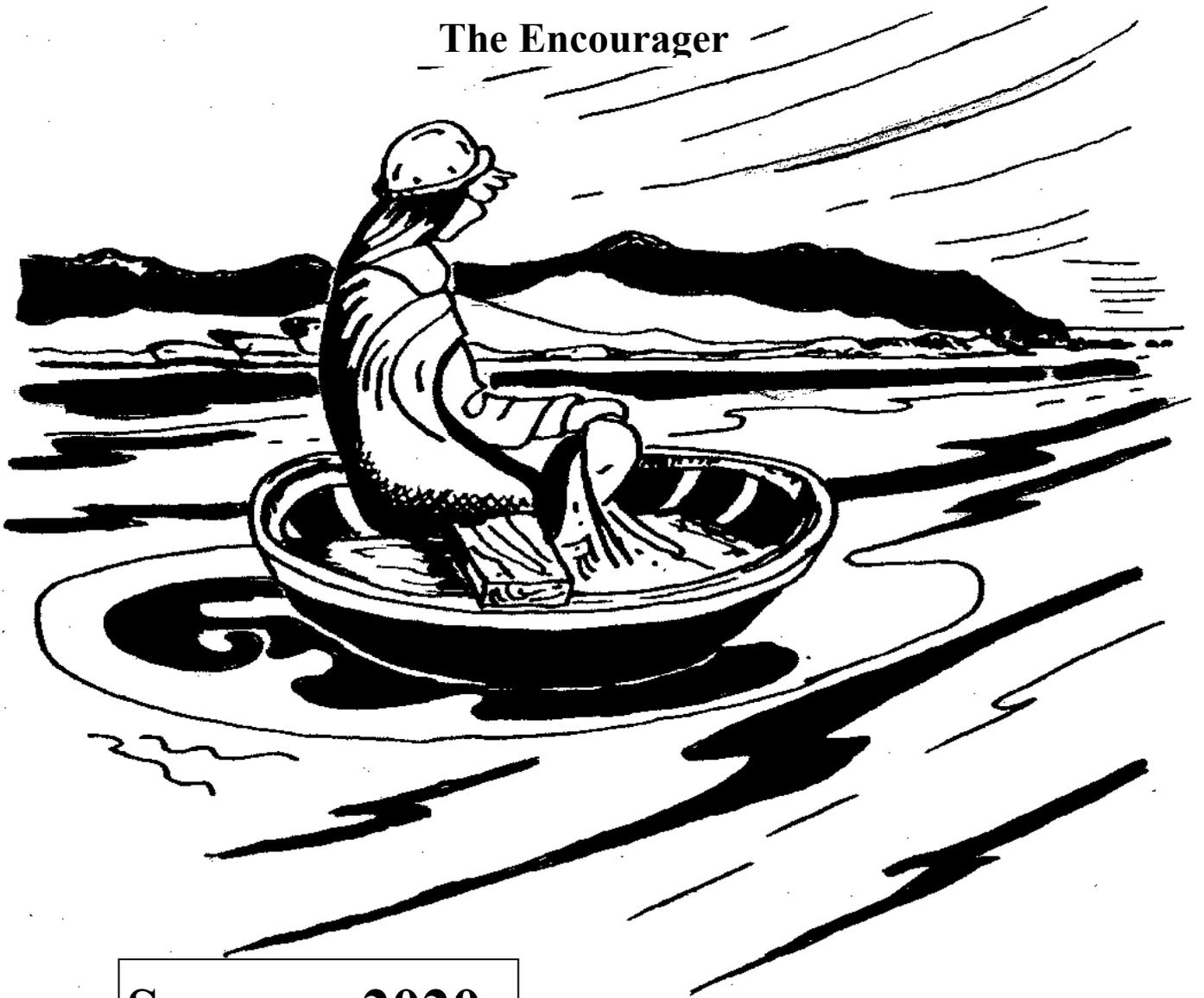


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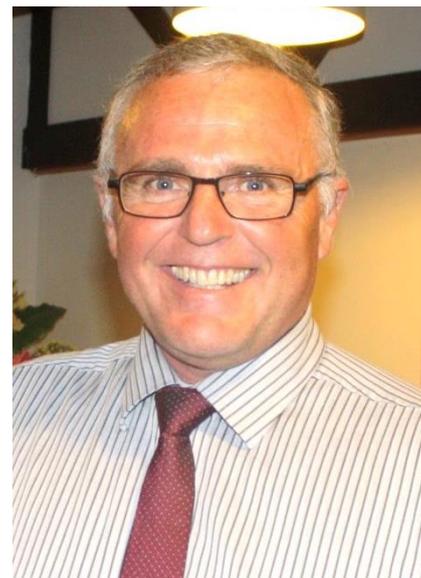
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Time to Recalibrate

Club, service provider, interest group? Why are we? Who are we? What are we?

It is important to regularly stop and recalibrate. If we don't, we run the risk of veering off course unnoticed and lose sight of our reason for being.



We are St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church in Tauranga, because, in his kindness God called us to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus (1 Peter 5:10a). As such, we wholeheartedly confess that Jesus is the Messiah (Christ), the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16). Believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, is at the heart of who and what we are.

We are followers of the Way (Acts 9:2; 24:14), of Jesus Christ and his teachings about God and the Kingdom. As followers we gather. As we gather, Jesus Christ is among us (Matthew 18:20). But, more than that, Jesus Christ is our head (Colossians 1:18), and all of us together are Christ's body, and each of us is a part of it (1 Corinthians 12:27).

As Christ's body we align with our Leader's vision. Jesus said He came to save and to give a rich and satisfying (abundant; full) life. Our supportive and constructive relationships with each other and the enthusiastic and warm-hearted way in which we share God's love with each other and others, reflect the transformational impact of a relationship with God.

St. Enoch's is not a club, service provider, or interest group. We are people with a renewed relationship with God and each other.

We are people transformed and motivated by God's love. We are God's people in this place.

Advent and Christmas give us the opportunity to recalibrate our relationship with Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God, and our relationships with others. Is our belief that Jesus is the Saviour, the Son of God still defining and shaping who we are, how we are and how we live our lives? May the last weeks of 2020 be a time of renewal and refreshing of your connection with the living God through Jesus the Saviour.

Anel and I wish you a meaningful, joyful, and memorable Christmas time. And may you in 2021 always remember that you are precious to God, you are honoured and loved by God (Isaiah 43:4).

Jaco



SESSION REPORT

Well dear friends. What a challenging year! What has transpired and what will continue to dominate our lives for some time yet was beyond anyone's expectation. Covid 19 has transformed our usually organised, repetitive lives into an uncertain environment that has the world in turmoil. There is no one answer that will make things better, make this virus go away and get life back to some semblance of order. As with all the challenges in our lives, we can face it with resignation and a 'whatever-will be-will be' attitude or we can look at it as a reason to re-evaluate where we are on our life's journey and make some necessary changes to what we do and how we do it. Within St Enoch's faith family we have had many challenges to the way we worship our Lord, how we present the Gospel to our congregation, how we conduct your Session meetings, how we retain personal contact with each other, how we do our shopping. Oh the list goes on and on!



On reflection, there have been many situations that we have had to innovate, navigate and originate! How have we managed? It would be fair to say that we each have different ways of dealing with challenges and how we manage to overcome the situation before us. For us at St Enoch's having Jaco as our leader has made our transition from stress and worry to calm and assured a smooth and pain-free journey. We are all so grateful and thankful for God's gift in bringing the Reyneke family to our church family. Both he and Anel have worked tirelessly to ensure our continued love for our Lord and for each other. Again, through the love of God and His good guidance, we can now worship together and enjoy the rich fellowship that encases our faith family.

October 18 was a special day for Louise Hediger and our congregation. Louise was ordained as an Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and is thus a member of your Session. This is a significant step as is evidenced by the vows both she and we took and we look forward to the gifts and wisdom Louise will bring to our faith family.

It is also a bitter sweet moment for Minette Soekoe. After much prayer and thought, she has decided to sell her home in Tauranga, invest in a motor home and set off on a touring adventure. Beginning in January next year, Minette will explore the South Island for as long as it takes to see all she wants. There will be no time-table to constrain her so the idea of being free to enjoy the beauty and gifts of God's creation is exciting. We want to wish Minette God's continued blessings as she sets off on her tour. Minette – "Thank you for all you have done in so many ways for St Enoch's".

As we approach Jesus birthday, we can look back over the past year and thank God, not only for the continued presence of his Holy Spirit who has guided, sheltered and protected us through these uncertain times, but also for the gift of His son who has made all things possible for us. If we look at how we have dealt with the challenges of the past year, there is really only one thing we can be certain of and that is the love of our Heavenly Father. It is that love that abides with us in all we think and do. Christmas is a time for a birthday party! Jesus' birthday! Let us all enjoy the rich gifts He gives each and every one of us and in return let us give Him the most valuable things we have....our heart, our mind and our soul. I pray that you will all be mindful of what Christmas is all about. That, through all the business of shopping, meal planning and present wrapping, you manage to leave room in your life, in your heart to remember that ultimate gift. The one that we didn't earn. The one that is priceless. The one that is ours and will last forever.

May our loving Lord Jesus continue to richly bless you all.

Philip P. Temple

Session Clerk

WHITE WEDDING

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the colour of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"



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

As promised from the AGM, attached is the summary of St Enoch's Profit and Loss accounts for the month of October and the Year to date. The actual figures are compared with the budget. It will be seen from the statement when compared with the budget the Church is behind in the Giving Income, but ahead in Sundry income and below in expenses. This has resulted in a smaller loss than expected. A \$1218 loss compared to the budgeted loss of \$9559.



Profit & Loss St Enoch's Presbyterian Church For the month ended 31 October 2020 and YTD

Income	Actual	Budget	Var	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var
Giving						
Automatic Payment	7,102	7,067		27,019	27,667	
Receipts						
Cash Receipts	716	863		3,104	3,380	
Envelope Receipts	2,420	2,655		9,987	10,394	
Total Giving	10,238	10,585	-347	40,110	41,441	1331
Sundry Income						
Activities (Fairs, Film	90	83		415	333	
Outings etc)						
Church Complex Letting	1,504	1,231		6,602	5,231	
Hall Rental Income	1,850	1,308		6,667	5,558	
Have A Go Receipts	59	99		303	257	
Interest Income	0	12		9	47	
Manse Rental Income	2,520	1,669		9,214	7,094	
Retiring Offering	0	0		60	0	
Received						
Youth Group & Sunday	0	23		0	98	
School Income						
Total Sundry Income	6,023	4,425	1,598	23,270	18,618	4,652
Total Income	16,262	15,010	1,252	63,380	60,059	3,321

Less Operating Expenses						
Administration Expenses	3,162	3,020		12,958	13,212	
Ministry Expenses	7,192	7,446		32,074	33,221	
Mission Expense	701	539		2,774	3,920	
Property Expenses	2,575	2,865		16,792	19,265	
Total Operating Expenses	13,630	13,870	-240	64,598	69,618	-
Net Profit	2,631	1,140	1,491	-1,218	-9,559	8,341

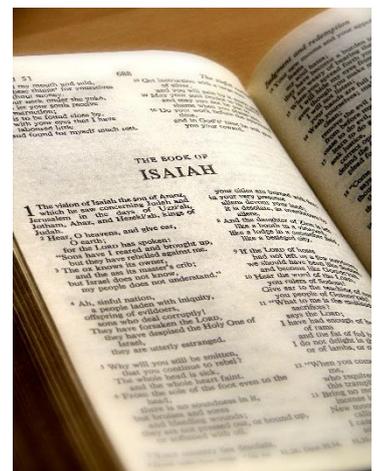
We should be quite pleased with the results to date. But remember we cannot slacken, and we must keep up with our giving. Just another reminder, if you are contributing to the church in cash or using the envelope system, please consider paying your offering each month via an Automatic Payment. This helps the church in the administration of handling cash and banking. 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 your contributions are confidential.

**The church bank details are
St Enoch's Presbyterian Church
02-0466-0167590-00**

*Ken Hartley
Treasurer*

FAMILY BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'



Pastoral Care:

It is good to be back to almost normal amid Covid 19 and it is good to visit those in need.

There have been a number of folk with serious/painful conditions and our love and prayers go out to them. Phone calls also continue to support people. Iris Stockwell continues taking communion to homes with Jaco. Our prayer list in the Bulletin and on the Prayer chain continue to uphold those in need. We encourage folk to care for our youth, with all the disruptions this year, that they are wise and don't give up. Also remember those with loved ones overseas.

Joan has stepped aside due to health issues and Robyn Dowdle has picked up her Manawa responsibilities.

Thank you each one for all you do for the Lord and our fellowship. We really appreciate your time and efforts.

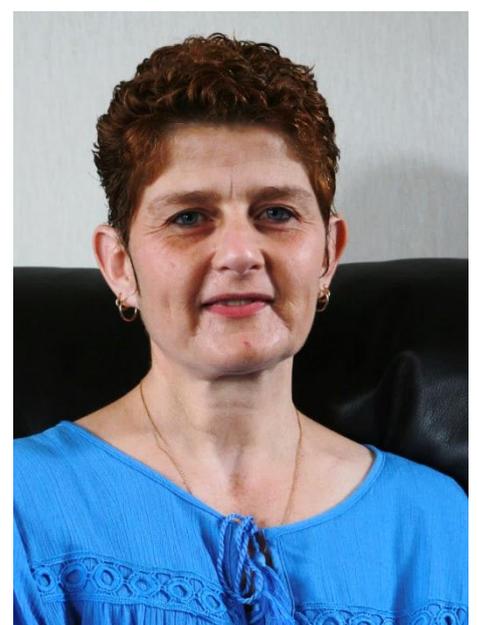
Gail on behalf of Joan, Minette and Robyn.



Gail Walker



Robyn Dowdle



Minette Soekoe

Board of Managers July – Oct 2020

Hello All

There has been a couple of changes in BOM since the last Manawa. I have taken over Marion's job of writing this report and Geoff Tyrrell is now the Hall kitchen co-ordinator.

The roof of the Manse developed a leak which has been repaired. Also, curtains were replaced in 4 bedrooms.

Face masks – Anel and Claire Stuit made face masks enough for all in the congregation who wanted one. Thank you.

Eftpos machine - After a survey as to who would use this for church giving, it was decided not to go ahead as it wouldn't be cost effective. It is tabled for another look in the future.

Operation Christmas Child appeal – the response to this was fantastic. We collected 57 boxes, the majority coming from St Enoch's.

The serving hatch in the Hall has been fixed after a false start because of Covid.

The lettering on the sign outside the hall was peeling, so Minette repainted it and it looks like new again. Thank you, Minette.

The very noxious Moth plant was infesting the huge Camelia on the fence line of the car park. This had to be removed. It was felt the area needed a tidy up, so a professional tree removal company was called in to do this. St Vincent helped us with half the cost.

John Brabyn continues to keep our gardens colourful and driveways rubbish and weed free. We look forward to enjoying the sunflowers he has planted in front of the office and lounge. Thank you so much John.

Blessings - Robyn M



Your Connection with St. Enoch's

Although it can be tedious, it is important to think about and review your connection with St. Enoch's from time to time.

In line with the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, St. Enoch's believes it is called by God to work with others in making Jesus Christ known through:

- Teaching and nurturing people in Christian faith
- Loving service responding to human need
- Proclaiming the gospel
- Seeking to transform society
- Caring for God's creation

We welcome everybody who wants to join us on this exciting journey - whether by occasionally attending a service or joining in one of our activities/events or becoming part of us.

When someone provides us with their contact details, we consider them an associate member of St. Enoch's. An associate member of a congregation has the following rights and privileges:

- (a) to have the church council record his or her name on the roll of associate members
- (b) to receive baptism for his or her children,
- (c) to participate in communion,
- (d) to have any child participate in communion,
- (e) to attend, participate, and vote at any meeting of the congregation on any matter brought before that meeting,
- (f) to be eligible for nomination for any congregational office except eldership or deaconship,
- (g) to present a proposal to the church council or through the church council to a presbytery on any matter affecting his or her interests or those of the congregation, and
- (h) to receive, on leaving a congregation, a letter of introduction to another congregation.

To become a member of St. Enoch's you need to send a request to Session. Before accepting an applicant as a member of the congregation, the church council (Session) must be satisfied that the applicant:

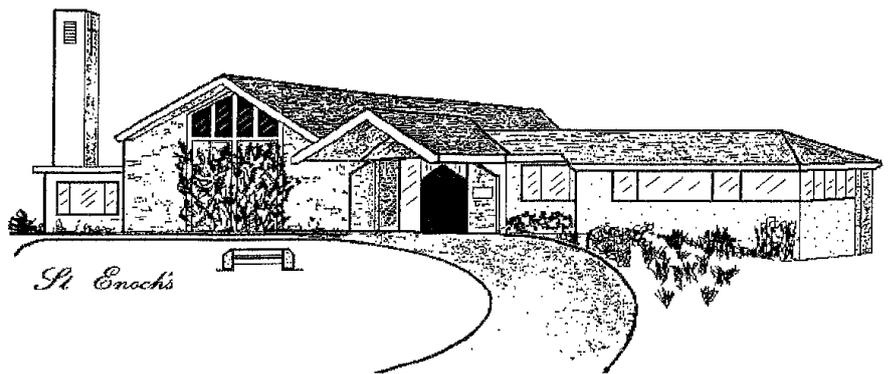
- (a) has received baptism as a child or as an adult, and

- (b) publicly professes his or her faith in Jesus Christ, and
- (c) will seek to lead a life consistent with his or her profession of faith, and
- (d) will unite in the worship, life and mission of the congregation, and
- (e) will, as far as he or she is able, contribute to supporting the life, worship, and mission of the congregation, and
- (f) will accept the spiritual oversight of the church council, and
- (g) will accept the discipline of the Church.

As a member in addition to the rights and privileges of an associate member, you can be elected to become an elder or deacon, and receive a certificate recording your baptism or the baptism of any child.

Whether you are a visitor, a friend of St. Enoch's, an associate member or a member, we value you and would like to be there for you, if we can.

Thank you for blessing us with your connection with St. Enoch's.



Meals on Wheels

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds.

She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass.

As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'



Our new Intern

My name is Joshua Tepou.

I grew up in the Presbyterian church but have had a lot of exposure to other churches outside of our denomination, primarily in charismatic environments. Married and a father of four children, family is one of the most important parts of my life and I believe one of the most important



institutions that God has ordained for us and hence it is an area that both myself and my wife really enjoy to minister to.

Over the last couple of decades, I have had various roles in business and corporate management primarily in I.T and administrative environments which have been extremely challenging and rewarding however it had been in these roles that I have felt Gods call on my life to a vocation, that with my upbringing as a PK, I thought I would never aspire to. My work although quite demanding had never given me a satisfaction that I found in the various church and personal ministry roles that I have been a part of. Just the joy of seeing God's hand in enlightening people through His word and to be given the privilege of being a part of these moments, have been a wonderful blessing to me.

God has been so faithful and gracious for me and unfortunately it was not until later when I looked back, that I understood the depth of His hand in my life and the faithfulness of my parents and many others in their ministry journeys, who contributed to my formation of faith. It is a great joy and privilege for me to share the Word of God and this is not something that I take lightly, I am well aware of the responsibility involved.

I will be completing a Bachelor of Theology this year and hope to move on to post graduate Theological studies some time at the completion of this internship. With regard to leadership experience in ministry, both my wife and I have led and run a number community outreach projects in a larger non-denominational church in Auckland. We have hosted and led many homegroups and bible studies at the churches we have attended.

We have led youth groups and organized worship workshops; staged youth performances and fundraising events and I have also led and organized the media ministry for some of these groups. We as a family help with the praise and worship where I am currently assisting in worship leading, playing the keys and guitar and we really enjoy being a part of the fellowship of the church.

My strengths in ministry is in the teaching and preaching of the Word, something that I do enjoy. I am musical and although there are many who are much more talented than I, we are happy to help in this area where needed. With my varied experience, I believe I am well rounded with great written and verbal communication skills, being able to assist in administration and organization of the church and able to connect with a wide range of people. I am also extremely teachable and always eager to learn new things.

God bless Josh

Josh sent an email to Jaco thanking us for accepting him as an intern, saying that him and his family have been humbled and gratified by the response of Jaco and St Enoch's.

New Baby

For weeks a six-year-old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house.

One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event.

The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?"

Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mummy ate it!"



White Sunday

On Sunday 11th October we had a combined White Sunday with the Samoan Congregational Christian Church of Samoa. This congregation use our church every Sunday, so it was lovely to share such a beautiful service with them.

White Sunday is a national holiday in all the pacific nations and acknowledges and celebrates children.

Thank you to the wonderful parents and children who spent many hours practicing and working on this programme – you did yourself proud.



When I'm an old lady

*When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,
And bring so much happiness just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!*

*When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.
I'll write on the walls with reds, whites and blues,
And I'll bounce on the furniture wearing my shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!*

*When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.
When they're on the phone and just out of reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,
And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed*

*When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.
When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,
I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry, I'll run if I'm able!*

*When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.
I'll sit close to the TV, through channels I'll click,
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!*

*When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.
And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,
And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"*

WHAT'S ON AT ST ENOCH'S

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

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	9.30am
Spiritual Growth Group	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday in lounge	1.30pm
STEWV Bible study Gr	1 st Thursday (venue to be advertised in bulletin)	7.00pm

December 2020

Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 8 th	6.00pm	Session meeting
Wednesday 9 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 25 th	10.00am	Christmas Day service
Thursday 31 st	5.30pm	New Year's eve service

January 2021

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Communion Service
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February 2021

Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 9 th	7.00pm	Session meeting
Wednesday 10 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting

ANNUAL LEAVE

Jaco Annual Leave

29th Dec – 10th January.

- Jaco will return from his holiday to take the New Year's eve service at 5.30pm

Marie Annual Leave

last day is 22nd December and back in office 11th January



Christmas Services

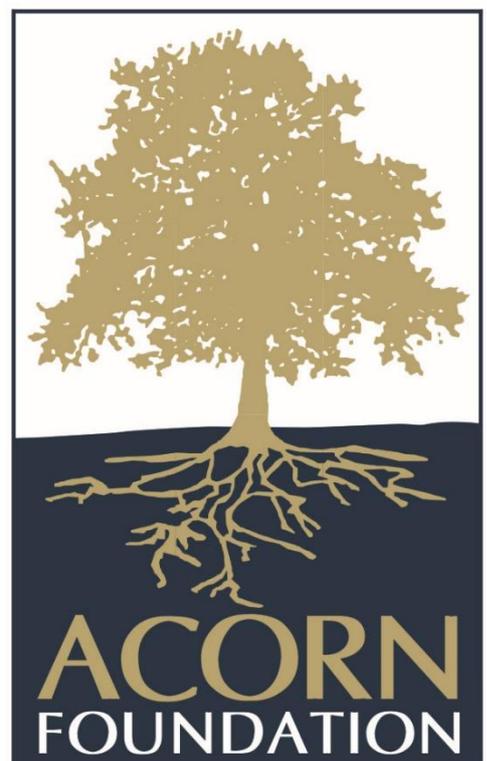
29/11	Advent 1 Carol Service	Jesus the Messiah
6/12	Advent 2 Communion	Jesus <i>IS</i> the Messiah
13/12	Advent 3	
	Family Christmas Service (with donkey)	Jesus <i>Son of God</i>
20/12	Advent 4	Jesus Son of the <i>LIVING</i> God
25/12	Christmas day service at 10:00	
27/12	Service	
31/12	New Year's Eve service at 17:30	
3/1/21	Communion	George taking service
10/1/21	2021. So how will you look this year?	Philip taking service

THANK YOU ACORN FOUNDATION

Some of you will have noticed that we have had painters working around the church for the past couple of weeks.

Thank you to Acorn Foundation who contributed \$5626.03 towards this.

Acorn Foundation administers funds on behalf of donors, and it is thanks to Goodwill Trust fund that we are able to get this work done.

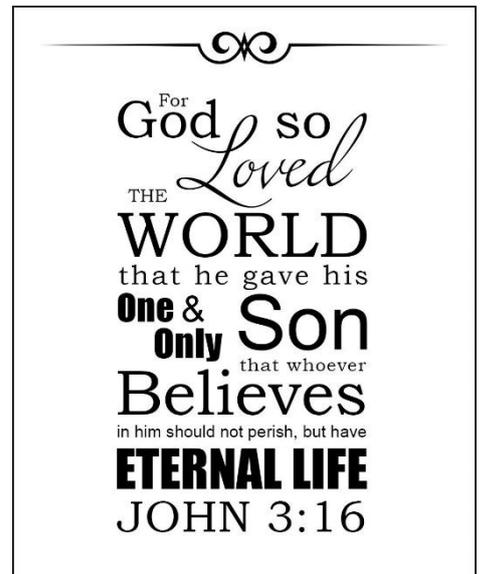


Christmas story

A word from Philip

I recently asked some children what was special about Christmas. There were quite a few answers. Getting presents was high on the list! I asked the question in various ways and got a variety of answers. Santa Claus, Christmas trees, Christmas cards, baby Jesus but getting presents was still the priority! It got me thinking. As Christians we relate Christmas to the wonder of the star in the East, the three wise men, virgin birth, baby Jesus, the humble beginnings for the Saviour of the world. Among these and many more you will have thought of were two words that struck me with immense force. LOVE and GIFT.

John 3: 16 came to mind immediately. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that who-so-ever believes in him should not die but have eternal life. FOR GOD SO LOVED THAT HE GAVE!!! I cannot remember associating this verse with Christmas, but surely this is the 'when' in scripture we realise the answer to the question about Christmas presents and giving is made clear.



Did God give because we deserved?
Did we earn the gift?
Were we good? Santa will come!!

What had we done to deserve any gift at all?

Nothing! Absolutely nothing! We did everything wrong. Mankind, since the Garden of Eden, has lost the plot and apart from individual prophets who have stayed faithful to God's word, did not behave as our heavenly father would wish. Yet God gave because he LOVED! Despite all the anguish, heartache, deceit and dishonesty he loved us so much that he GAVE.

What was the gift worth? Can you put a dollar value on it? Of course not! It has no dollar value at all. It does have a heart value though.

So this brought me back to the question, what is special about Christmas? I considered my role as a parent and wonder if we teach our children the value of love? Or do we teach them the value of dollars and cents when it comes to presents and giving? Is the value of life expressed only in material terms? Parenting is always a hot topic. Along with the plethora of advice on good parenting skills, we must teach by example the true value of a present, of giving, of love. Is their expectation of presents at Christmas only related to the transient, material value of the gift or do they appreciate the immeasurable, everlasting value of the love that inspired the gift?

In conclusion, I wish you all a happy, love filled Christmas and pray that this joyous spirit of giving and loving will continue in each and every heart throughout the New Year and beyond.





A MAF-base in Tauranga

MAF NZ is in the process of purchasing a hangar and creating a centre in Tauranga. This is exciting news! According to the official website, the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre will become a “hub” of prayer, fundraising for the work overseas, recruitment, equipping of new staff, training and connecting with others in the aviation industry.



MAF NZ is like a house with four rooms: Prayer (where people and groups are encouraged and equipped to pray for MAF’s ministry and missionaries), Mobilising (where people apply to join MAF, are interviewed, assessed, trained and empowered for service overseas), Christian Communities (a group of believers who enjoy partnering with MAF and who are being inspired to help) and Raising Resources (people and organisations partner with MAF to pray for, gather and send the resources required to enable the work of God to reach across the globe). This centre in Tauranga will accommodate all four rooms “to move MAF New Zealand into the future”. According to Ian McBride, MAF NZ Chairman, the centre “will link together all of MAF New Zealand’s activities”.

“The Kendon-Strong MAF Centre will allow us to meet the changing landscape of recruiting and developing missionary pilots, engineers, ground staff, managers and leaders. The challenging realities of flying in places like PNG requires a high

level of expertise. At the same time, opportunities for less experienced candidates to build experience are in decline. The new centre will bridge this gap. New Zealand provides a unique combination of terrain, weather and relatively low costs that makes it an ideal place for training.” The new centre will provide office space, meeting rooms and accommodation. It will also be home to the Cessna 206 that will still be used for pilot training and promotions.

Finance towards this purchase has come from investments from the sale of their previous hangar at Ardmore and three very generous gifts. From the purchase price of \$1,040,000 MAF has an outstanding balance of \$245,000. The settlement date is 26 November, 2020.

“Today, we stand on the threshold of completing the purchase of the hangar. In Isaiah 45 God says, “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth...” We are looking forward to seeing how God will “go before us” as we pray and work together to establish the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre! - Chief Executive Officer of MAF New Zealand, Mark Fox.



Photo of the new hangar in Tauranga from website <https://www.maf.org.nz/blog/post/58329/a-bold-new-vision/>

Minette Soekoe
Mission Co-ordinator



**Our Mission Responsibility
Making Disciples and Caring for Those in Need**

St Enoch's congregation supports the following mission organisations:

**Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
Wycliffe Bible Translators NZ (WBT)
Homes of Hope
Hospital Chaplaincy**

Goodbye for now



On a more personal note: God willing I will be travelling the South Island in a motorhome next year (with two cats - if they can learn to get along). Therefore, I will not be able to be involved as an elder or mission coordinator. I trust that God has already put the right people in place and that the strong relationships with our four mission organisations will continue. I hope to stay in touch via social media and would love to hear what is happening at church. St Enoch's will always be home. I love this Irish blessing and would like to leave it with you.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand*

Lots of love Minette

Taste of Italy dinner – October 5th

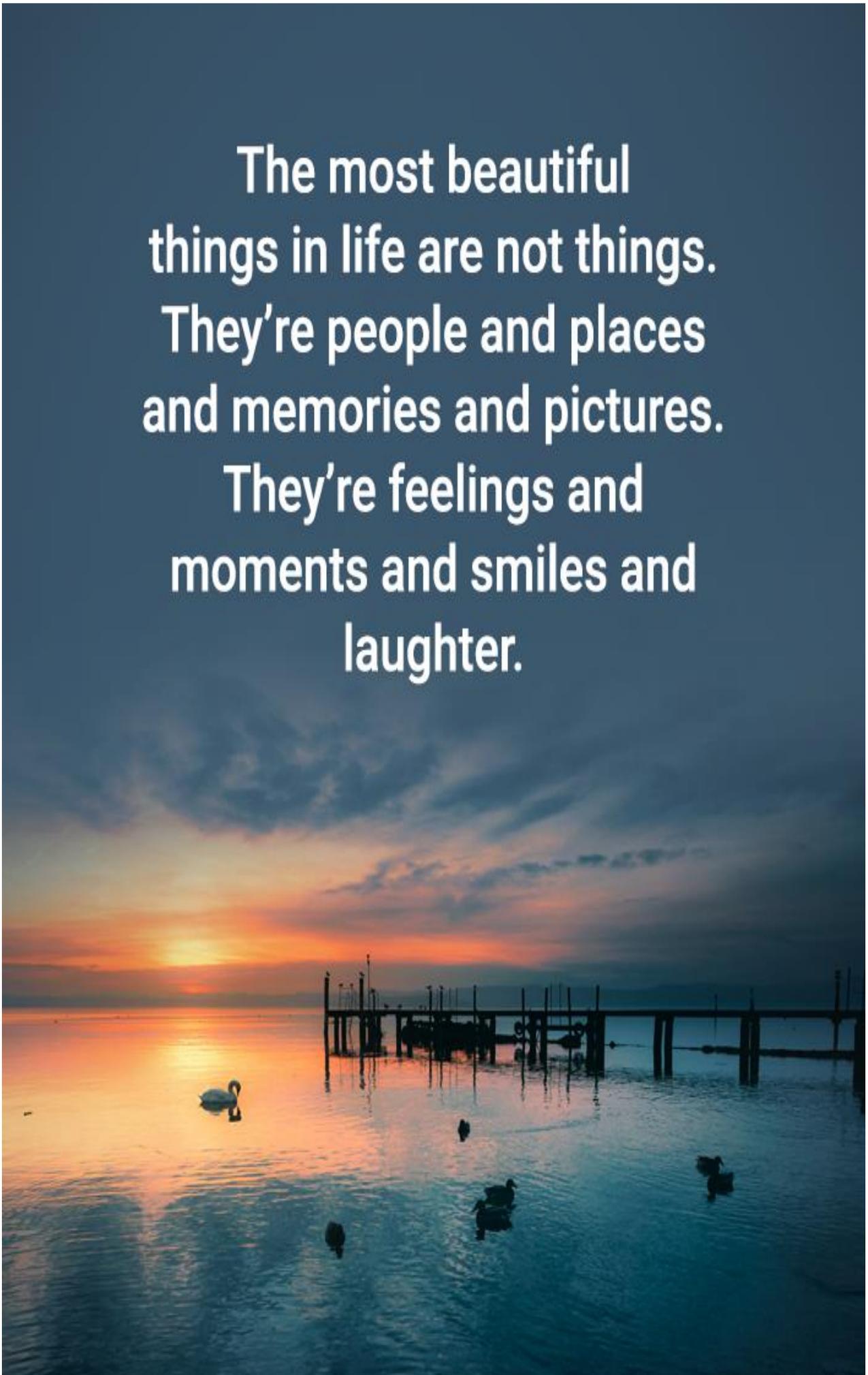
Aren't we lucky to have such clever people in the congregation who are willing to spend hours of their hard-earned time planning and organising beautiful meals for us all to enjoy? Philip, Helen and their daughter Kristen have now put on 2 events for us and both of these have been amazing. This year they did an Italian themed dinner and 60 of us were spoilt with Italian food, music and games to keep us amused. They thought of everything. Even the decorating was fantastic. Lots and lots of work went into this and we really appreciate how hard they worked.

This was an amazing social get together and although they said it wasn't a fundraiser, they still managed to donate \$1000 to the church funds - how amazing is that.

Thank you – you are stars.



**The most beautiful
things in life are not things.
They're people and places
and memories and pictures.
They're feelings and
moments and smiles and
laughter.**



KID'S CORNER



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wow isn't time flying by. We've had such an interesting year so far with Covid but it was nice to have everyone together again.

I'm sure everyone will agree with me that white Sunday was a great success. The children were amazing and we are very grateful to their parents, the leaders and everyone else who worked hard on making White Sunday special.

Sunday School leaders have been doing different sessions with the children still with a focus on the Bible. We have been encouraging leaders to use their own skills in delivering lessons in different ways. Some have been showing video clips, some doing lessons, games and some using arts and crafts.



Up to now we've been blessed to have a few volunteer leaders so we have been able to divide the kids into two age groups which was great so we could adapt the lessons for the different ages. But due to other commitments and a loss of a leader we now have to run the Sunday school as one group again which can be challenging presenting lessons for different age groups. Our leaders are doing an amazing job with the kids, but our team really needs more leaders. We would greatly appreciate more help. Please contact Jaco or Helena if you are keen to help out.

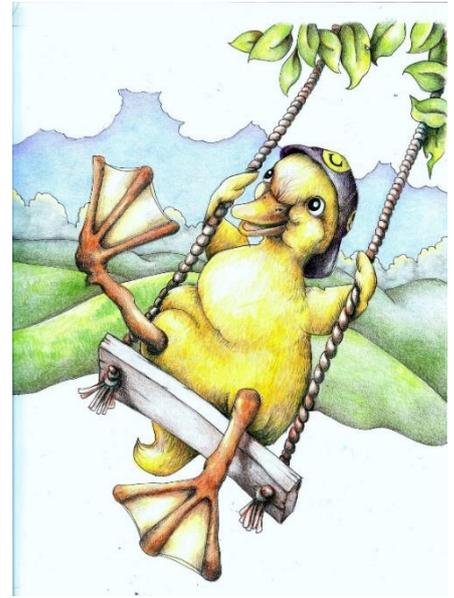
No doubt we will start preparing for Christmas soon. And I'm sure the Children will have something wonderful lined up for the festive season.

Kind regards
The Sunday School Team

Kindness

Dr. Jeremy Duck Wisdom

It was a lovely sunny summer's day and the school had started, the last term before they broke for the Christmas holidays. During the winter term the headmaster had noticed there were a few sad looking children, particularly after play time and he decided to have a talk to the teachers about it. They agreed with what he had thought. Often when they returned to the classroom it was obvious there were a few unhappy children. On asking why, they would respond with 'no-one will play with me' or 'no-one wants me to be their friend! I'm a friend one minute and then suddenly I'm not. I didn't do anything to upset them'.



Mmmmm. This required some action and also someone special who could give advice and maybe talk to the children. After some thought, the Principal remembered an old, wise friend of the school, Doctor Jeremy Duck. He was very wise, thoughtful and had had a lot to do with the village and the school over many years. With this in mind, the next day he contacted Dr Jeremy and made an appointment to discuss the problem. Over a cup of tea, Dr Jeremy and the Principal talked about ways that the children could be more understanding and accepting of one another. Being kind was so necessary to encourage a happy, friendly school. Also, the home life of the children would reflect that kind behaviour. After all, there was no reason for not 'being kind'. How could they encourage this kind and caring attitude??

After discussion, they decided to set up a contest. The contest would be a week long and would be called 'Kindness week'. The rules were simple. You first had to say hello to someone you didn't play with and ask them to be part of your group. Next, the group had to continue to play and include the new friend. The competition was judged by the number of marks the new person

gave to the group for being included in their games. They then gave the score card to their teacher and any marks above 8 meant all members of the group would get a chocolate bar. This sounded a pretty good idea, so they picked a date which was a month away, told the teachers and started letting everyone know around the school including the parents.

Well! It had surprising results! To begin with, the children weren't too sure about the competition however it wasn't long before they seemed to be playing together so much better. There was a good and happy feeling through-out the school. Gradually it appeared everyone was enjoying themselves and getting on with each other. The week of the competition came along and by then everyone seemed to be included in the fun. By the end of the week and after talking with the teachers about how the week had gone. It was decided that all the children had been sooo good that they should each get a chocolate bar! It was amazing!

A thought for you: Think of how you would feel if you were the one left on the side-line and no one wanted to play with you.

So Jeremy's advice to you is:- Remember you should always think of the other person first and be kind. It costs nothing but can mean a lot!

Grandad

Church Ladies with Typewriters

- The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on water. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

DUTY ROSTER – DECEMBER

Dec 6th - COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Philip Temple

Servers: Ngaire & John Foote; Minette Soekoe, Eli Yoo,
Sue Nelson-Davies, Robyn Magowan, Richard Wilson

Kitchen Duties: Anua Abbot, Anel Reyneke

Door / Offering: Jean Sutton

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

Dec 13th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Philip Temple

Kitchen Duties: John & Gayle Marchbank

Door / Offering: John & Ngaire Foote

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

Dec 20th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Philip Temple

Kitchen Duties: Ken & Lyn Hartley

Door / Offering: Louise Hediger

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

Dec 27th

Preacher: Rev. George Bryant

Vestry: Philip Temple

Kitchen Duties: Bev Hayman, Mativa Ropati

Door / Offering: Juliet, Hazra, Marliza Syed

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

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 - JANUARY

January 3rd - COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev George Bryant

Servers: Robyn Dowdle, Mike & Shona Giles, Cynthia Herring,
Gloria Mouatt, Gail Walker, Marion Bennett

Vestry: Louise Hediger

Kitchen Duties: Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

Door / Offering: Mama Tu

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

January 10th

Preacher: Philip Temple

Vestry: Joseph Toara

Kitchen Duties: Robyn Dowdle, Tricia Brown

Door / Offering: Mama Tu

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

January 17th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Louise Hediger

Kitchen Duties: Judith Thomas, Pat Collins

Door / Offering: Margaret Wakefield

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

January 24th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Louise Hediger

Kitchen Duties: Jeanette Stewart, Jean Whiteman

Door / Offering: Philip Temple

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

January 31st

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Louise Hediger

Kitchen Duties: Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan

Door / Offering: Peka & Peter Tautali

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

Do everything in love

Corinthians 16:14

DUTY ROSTER - FEBRUARY

February 7th – COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev D Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Lester Gray

Servers: Barbara & Robert Brown, Marie Nilson, Lyn & Ken Hartley,
Peka & Tofia Tautali

Kitchen Duties: Shona Giles, Cynthia Herring

Door / Offering: Mike Giles

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

February 14th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Nesi Tusa, Pisa Hall

Door / Offering: Rob & Barbara Brown

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

February 21st

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Mary Woods, Molly Reid

Door / Offering: Cynthia Herring

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

February 28th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Steve & Elsja Gurney

Door / Offering: Tofia Tautali

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

A young girl was visiting her grandmother and said, “why is it that every time I visit you, you are always reading your Bible?” “Well” Granny replied with a twinkle in her eye and a chuckle, “I guess you could say I am swatting for my finals.”



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