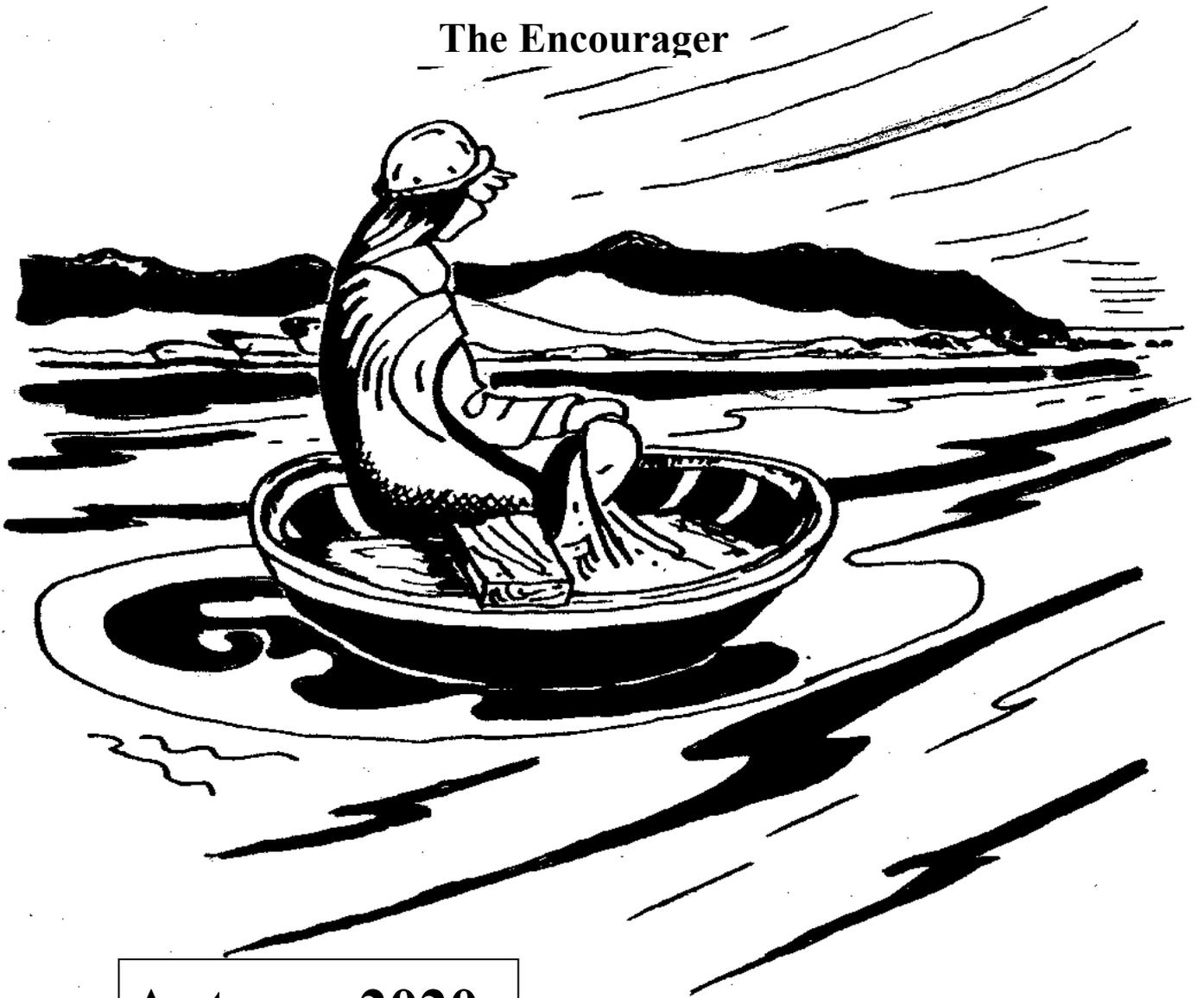


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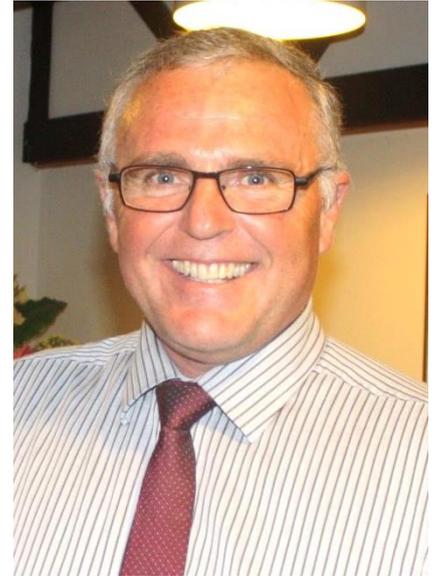
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Autumn is my favourite season. The evenings get cooler, and the sun develops an autumn (warm yellow?) tinge – especially in the afternoons. Then there are the spectacular ever-changing autumn colours and migratory birds getting ready and leaving our shores. Nature is preparing for a time of rest despite it becoming greener because of the rain. Growth starts to slow down, leaves drop, and nights grow noticeably longer. And it reminds me of Jesus saying: “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Mat 11:28)



Jesus is the only person who has the credentials to offer us rest. He earned the right to give us rest. How sad and ironic then that we do not always accept the rest Jesus freely and kindly make available to us.

In our daily lives and fast-paced modern society, there is so much working against this inner peace and tranquillity. Other's and our expectations are also heavy burdens to bear, not to mention things like strained relationships, financial pressures, deteriorating health, worries about natural disasters and something like the coronavirus.

Don't get me wrong. This rest is not the opposite of being busy. We can be busy and still have the rest Jesus gives. This rest is trusting God and knowing God is with us. “So we can say with confidence, “The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?” (Hebrews 13:6)

This is part of the Lent message. Jesus sacrificially earned our rest, and we can find quiet confidence, hope and joy in our faith. May this Lent and this Autumn affirm the rest we have in Jesus. And may this rest have a flow-on effect on your whole life.

Blessings
Jaco

SESSION REPORT

Our December meeting was a treat! After discussing business, Anel and Jaco hosted the session and partners for a delightful evening meal. There was lots of laughter and a real bond of fellowship was so apparent.

On Sunday 8th Dec our worship time was enriched by having the Afrikaans congregation join us. What a joy. They enjoyed the fellowship of the service and after, morning tea in the hall. Thanks to Chris Meyer, another men's breakfast was held on the 14th. Sam Johnson, a pilot for the Mission Aviation Fellowship spoke about the challenges of life as a pilot in Arnhem Land, south Sudan and now in Nairobi. We often fail to appreciate what people do to further the word of God in our world.



With the season of Advent on us, school holidays and other commitments, it was important to ensure the service plans for December and January were complete. As you read this, please take out your cell phone, diary, calendar or whatever you keep important dates in or on. Look at March 14 and write in St Enoch's planning day!!! This is your opportunity to share thoughts about your church, its organisation and activities. It will not be a whole day, so don't get anxious! The following weekend your Session will meet to discuss the ideas that you have put forward and work out a plan to implement them.

Our February meeting began with Communion which was followed by discussion on various items relevant to our churches worship, outreach and involvement in our community. We welcomed Doreen Bunn; Judith Thomas; Pat Collins; Gert & Corina Smit; Mike & Claire Stuit; Denise Pries into our fellowship. Sadly, we said farewell Liz & Franz Reinecke due to personal circumstances and Lorraine Shirley who has returned to the Baptist church.

It is with sadness we note the passing of Shona Sangster. After deteriorating health over recent months, Shona was called home to be with her Lord on 1st February. Last year Shona and Cliff celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. A remarkable achievement in this age of instant everything!



The Kaimai Presbytery has scheduled its first gathering for 2020 on April 4th with a focus on 'Innovation for Mission'. The guest speaker and guide is Christine Woods – Associate Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Auckland University. Christine has led several Presbyterian training events, is a member of a small rural parish (Presbyterian & Anglican) and knows its challenges, works with community and ethnic groups, and is passionate about the doing side of innovation. We are enormously privileged to have Christine come to Kaimai Presbytery.

Philip P Temple
Session Clerk

Paddy was in New York

He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.



After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'

Pastoral Care:

Our three Pastoral Care Convenors are Joan Bryant, Minette Soekoe and Gail Walker, who from the beginning of the year, are responsible for a group of Pastoral Carers (Manawa Distributors). All these people are of great importance to our fellowship as they assist and care for those around them, helping us all feel connected to the church and hopefully less isolated.

If anyone in the congregation is in need of prayer or some kind of care/support from just a chat, a prayer, a visit or more please either contact your Carer or Convenor or Jaco our Pastor.

Let's all make our church known for its friendliness and support.

Many, many thanks to the Manawa Distributors, you do a great job. God Bless each one of you.

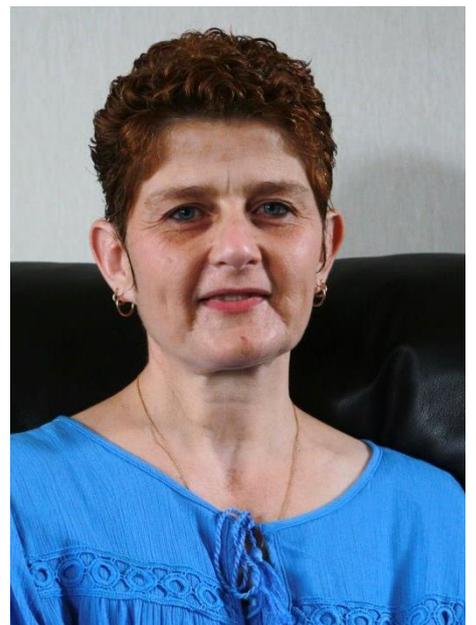
*Blessings all from
Gail, Joan and Minette
Pastoral Care convenors*



Gail Walker



Joan Bryant



Minette Soekoe



Moderator's message:

Lent Season

Lent is the season of preparation and discipline, which begins on Ash Wednesday 26 February and concludes at sun-down on Holy Thursday 9 April. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the Church remembers the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus leading to the cross, and renews its commitment to Christian discipleship.

This is the explanation of the Season of Lent according to the Common Lectionary.

Key words jump out: “preparation, discipline, remembers, ministry of Jesus, leading to the cross, renews commitment to Christian discipleship”. We as Christians are each called and challenged to prepare and to discipline ourselves as we remember the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus. Death on the cross is brutal and humiliating. Jesus died on the cross for you and for me.

It is a time also for renewing our commitment to Christ, and for our Christian discipleship. In every season we are challenged and put on the spot about our acceptance and belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Lent, for me, is reminding us that our lives are measured, examined, re-examined and renewed in our commitment to Jesus Christ.

Forty days reminds me of the Israelites' forty years in the wilderness. It reminds me also of the Lord Jesus' forty days in the wilderness during his temptation. It speaks to me of all our life, our years. "Forty" is a long time. Our lives, our days, matter to God's plans for each one of us. Jesus is God's Way, Truth and Life, for you and I.

Simply put, in preparation for Jesus this Easter, unclutter, clear out, put down what you do not need to carry and unnecessarily burden yourself with. Clear your mind, let go of lingering issues, free up yourself (physically and spiritually). Lent Season reminds us that Jesus suffered and died. We need to focus on this in preparation.

Discipline in this Lent Season, for me, is about changing my life so that the Holy Spirit may be able to transform. Giving up whatever is in the way of a quality lifestyle, ie particular food, television, hoarding, idleness, over working etc. The Christian life, at all times, is a disciplined life. It must be managed well both physically and spiritually.

Safe travel this Lent Season.

Yours in Christ's service



Right Reverend Fakaofu Kaio
*Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand*

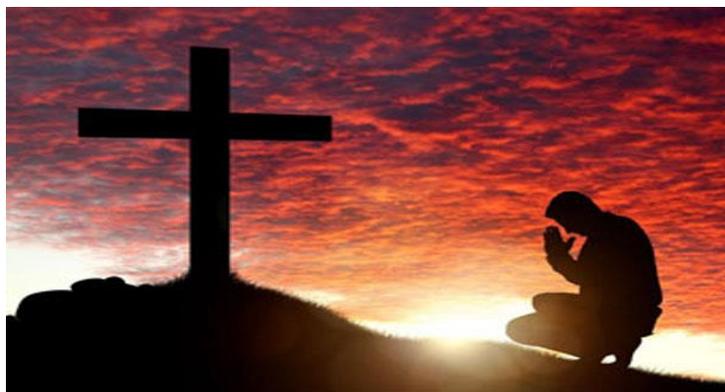


God's Word for Life

A Daily Bible Reading Plan For Lent

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent - a time for reflection, repentance, and renewal when Christians are invited to prepare themselves for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection.

Throughout the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, pray and reflect on God's renewing power.



Lord God, by your Word fill me with your life-giving Spirit

Ash Wednesday	Luke 4.1-13
Thursday	Romans 8.1-17
Friday	Galatians 5.16-26
Saturday	Ephesians 4.17-24

Week 1

Lord God, by your Word fill me with a spirit of repentance and forgiveness

Sunday	Psalms 51
Monday	Matthew 6.5-15
Tuesday	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Luke 15.11-32
Thursday	Ephesians 4.25—5.2
Friday	1 John 1.5-10
Saturday	Psalms 130

Week 2

Lord God, by your Word fill me with a spirit of hope and trust

Sunday	Genesis 12.1-9
Monday	Genesis 22.1-19
Tuesday	Isaiah 51.1-16
Wednesday	Luke 12.22-34
Thursday	Romans 4.13-25
Friday	Hebrews 6.13-20
Saturday	Psalms 62

Week 3

Lord God, by your Word fill me with a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving

Sunday	Luke 17.11-19
Monday	2 Corinthians 9.1-15
Tuesday	Ephesians 5.6-20
Wednesday	Philippians 4.1-9
Thursday	Colossians 3.1-17
Friday	1 Chronicles 16.7-36
Saturday	Psalms 103

Week 4

Lord God, by your Word fill me with a spirit of love and servanthood

Sunday	Matthew 23.1-12
Monday	Mark 10.35-45
Tuesday	John 15.1-17
Wednesday	Romans 12.9-21
Thursday	Romans 13.8-14
Friday	1 Corinthians 13.1-13
Saturday	1 John 4.7-21

Week 5

Lord God, by your Word fill me with a spirit of discipleship and commitment

Sunday	Luke 5.1-11
Monday	Luke 9.22-27
Tuesday	Matthew 10.16-33
Wednesday	Matthew 10.34-42
Thursday	John 15.18-27
Friday	2 Timothy 2.1-13
Saturday	2 Timothy 3.10-17

Week 6

Lord God, by your Word fill me with a spirit of obedience and humility

Sunday	John 13.1-20
Monday	Philippians 2.1-11
Tuesday	Psalms 22
Wednesday	Isaiah 52.13—53.12
Thursday	Luke 22.39-71
Friday	Luke 23.1-56
Saturday	Hebrews 4.14—5.10

PRAY

because God listens.



Time to think about time

By Lesley Ayers

Did you know that there are two different words for time in the bible?

They have both been translated from the Greek into our English version as the word “time”, yet they are quite different.

One of them is the word Chronos. That’s something we are all familiar with. It’s the time we measure our lives by. It’s the time of the clock. Chronos is about the minutes, days months and years of our lives. It’s the time we save, we spend, we share with others. Sometimes we wish we had more of that kind of time!

But there is another word for time in the bible - Kairos - or God’s time. Someone put it this way - Kairos is the intersection with eternity - a place where we glimpse more of the nature of God. It’s what I see as being the God moments of life.

So, what does a God moment look like? I believe its something that many of us will have experienced, though maybe we didn’t think of it in those terms.

It might be when: -

- There are coincidences that seem far from coincidental,
- We are reading and some words almost seem lit up with a special meaning
- We look out at a clear night sky and get a sense of the greatness of God.
- Sometimes its finding ourselves in just the right place at the right time to help someone



- Sometimes It's having someone else there for us at the right place and the right time

One day I was very upset about something, and as I went around the supermarket, I was wishing I could have someone to talk to about it. It needed to

be someone I could really trust. I walked out to the carpark, and there, just near my car, was a very good friend - She never shopped at that supermarket! But there she was, just the right person in the right place to help me. God timing



I've found that there is no formula to God moments. These are moments of Grace, totally unexpected, we cannot manipulate them.

But perhaps we can become more aware of these moments. I think it's to do with seeing each day of our life as a gift from God, putting all that is in it into God's hands and being open to the gentle nudges of the Holy Spirit.

Here is something that happened to me the other week. See if you think this was a God Moment in Kairos time

I was sitting at the bus stop outside our village with Lucy, our granddaughter, who is four. While we waited for the bus Lucy told me that the world is spinning round, it is spinning so fast that we can't see it going round. We were looking out over a wonderful view to the harbour and over trees and fields, I told her that God holds our beautiful planet in place, spinning in space.

That was when I saw a young man coming up the hill. He had long brown wavy hair, wore sandals, and had a guitar slung over his body. As he came near I asked him “have you got a tune for us?”

Now I am definitely not in the habit of asking total strangers to sing for me!!!! But it seemed so natural at the time.

The young man smiled and said he would make up a song just for us. He perched on a stone wall nearby and started strumming the guitar. At first the lines were funny ones about Greenwood Park, which is the name of our village. But then he began singing about how much God loved us, about how he, the singer, loved us and about the hope we have in God. It felt like an amazing song of blessing and joy. I was overwhelmed- blown away

I just had time to thank him and to ask God’s blessing on him, then Lucy and I climbed on the bus. The last we saw of him was as he walked off down the road.

I certainly won’t forget that unexpected meeting with the young man and his song and the reminder of God’s love. Sure seemed like Kairos to me.



Parish Planning Day

14 March 2020 9:00 – 12:00

Thank you for taking the time to complete this response form. We need your help to take a good honest look at where we are at, and to discern what God might want us to focus on for 2020/2021.

Please respond to all or some of the questions and either bring it to the planning day or put it in the offering bag on or before Sunday 8 March 2020. You can do it anonymously, or you can write your name at the top of this form.

'We' refers to the whole congregation – all of us. It is specified when the question specifically relates to the leadership.

Give a mark out of 10 when you are asked to rate something.

1. Parish Life

1.1. As a faith family, we want to care for and love each other. How are we doing? How well are you pastorally cared for? Explain if you wish to:



1.2. What do we as a church do well (What are our strengths)?

1.3. What can we do better?

1.4. Would you be interested in being part of a homegroup?
YES / NO

If yes, please give your name:

Is there a particular book of the Bible or topic you would like to study?

1.5. Which aspects of your spiritual life would you like to grow?

- Prayer (personal; prayer with/for others)
- Engagement with the Bible
- Caring for Others (elderly; the grieving; terminally ill; mentally ill etc.)
- Sharing your faith with someone else
- Being aware of God
-

1.6. How can we get to know more members of our faith family (congregation) better?

1.7. Do you feel St. Enoch's leadership (Session and Board of Managers) are in touch with the congregation?

YES / NO

1.8. What can the leadership team do better?

1.9. What do you think God wants us (St. Enoch's) to focus on this year?

2. Children and Youth

2.1. As we are their faith family, children need to feel acknowledged, affirmed, loved and at home at St. Enoch's. How well do you think we are doing this?



2.2. Parents or grandparent of a child or young person who is part of St. Enoch's:

2.2.1. What mark would you give the religious education (Sunday School) your child/young adult is receiving? Explain if you wish to:



2.2.2. Please comment on what else you would like St. Enoch's to do for the children and youth:

3. **Worship Services**

3.1. To what extent do services facilitate meaningful worship? How well do services allow you to worship God?



3.2. What elements of the worship services do you find meaningful?

3.3. What would you like to see done/approached differently in our worship services?

3.4. Please name three hymns/songs you like best:

3.4.1.

3.4.2.

3.4.3.

4. **Outreach and Mission**

4.1. Do you feel comfortable to share your faith with someone else? YES / NO

4.2. What do you think is the most effective way to get someone to join us here at St. Enoch's, on our journey of faith and fellowship?

4.3. What needs in our community do you think we can/should address?

4.4. Do you receive enough information about the organisations we support: Mission Aviation Fellowship and Wycliffe Bible Translators (overseas mission); Homes of Hope and Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy (local mission).
YES / NO

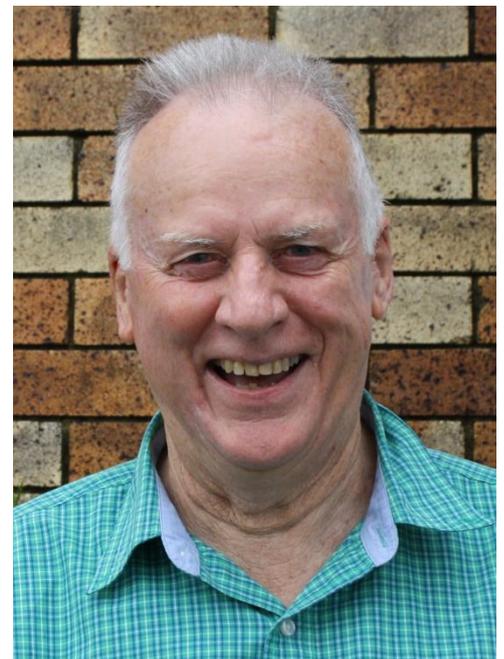
5. Are there any other comments or concerns you would like to share?



The Men's Tuesday Morning Coffee Group continued through the holiday period and was well attended during this time. I think everyone was quite happy that there was continuity. It's all very well to have a break, however, things tend to pall when it goes on for too long.

Numbers attending have remained fairly constant for a long time 8 to 10 mainly regulars. We have had a number of new people coming to Church each Sunday and I extend a very warm invitation to you to try us out.

The conversations cover a wide range of topics, cover current news subjects or whatever you like. Always a laugh too. So remember, if you have the time, we have time for you.



Mike Giles

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
Riverday	3rd Friday of the month	9.00am
Spiritual Growth Group	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	1.30pm
STEWV Bible study Gr	1 st Thursday	7.00pm

March 2020

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 9 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Wednesday 11 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 20 th	9.00am	Riverday
Saturday 21 st		Session Retreat
Tuesday 24 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)

April 2020

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 14 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Wednesday 8 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 10 th	9.30am	Good Friday Service
Sunday 12 th	9.30am	Easter Sunday Service
Friday 17 th	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 28 th	7.00pm	Session (Study meeting)

May 2020

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 11 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Wednesday 13 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 15 th	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 26 th	7.00pm	Session (study meeting)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Planning Day: March 14th @ 9.00am – 12 noon in the lounge. As many people as possible are needed to ensure the best outcome of the process. Please complete a Parish Planning Input form and put it in the container provided in the foyer by Tuesday 10th March or bring along on the day. The planning day is interactive and will give you an opportunity to help discern and contribute to St Enoch's future.

Prayer Studies: Jaco is considering offering Philip Yancey's "Prayer. Does it make a difference? Six sessions on our relationship with God." on a Tuesday morning at 11:00 and/or a Wednesday evening at 19:00 – depending on interest. These studies will run during Lent (26 February – 1 April). Please text/email Jaco or let Marie know if you are interested and whether you would prefer the morning or evening session.

Easter Services

Friday 10th April 9.30am
Good Friday service
Sunday 12th April 9.30am
Easter Sunday service



Prayer

Holy God and in the name of our Saviour:

I give to you my mind, for you to lead;

- My eyes, to see your power more at work in our world today;
- My ears, to hear your voice;
- My mouth, to sing your praise and to pass on the truth about your love;
- My hands, to bless;
- My legs, to go where you call;
- My heart, to be more and more renovated as your home.

May you know the presence and the calling of our Saviour this year.



Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy



Delivering Healthcare Chaplaincy

Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga o nga Minita Hohipera, Hauora



A warm thank you to everybody who endorses our church's contribution to the four organisations we chose to support as part of our mission outreach. During the year we will put the spotlight on a different organisation in each of the four Manawa's.

In this edition we are focussing on the Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy. Molly Reid is a volunteer there and has been involved with St. Enoch's for a long time. On Sunday the 16th of February she spoke about her role within the Chaplaincy.

There are two full time chaplains, one part time chaplain and 13 volunteers. The Chaplaincy is funded by the Ministry of Health and some of the mainstream churches. Tauranga hospital provides an office, a chapel, stationary, and landlines.

Most chaplains are employed by the Inter Church Council for Hospital Chaplaincy (ICHC). There is also a network of local chaplaincy committees (LCCS) who oversee and administer the work of the chaplains. Jaco is on this committee.



The chaplains, Shelley and Matu, have a church service every Sunday morning in the chapel and church members help to bring patients down from the wards to attend.

Chaplaincy volunteers help to look after the 300 plus patients, leaving the chaplains free to also attend to more urgent cases and staff with problems – the hospital has about 3000 staff members.

Every 18 months the chaplains train volunteers to listen and attend to the spiritual wellbeing of patients. Volunteers are not allowed to speak of religion unless the patient brings it up. Confidentiality is key, says Molly. They often pray for patients when prayer is requested.

People in hospital are often just lonely and want someone to talk to. The volunteers choose one day a week in the morning or afternoon for about two hours. Molly says it is most rewarding when you go home and know that you have made someone happier.

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

Keep your fork!

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.



She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the Pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork." It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

"So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork

in my hand and I want them to wonder... "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come."

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed.

They make you smile and encourage you to succeed.

Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

And just remember ... keep your fork!



The BEST is yet to come!

CHRIS MEYER

It was back in 2000 where I used to work at a copper mine near the town Tzaneen in South Africa. The mine is situated in an area called a homeland (homelands were created back in the apartheid era for black people to live and to govern themselves – something like the reservations in the USA for the Indians). The people lived in little settlements without the basic commodities and no police stations to control the crime. The law of the jungle prevails. The mine was close to one of these settlements and most of the workforce is from that area.



I was working the night shift and this particular Sunday night the person that worked in the lamp house, did not turn up. We needed cap lamps to go to work underground and he had the key to the lamp house – nobody can go underground without the lamps. I took one of the workers and left in my ute for the township where this person with the key stays. As I left the road in the township, the ute got stuck in a sandbank. Whatever I tried, I was unable to move out of the sand. The guy with me said he was going to carry on and left me alone. As the only white person in the black township, I stood out like a sore thumb. No matter if I walk or stay, tonight I am going to die. It was only a matter of time before someone noticed me. Was I ready to die? I did not think so.

Strangely, I did not panic and accepted my fate, only hoping that it was not painful. Then a vehicle approached and stopped. Praise God, it was an employee of the mine and he recognised me. We used a rope to pull my ute out of the sandbank.

Thank you, God,
for saving me to
fulfil Your purpose
for me

Chris Meyer



KID'S CORNER



Talking to God

How can we talk to friends that live far away from us, or family that even live on the other side of the world?

We can phone, text, skype, face-time, e-mail, send a post card or even write a letter.

God wants us to talk to Him too, and we can talk to Him every day through prayer. God wants us to tell Him what is in our hearts and minds. God is a great listener and wants the best for us. We can talk to God at any time and in any place.

Pray today

Before each day remember to pray,
that we be safe at play.

Pray at night, for it is right,
then sleep within God's light.

All through the day, remember pray,
Jesus will guide each day.

Roger W Hancock



"Hear me as I pray, O Lord. Be merciful and answer me!" Psalm 27:7 NLT

God's cake

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong. She's failing algebra and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack. The daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then?" Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the Mother replies, "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves, but when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times, we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times, but God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and eventually, they will all make something wonderful.

Hope your day is a "piece of cake!"



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Bible Word Search:

BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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Homework

Dr. Jeremy Duck Wisdom

So we are in month three of a new decade and Dr, Jeremy is wondering how things were going in his lovely village. The children have been back at school for a month now and so all the fun and games that were so much part of Christmas and January have settled down into the quieter routine of term time.

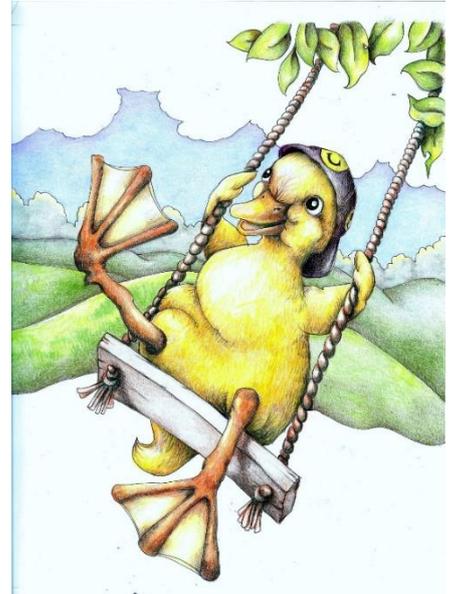
After the hustle and bustle things were quiet and Dr Jeremy was wondering what to do with himself. All the animals had been too busy during the last two months either with their families or friends to come and visit and he was sad.

After a cup of tea and some thought, Dr Jeremy decided to go for a walk down to the village and see what was going on. There were bound to be people there that he could talk to and maybe they might join him for a coffee at the local cafe. So off he set. The day was perfect. Sunny and warm, just right for walking.

As he got closer to the shops he could see that there were lots of folk with the same idea. They too were enjoying the lovely day and it wasn't long before he met some of his old friends and so it was off to the local cafe for coffee and a chat. The main topic seemed to be what a relief it was to have the children back at school.

Everyone agreed that their homes were tidier, they were quieter and everyone's life was back into some sort of order. There was no doubt that as the children grew up, they became nosier, bossier, less helpful around the house and were constantly late for their evening meals. Also homework seemed to have disappeared from their thinking. After listening for some time Dr. Jeremy was glad that he didn't have to worry about the disruption of holidays or having to get them to settle down to some serious study.

It was definitely worth listening to everyone but what to do about it was a puzzle. After he got home, he pottered in the garden, thinking of things that might make a difference but his mind was a blank. There was nothing he could think of that might alter the holiday problems. Then it was as if a light had been turned



on. He had an idea that could work. In his mind he reviewed the chatter and this is what happened.

It was half past three in the afternoon and school had finished for the day. All the children were off to play and to do what children do after school. Mum would expect them home by dinner time but since most of the Mums and Dads were at work, there was no need to hurry home.

Jeremy Duck was having his afternoon walk and as he passed the play area at the local park he saw lots of the children playing on the swings. There were monkey bars and a flying fox, see-saws and roundabouts. Everyone was having a great time. Some of the boys were kicking a foot ball and others were chasing each other. There were some seats in the park and Jeremy saw two children, a boy and a girl sitting there. They were not paying attention to any of the others. They were not talking to each other. In fact they were looking quite serious. Jeremy wondered what they were doing. Just then the ball that the boys were kicking about landed at Jeremy's feet. He stooped to pick it up just as one of the boys ran up to him. As he handed the ball to the boy, he asked 'What are those children doing over there?' 'Oh, they are just doing their home work,' the boy replied. 'Well, why are you not doing yours? Do you not have any'? Jeremy asked. The boy looked at Jeremy and thought he was bossy! After all, it was not really any of his business what home work the boy had to do. So he grabbed the ball and kicked it back to his mates to continue with his game.

Jeremy thought about this little discussion. The teacher had set the work so that the pupils would get better at their lessons. How could he help these children see the need to do their home work? The difference between the two children sitting quietly working while the others were playing was simple. They valued what the teacher was trying to do while the others were not worried at all. Also, as most of the Mums and Dads were at work, those children did not worry about lessons now that school was finished.

Jeremy decided to have a chat to the teacher and see if together they could work out a plan to get the children to do their home work. He learnt from the teacher that some of the children played after school and others went home and watched television. If the children could get some reward for doing their home work straight after school, maybe they would put this first before going out to

play or watching T.V. The idea Jeremy Duck had was simple. If the children got their home work done in one hour after school finished, they would get two points. *If they chose to play (for an hour) first* (and then do their homework in the next hour) an hour later, they would earn just one point. If they chose to play around till after dinner time before starting their homework, they would lose a point. If they got it done in two hours after school finished they would get one point. If it was done in three hours after school they would lose one point! Now each point would be worth one dollar or half an hour of television. The points could be added together and so if the child was saving up for something special or wanted to watch a special program on TV then they could combine all the points and it could add up to either a lot of dollars or TV time! The teacher thought this was just a great idea! Every term the teacher would have the parents in for a talk about the way their child was getting on and as this was getting close, it would be an excellent time to share this new idea.

The teacher shared the idea with the parents as they met to discuss their child's work and was both surprised and pleased that they all thought it was a great scheme. To make sure that the parents and the children kept to the plan the teacher gave each family a calendar. On each day of the week she had put two words. FINISHED and POINTS. Every day the children would fill in the time that their work was finished and Mum or Dad would mark in the points earned. As there would be no home work on the weekend, the parents would add up the total points for the week and write them in on Sunday. After the children had finished the work they were free to go out and play but not to watch TV until the points were checked and they had permission!

The new plan got started in the new term. It was obvious from the beginning that the children really liked the idea of being rewarded for their work. The teacher could see an improvement in the work that was being handed in. At home the parents were amazed at how keen their children were get right on to their home work. Soon the points were adding up! TV was forgotten and the children spent so much more time outside playing and enjoying the fresh air.

Towards the end of the term and after school had finished for the day, Jeremy decided to pop in and have a talk to the teacher to

see how things were going. He was thrilled to hear how well the parents and the children had made the plan work. Because it was Jeremy's idea and as the parents were all due for the meeting, the teacher asked Jeremy if he would like to speak to them all. He agreed.

Thoughts for you: We all have things that we like doing and we have other things that might we don't enjoy. Often the hard things are the things we need to grow stronger, think better and enjoy life more. They also can have rewards!

Jeremy's advice to you is:-

Always do your homework before you do anything else, then you will be able to play without having to worry about it! You may also find there are rewards for your efforts.

Grandad

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MARRIAGE

Boy aged 4: Dad, I've decided to get married.

Dad: Wonderful, do you have a girl in mind?

Boy: Yes . . . Grandma! She said she loves me, I love her too . . . and she's the best cook and story teller in the whole world!!

Dad: That's nice, but we have a small problem there!!

Boy: What problem?

Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother!!

Boy: Why not? You married mine!!!



DUTY ROSTER – MARCH

March 1st - COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Gail Walker

Servers: Robert & Barbara Brown, Brian Walker,
Louise & Marcel Hediger, Tofia Tutali, Nesi Tusa

Kitchen Duties: Anua Abbot, Bev Hayman

Door / Offering: Steve & Elsja Gurney

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

March 8th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Gail Walker

Kitchen Duties: Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

Door / Offering: Joseph Toara, Margaret Wakefield

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

March 15th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Gail Walker

Kitchen Duties: Gloria Mouatt, Nesi Tusa

Door / Offering: Peka Tautali, Philip Temple

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

March 22nd

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Gail Walker

Kitchen Duties: Ken & Lyn Tyrrell

Door / Offering: Ralph Morris, Rena Arnett

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

March 29th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Gail Walker

Kitchen Duties: Cynthia Herring, Shona Giles

Door / Offering: Nesi Tusa, Monisa Tautali

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

SERVE

What is God calling you to do?

DUTY ROSTER - APRIL

April 5th - COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Servers: Ken & Lyn Hartley, Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell,
Minette Soekoe, Iris Stockwell, Eli Yoo

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Jeanette White & Jean Whiteman

Door / Offering: Matilda Wharekura, Mike Giles

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

April 12th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Brian & Gail Walker

Door / Offering: Mama Tu, Minette Soekoe

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

April 19th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Lester Gray

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Door / Offering: John & Ngaire Foote

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

April 26th

Preacher: TBC

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Patricia Eagle, Pisa Hall

Door / Offering: Rex Eagle, Danny Atoa

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

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IMPORTANT REQUEST!

If people swap kitchen duties, please let Cynthia Herring know. When Cynthia rings and leaves a message on your phone, please ring her back and let her know if you are available. Phone 544 3053.

PLEASE mark your rostered duties for KITCHEN and DOOR on your calendar as soon as you get your Manawa so you remember them

DUTY ROSTER - MAY

May 3rd – COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joan Bryant

Servers: Robyn Magowan, Richard Wilson, Chris & Chrissy Meyer, Anel Reyneke, George Bryant, Lawson Stewart

Kitchen Duties: Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan

Door / Offering: Jean Sutton, Benjamin Atoa

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

May 10th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joan Bryant

Kitchen Duties: Tofi Atoa, Tricia Brown

Door / Offering: Judith Thomas, Pat Collins

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

May 17th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joan Bryant

Kitchen Duties: Cynthia Herring, Mama Tu

Door / Offering: Tofia Tautali, Peter Tautali

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

May 24th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joan Bryant

Kitchen Duties: Anel Reyneke, Robyn Dowdle

Door / Offering: Ken & Lyn Hartley

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

May 31st

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joan Bryant

Kitchen Duties: Mary Woods, Molly Reid

Door / Offering: Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

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