



Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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"God honouring, Christ following, Holy Spirit led"

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Walking in Jesus' shoes

When we understand why Jesus came to earth and eagerly receive what Jesus gives, God's love will be in us. Jesus said to the Father: "I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them." (Joh 17:26)

When that is the case, it is easier for us to faithfully respond to Jesus sending us into our world as the Father sent him. We are called to walk in Jesus' shoes in two ways. On the one hand to know and understand what Jesus did and why, and on the other hand to continue his mission on earth.

From Jesus' wonderful prayer in John 17 we see that two crucial elements of walking in Jesus' shoes are being in God and being united as faith family.

During the next week, take some time out from the excitement and preparation for Christmas celebrations and reflect on how securely you are living in God, and on how well you are embedded in your faith family.

May God's presence, Jesus' love, and the Holy Spirit's inspirational guidance be with you and yours this Christmas.

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Services: We offer a controlled access service at 09:30 for which you need to have proof of vaccination ready to present. An open access service is available for everybody at 11:00. No proof of vaccination is required. Under the orange setting of the Traffic Light System the open access service is limited to 50 people.

No morning tea will be served.

As Covid-19 is continuing to spread in Tauranga the guidelines for Sunday services are very important:

Stay home if you are feeling unwell or had contact with a Covid-19 positive person.

Wear a mask until you have taken your seat, and when you are singing.

Sign in using the app or the sheet on the table in the foyer

Sanitise your hands

Upcoming Services:

24 December - St. James Union Church Greerton (16:00; controlled access)

25 December - 09:30 (Controlled Access) George Bryant

26 December - 09:30 (Controlled Access) George Bryant

11:00 (Open Access) Josh Tepou

2 January - 09:30 (Controlled Access) George Bryant Communion

11:00 (Open Access) Josh Tepou Communion

9 January - 09:30 (Controlled Access) Philip Temple

11:00 (Open Access) Josh Tepou

Men's Coffee Group—Mitre 10 Café: will meet for the last time next Tuesday at 10am and will close down over Christmas and New Year. Group will resume on 11th January.

Ladies Coffee Group—Columbus Café Gate Pa: will meet for the last time next Tuesday at 10am and will close down over Christmas and New Year. Group will resume on 11th January

Have-a-Go will resume on Wednesday 5 January at 09:30 in the lounge.

Please pray:

That the covid virus will be conquered; for individuals and families who find Christmas time hard; for health services – from primary health right through to our specialists; for the police having to cope with more behavioural issues over Christmas and summer.

Individual Needs: Beryl Goodger; Joan Bryant; Keum-Sook On and Min Kim; Hector Mein, Ralph and Morris family after Rowie's passing; Sue Davys (brother passed) Iris Dudson; Brian Walker; Margo Stewart; Jean Whiteman.

Annual Leave: Jaco is away on annual leave starting next week and returns to the office on 11th January. Please contact Josh 022 3969769 or George 544-1669 if you have any pastoral or spiritual needs during this time. Marie is away on annual leave starting next Wednesday and returns to the office on 17th January.