morris	543 4868	Brian Walker	544 2179
Joseph Toara	0274404625	Robyn Magowan	572 2152
Robyn Dowdle	544 2231	Chris Meyer	576 3839

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Louise Hediger	027 2323481	Peka Tautali	572 2329
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## BOARD OF MANAGERS

Ralph Morris	543 4868	Richard Wilson	578 3894
Ken Hartley	579 3477	Geoff Tyrrell	578 2224
John Brabyn	544 9669	Robyn Magowan	572 2152

### Maintenance & Development

Richard Wilson	578 3894
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