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Blind or not?

"I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind." Jesus said to the man whose sight He restored. (John 9:39) In which category do we fall? Are we part of the lucky ones who are not blind anymore, or are we part of the group convinced we see perfectly well, but are actually blind?

It is better to know we are blind and need the Healer, than to claim we can see while we stumble in the darkness - which is foolish and dangerous. The Pharisees claimed Jesus is not from God because He healed a man and restored his dignity on the Sabbath - and in the process mixed some mud. While they were convinced they are standing up for God's honour and what is right, they were totally blind to God's heart of love and care revealed in Jesus Christ, the suffering servant who declared: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favour has come." (Luke 4:18-19)

Jesus restored the blind beggar's eyesight, but more importantly also his spiritual sight. "Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he orshipped Jesus. (John 9:38) The atter healing was the real life changing and life saving event.

Blessings Jaco



ORDER OF SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Bible brought in

Call to Worship

Listen to Psalm 121 sung

Song

And that my soul knows very well

Prayer

Scripture

Video

Song

How great is our God

Children's Talk
Children go out

Notices and Celebrations

Offering

What the Lord has done in me

Message

Song

In Christ alone

Prayer for Others

Song

Bless the Lord (10,000 reasons)

Benediction

The grace

Prayer available after Service in Jaco's office

Join us for refreshments in the lounge

Stamps

St Enoch's is once again collecting used stamps. If you have any please leave them in the box marked "stamps" in the foyer . These will then be donated to "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People NZ". This is such a lovely charity to support and such an easy way to support them.

[Hearing Dogs NZ](http://www.hearingdogs.org.nz)



Fourth Sunday of Lent: Lent is a time to reflect on the connection between our faith and our lives. "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'" (Matthew 7:21-23)

Kaimai Easter Camp 2023 takes place from 6 – 10 April at Ohope beach. Register online at <https://kaimaipresbytery.org.nz/content/kaimai-events/> or talk to Leiona for more information. St. Enoch's is prepared to sponsor three young people to go on the camp.

Spiritual Growth Group will explore watch prayer on 5 April in the lounge between 13:00 and 14:00 using 'A Guidebook to Prayer' by MaryKate Morse. Everybody is welcome to join this wonderful group. Contact: Jaco 0273259003

Homes of Hope: Please bring breakfast cereals, fruit, school lunch box items, or other food items to be used by this worthy charity looking after vulnerable children.

Under the Stars: On Thursday 20 April our team of volunteers will prepare and serve lunch to Tauranga's homeless and struggling people, with Under the Stars trust at 45 Cliff Road. Please consider helping once a month and discuss it with Louise.

The **Readers' Group** meets on the last Wednesday of the month and talk about whatever you are reading at present. Next meeting is on 29th March at Tricia Brown's home - 10 Golden Heights, Hairini. Please contact Joan for more information (027 7733811).

Men's Coffee Group invites you to join them on a Tuesday at 10:00 in the Mitre 10 Mega Columbus Café for a nice chat and some laughter. (Contact Rex: 027 284 2317)

Ladies Coffee Group meets Tuesdays at 10:00. All ladies are welcome to join this lovely group at Columbus Café at Gate Pa. On the last Tuesday of each month the ladies will go to Broomtree Café (next to 11th Ave Petrol Station). Contact Cynthia for more information on 027 324 1027.



St. Enoch's Working Women (STEWV) home group meets every first Thursday of the month. We are using a NZ Bible Society study on being Still with God. Contact Anel for more information: 021 268 3064

Have-a-Go is an opportunity to bring your craft along to the lounge on a Wednesday morning from 09:30, have a chat and a few laughs and a lovely morning tea.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday 26th March

MORNING TEA: Gerald & Yvonne Krohn
DOOR / OFFERING: Mama Tu
PRAYER PARTNER: Joan Bryant



Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer:

You can either join in with the 09:00 prayer meeting in Jaco's office or join the Prayer Partner in the office after the service to be prayed for or to pray with them for someone or something.

Prayer:

Contact Gail Walker if you want the prayer chain to pray for you or any other prayer need you may have. Let Jaco know if you want your or someone else's name put on the individual prayer needs list.

Please pray for:

children with learning difficulties, their parents and teachers; preparation for Kaimai Easter Camp in Ohope; for the clean-up and rebuilding after cyclone Gabrielle; New Zealand to maintain the good bits of it's unique character and culture; gang members to turn away from criminal and destructive behaviour and come to faith in Jesus; peace in Ukraine and other war-torn regions.

Individual Needs:

Julian Syed's mother in law; James McPetrie (deteriorating); Lois Rout; Gloria Mouatt; Corinne; Ruth West; Iris Dudson; Kim Cleary.

