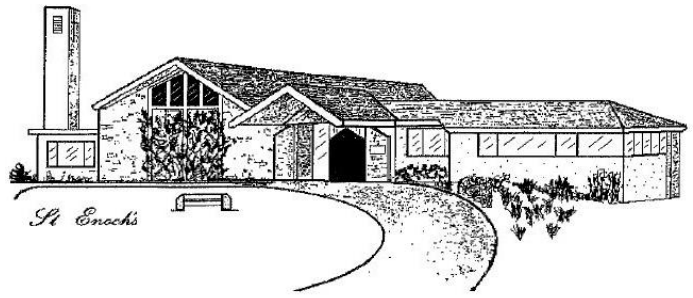


St Enoch's

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Welcome to this St. Enoch's Worship Service!

*We strive to be God honouring, Christ following, and Holy Spirit led.
In Jesus Christ we find acceptance, community, and purpose.*

21st April 2024

Purpose

People seem to be searching for purpose in their lives. Modern living can quickly fall into a deadly routine of earning money and spending it on necessities or activities that 'make life worth living'. During various transitions in our lives (like moving into adulthood after school, going through a midlife reorientation, or retiring) and when we struggle with illness (depression or other mental health illness or mobility issues) we often wonder about our purpose.

It is not always easy to feel like God's masterpiece, who was restored in Jesus Christ, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10)

Being the you God intended you to be whatever phase of life you are in, or whatever situation you are in, or whatever mistakes you have made, or whatever your successes are, is both easy and difficult. It is difficult when we observe societal values and highly regard societal expectations. It is easy when we observe Godly values and highly regard God's love for us and God's invitation to be his light wherever we go. Jesus Christ enabled us to let God transform the way we think so that we can learn to know God's will for us, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

**Romans 12:2
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Don't copy the behavior & customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

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Office hours: Mon & Tues 8.30am-12noon & Friday 8.30am—4pm (Office)

Join in Prayer in Jaco's office on Sunday mornings from 09:00, or after the service with the Prayer Partner (a person who will pray with you or for you).

Please pray for: Dale Moyer; Norman Abbott; Merlene Leef; Philip Temple; Rudi Nelson; Helen Temple; Joan Bryant; Delia Vermaak; Dorothy Hartley (Mama Tu's daughter).

The process Board of Managers are working through regarding earthquake rating of the hall; For improved income for St. Enoch's – which will be helped by a higher occupancy of our facility by renters; People who are lonely and socially isolated; People affected and families of those killed by the volcanic eruptions in Indonesia and the floods in Oman and Dubai; The many people losing their jobs in our public services and their families; Economic growth in our country; People caught up, being killed and injured in armed conflicts around the world – Lord, please give peace!; For teachers and children as they take a break; For spiritual and numeral growth for St. Enoch's; People to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to Christine Mercer, Helene Stols, Lyn Hartley, and Wendy Roberson on being elected as Elders. Their ordination and induction is scheduled for Sunday 28 April. Please bring a plate that Sunday to celebrate with them and their whanau in the hall after the service.

Coffee Groups: The men's and ladies' coffee groups are a great place to connect with each other. Join the men at Mitre 10 Mega Columbus Café and the ladies at Gate Pa Columbus Café on Tuesdays at 10:00 for fellowship and laughs. The last Tuesday of each months the ladies go to Broomtree Café next to 11th Avenue petrol station. Contact Rex (027 284 2317) or Cynthia (027 324 1027) for more info.

Readers' Group meets at 1.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month at Barbara Brown's home (Flat 4, Cotswold Court, 8 Cheyne Road). You are invited to join in and share whatever you are reading at the moment.

Board of Managers News: A thousand dollars has been paid out to each of our four mission partners (Mission Aviation Fellowship; Hospital Chaplaincy; Homes of Hope; Wycliff Bible Translators); Our hall is not earthquake prone (a building with less than 34% of New Building Standard is deemed unsafe) and can therefore be safely used, but might need bracing of the piles – we are working through a process with the engineers and builders; We are concerned about our income and are working on getting more people to rent our hall; the team is working on preparing everyone's charitable donation receipts so you can claim back 33% from IRD if you wish.

Offering, tithe envelopes or cash, can be put in the box on the stand behind the pew as you enter the church.

Winter Manawa: Our winter Manawa will be produced during the last week of May, so it is time for us to send Marie those articles, reflections, funnies, and other material she can use in our quarterly publication. If possible send it in digital format to office@stenochs.org.nz by 6 May.

Hope Project NZ Session felt led to give our Faith Community an opportunity to support the Shining Light's Trust to share the Gospel with all of New Zealand over Christmas. We will share information over a couple of weeks and leave it up to you to donate directly or via the office. For direct donations:
Hope Project: 02-0466-0307987-001

- Reference with 'donation' and your name
- Email accounts@shininglights.co.nz to confirm your contact details (so you get a donation tax-receipt), and the purpose of your donation.

Have-a-Go is a craft and fellowship group who meets every Wednesday at 09:30. Everybody is welcome to join this friendly bunch offering a splendid morning tea.

STEWV (St. Enoch's Working Women) The next meeting will be on Thursday 2 May at Louise 's house in 24th ave. We continue our study of Esther: please read Esther 2. (Contact Anel: 021 268 3064)

Spiritual Growth Group meets every first and third Wednesday from 13:00 – 14:00 in the lounge. This term we are going to look at ways in which we can open ourselves to God. Everybody is welcome. Contact Jaco (027 325 9003)

Under the Stars is an organisation providing two meals per week for homeless and struggling people. We support them by once a month providing a meal and helping to set up, serve and clean up. This is happening again on 16 May. Contact Louise (0272323481) if you want to help.

St Enoch's Bank Account Details

St Enochs Presbyterian Church
02 0466 0167590 00

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

MORNING TEA: Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell
DOOR / OFFERING: Doug & Kitty Naude
PRAYER PARTNER: Gaye Wilson

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday 28th April

MORNING TEA: Christine Mercer, Robyn Magowan
DOOR / OFFERING: Anel Reyneke, Mama Tu
PRAYER PARTNER: Gail Walker

