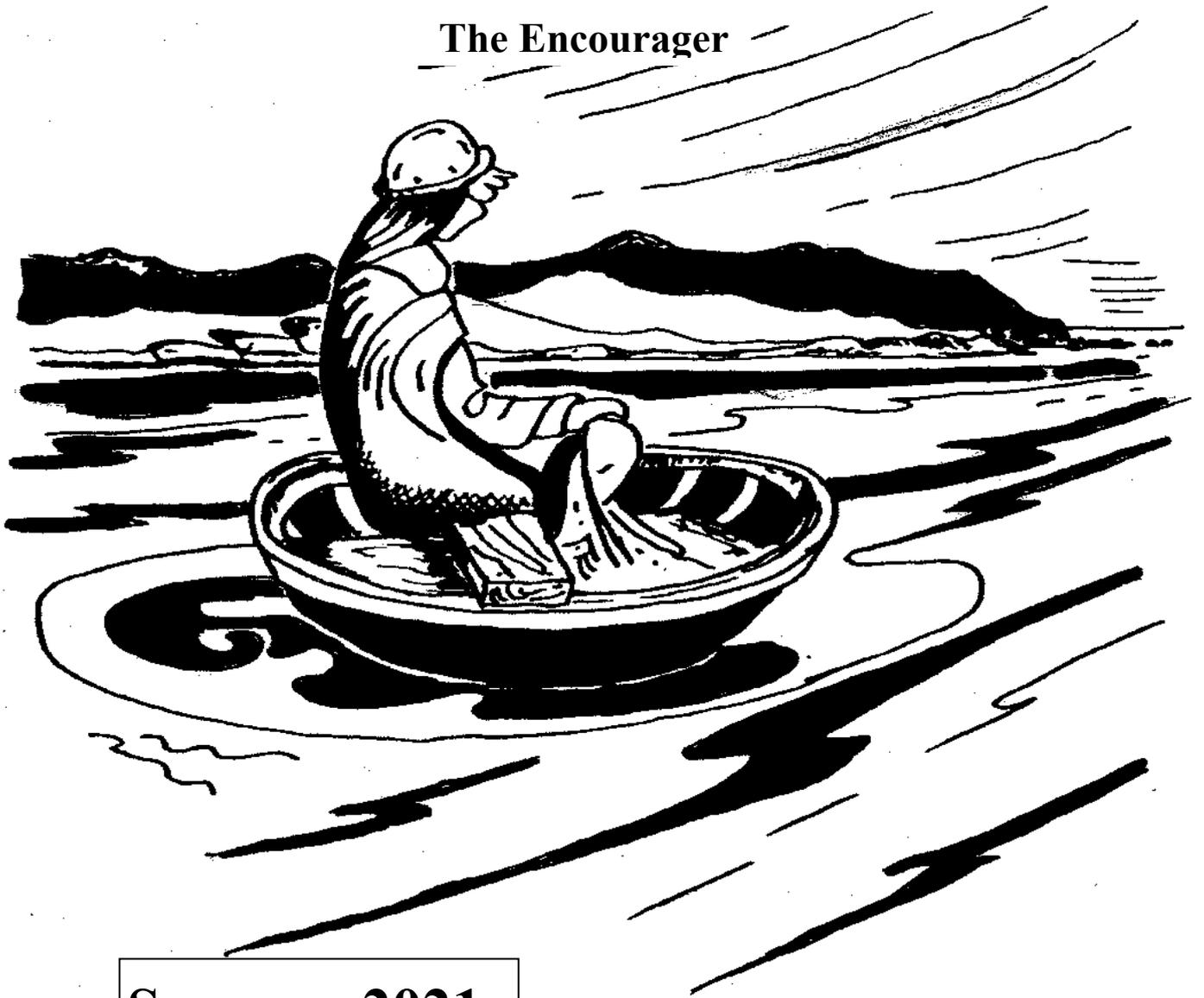


# St. Enoch's Church Community

# Manawa

The Encourager



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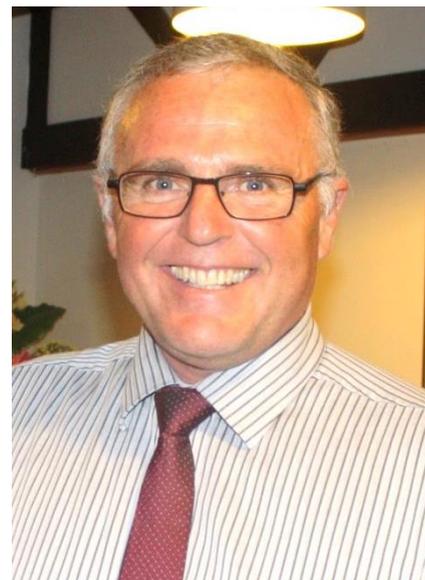
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

## God honouring, Christ following, Holy Spirit led

We live in an interesting tension between already and not yet. In Christ we are already perfect and part of the Kingdom. But we also know that we are not yet perfect and live in a broken world. We all identify with Paul's struggle: "I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway." (Rom 7:19)



Our identity statement also sits in that space. As faith family we are God honouring, Christ following, and Holy Spirit led. And yet we are very aware that we can live more God honouring, better Christ following, and more in tune with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

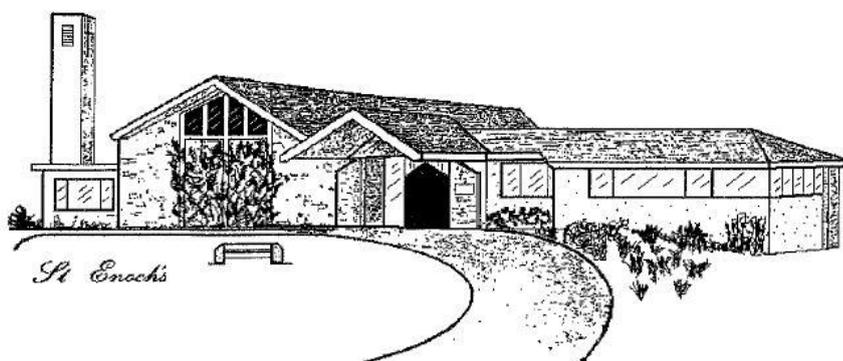
Our identity statement reminds us of who we are in the triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and inspire us to do life in such a way that others may see and experience God's love.

Our identity statement inspires us to participate in God's mission to reconcile everybody with God. "For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation." (2 Cor 5:19)

Please regularly reflect on our identity statement. Acknowledge and celebrate the times you succeed in expressing your love for God by being God honouring, Christ following, and Holy Spirit led. Continue to explore new and better ways to be God honouring, Christ following, and Holy Spirit led.

Join me in praying that our faith family will grow in faith, in love, in peace and in effective witness.

*Jaco*



# SESSION REPORT

## What has Session been up to?

It has been a busy three months as we worked out what God was saying to us through the Parish Re-View facilitated by Kaimai Presbytery and in other ways. At a Discernment Day on the 9th of October, we explored what the 'Mission of God' is and how we can better participate in God's mission.

We explored the meaning of 'the mission of God' and the trinitarian implications thereof. We looked at suggestions for a helpful posture for the church within our setting today. The following questions were then discussed. Beneath each question is a summary of our responses.

1. What are the implications for us if "the agenda for missionary thought and action is defined by the character of God, not the activities of the Church"? What characteristics of God should underpin our mission/ministry?

Love; Love in action; God's supremacy (God-people-church); justice; patience; perseverance; presence; respectful; forgiving; gracious; merciful; acceptance.

2. What are the implications for us if "the message must be communicated in a manner which is consistent with the character of Christ"? How would Christ communicate the Good News here in Tauranga today? Reach out; lead by example; being available; led by the Spirit; by actually connecting with people; honest and direct; being in people's communities; listening; touch; praying for people; show compassion; being non-judgemental; constantly available; not forcing the point – invitational rather than dictatorial; secure in His relationship with God; expect the unexpected; sharing God's Word.

3. "Mission is not just something that the church does; it is something that is done by the Spirit, who is himself the witness, who changes both the world and the church, who always goes before the church on its missionary journey." How do we, bearing in mind that St. Enoch's has our own culture, bring about an authentic encounter between the Gospel and the different cultures (e.g., secular culture in Tauranga; youth culture; other ethnic cultures)?

Knowledge and understanding of the different cultures; be authentic and ask questions; real interest; true to ourselves and authentic; welcoming; humble enough to listen; be prepared to go out of your comfort zone; accommodating (leaving space for people to think and believe different from ourselves); non-confrontational and non-defensive; find ways to engage; sharing our faith; listen well.

Two practical ways in which Session hopes to enable our faith family to better participate in God's mission is by equipping ourselves to have an easy and natural spiritual conversation with people by using the 'Because we Care' videos which can be found on the All Together website (<https://alltogether.co.nz/equipping-videos-members/>), and to arrange workshops PCANZ Moderator (Rt Rev Hamish Galloway) and the National Service Team put together around the Moderator's theme: Empowering Generations.

Session also think we should continue with authentic social outreach. Building real and good relationships with people and be aware of opportunities the Holy Spirit might create"... you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. (1 Pet 3:15-16)

Let us be a God honouring, Christ following, and Holy Spirit led faith family.

*Written by Jaco*



*Philip P. Temple*  
Session Clerk.

## Intern report

Greeting to you all,

The period of the year that I had earmarked with Jaco as being somewhat weighted toward satisfying KCML requirements is very close to an end, at least for this year. And so, I am looking forward to this period leading into Christmas and the New Year, a time I hope, that will be spent mostly with you in St Enoch's. As I have been given the privilege of being able to engage in scripture, in theological reflection, pastoral care, and in study, I will also continue to intercede for this body of believers in prayer and supplication, and with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6).



During this period, I had the pleasure of meeting with some of the session leaders to go through a listening exercise. This exercise took place over a couple of months during which we met a few times to dwell in the word, to discuss the way that we see and hear our neighbourhoods, and to try to realign our perspectives to be perceptive and expectant of what God might be doing or saying there. As an addendum to this exercise, could I invite you all to take a moment in a part of your day which might seem ordinary, to pause and ask God to reveal himself in that particular time and place, and do so expectantly. Recall a bible verse, a sermon, pray and reflect in that moment. I think that the more you do this intentionally, you will be amazed at how much you begin to see God working in the ordinary everyday moments of your life, even in the unexpected.

This time of pandemic was also unexpected. The paths laid out before us at the moment is likely to be trying, they could be varied and even unconventional, but we can rest assured that God's will be done. Let us continue to lean into God and His word as we navigate the path forward, as a wise person once said, "The God of the unexpected doesn't take conventional pathways," (God Moments In an Ordinary Life – Lesley Ayers, 2020).

God bless you all as the warmth of summer draws near.

*Joshua Tepou*  
*Intern Minister*

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

Attached is 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, and in Sundry Income which is entirely to the effect of Covid 19 on the Church's normal activities. However, with receiving of the donation from Acorn Foundation Charity (The Goodwill Shop Charity), and the Government Covid wage subsidy St Enoch's has been able to maintain its staffing and do some much needed property maintenance.



Even though the year-to-date result is a loss of \$558 it is a good result, especially when it was expected at the end of October. When comparing with the budget we would have a loss of \$8814.

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

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**St Enoch's Presbyterian Church**  
**02-0466-0167590-00**

*Ken Hartley*  
*Treasurer*

# Profit & Loss

## St Enoch's Presbyterian Church

### For the month ended 31 October 2021 and YTD

	Actual	Budget	Var	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var
<b>Income</b>						
Intern Sponsorship Donations	750			3950	50	
<b>Giving</b>						
Automatic Payment Receipts	7,043	7,460		29,565	27,095	
Cash Receipts	787	912		3,026	3,805	
Envelope Receipts	1,135	2,803		6,235	9,909	
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>8,965</b>	<b>11,175</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>38,826</b>	<b>40,809</b>	<b>1,983</b>
<b>Sundry Income</b>						
Acorn Foundation Receipts	2,212			8,847	9,000	
Activities (Fairs, Film Outings etc)		84			333	
Church Complex Letting	1,201	1,385		5,601	5,885	
Grounds Income	348	346		1,478	1,471	
Hall Rental Income	1,053	1,692		4,495	7,191	
Have A Go Receipts	57	129		201	317	
Interest Income	0	8		11	32	
Manse Rental Income	2,042	2,000		9,205	8,500	
Youth Group & Sunday School Income	0	23		0	98	
<b>Total Sundry Income</b>	<b>6,913</b>	<b>5,667</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>29,838</b>	<b>32,827</b>	<b>2,989</b>
<b>Total of Sponsorship Giving &amp; Sundry Income</b>	<b>16,628</b>	<b>16,842</b>	<b>-214</b>	<b>72,614</b>	<b>73,686</b>	<b>1,072</b>
<b>Plus, Other Income</b>						
Covid 19 Wage & Salary Subsidy				4,068		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>16,628</b>	<b>16,842</b>	<b>-214</b>	<b>76,682</b>	<b>73,686</b>	<b>2,996</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>	<b>2,862</b>	<b>3,007</b>		<b>13,022</b>	<b>13,172</b>	
<b>Ministry Expenses</b>	<b>9,108</b>	<b>7,529</b>		<b>39,614</b>	<b>43,610</b>	
<b>Mission Expense</b>	<b>-48</b>	<b>1,257</b>		<b>4,108</b>	<b>5,220</b>	
<b>Property Expenses</b>	<b>8,564</b>	<b>4,175</b>		<b>20,496</b>	<b>20,498</b>	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>20,486</b>	<b>15,968</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>77,240</b>	<b>82,500</b>	<b>5,260</b>
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-3,858</b>	<b>874</b>		<b>-558</b>	<b>-8,814</b>	<b>8,341</b>

Hello to All

We are now heading towards Summer and hasn't it been good out enjoying the Spring sunshine.

This quarter has had its challenges with lockdowns, wearing facemasks, wiping down surfaces and being more tuned in to swiping QR codes or signing in to wherever we go. However, it has been business as usual for the BOM.



You may have noticed our lovely new trestle tables in the Lounge and the black chairs behind the Communion table. These were purchased from the Heart Foundation who were closing their Mount office. Some of our old larger trestle tables were then sold on Trade Me along with some chairs that were surplus to our needs. The sale of these offset the cost of the new furniture with a bit to spare! Marie also acquired a larger filing cabinet and a set of drawers for the office.

We have a new Health and Safety Office in Doug Naude, who has also been co-opted onto the Board of Managers. Thank you, Doug, for taking on this role and we welcome you onto the Board. With some heavy rain a few weeks ago, there was a further leak in the washroom lobby from the skylights. These have now been repaired, so we now should be watertight.

Look up when entering the church at the freshly painted blue steel beams. They tone in nicely with the cross on the windows. Jaco's office has also had a fresh coat of paint and the container behind the Hall has had rust removed and painted grey.

*Merry Christmas and Blessings*  
*Robyn M*

## Pastoral Care

Are you aware that St Enoch's has 22 pastoral carers? These are the people that deliver the Manawa to you and check on your well-being. See the list organised into 3 teams in the front of your yellow contact list.

It has not been so easy to get about and visit in the current situation but if you want a friendly chat or to report any needs, do make that phone call to a pastoral leader. We are a family and care.

Our condolences are to those that have lost loved ones. A number of folk are awaiting operations, are recuperating, are sick or in pain. Some prayer needs are stated in the weekly bulletin, there is prayer before and during church for others, someone is there to pray with you after church and the prayer chain is a well-trying way of reaching out to God. Prayer and care bring fellowship.

May God bless you all over the Christmas season and give you peace.

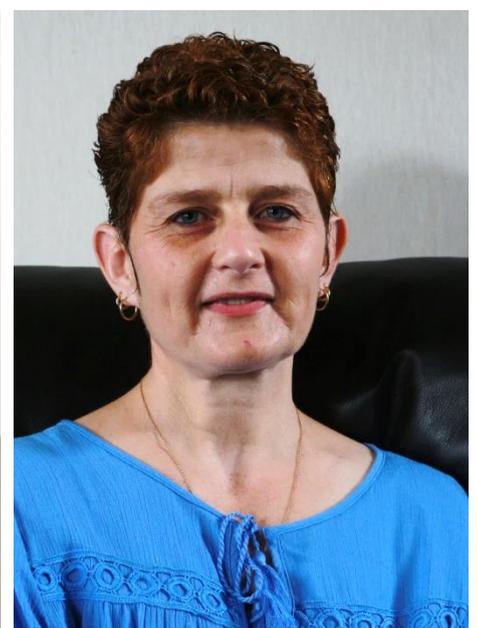
*Joan Bryant (on behalf of Gail Walker and Minette Soekoe)*



*Joan Bryant*



*Gail Walker*



*Minette Soekoe*

# INSPECTION

A 3 waters inspector stopped at our farm yesterday, he said “I need to inspect your farm for water quality.”

I said “Okay, but don’t go in that field over there.”

The 3 waters inspector verbally exploded saying, “Mister, I have the authority of the NZ Government with me!” Reaching into his rear pants pocket, the arrogant inspector removed his badge and shoved it in my face. “See this badge?! This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish.... On any land !! No questions asked or answers given!! Have I made myself clear?.... do you understand?!!”

I nodded politely, apologized, and went about my chores. A short time later, I heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the inspector running for his life, being chased by my big old mean bull.... With every step the bull was gaining ground on the inspector, and it seemed likely that he’d sure enough get gored before he reached safety. The inspector was clearly terrified.

I threw down my tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of my lungs “Your badge, show him your **BADGE!!**”



## HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

Meet Doug Naude' who has put his hand up to be our Health and Safety officer.

This is a job Doug has done during his working life, so we are very lucky to have such an experienced superstar on the team.

If you have any concerns with any health and safety issues around the church, please let Doug know.  
Phone 022 0885692



## A Tree

A tree is one of God's great miracles of creation.

If we lose our trees we could not live on this planet. A tree provides us with wood to build our shelters (houses) and heat to keep us warm in winter. Trees on hills attract rain to give us water. Trees soak up carbon and give us oxygen to breath, food to eat, medicine to heal us.

Trees help to control erosion. When a slip happens after heavy rain the rewarewa (honeysuckle) is the first tree to germinate – its roots heal the slip. Its nectar attracts the birds but unfortunately for them they get diarrhoea which spreads the seeds helping to heal the bush. The bark has many chemicals which can be used by industry.

Trees are home to many birds, lizards, bats and insects which are all part of God's plan for a healthy forest. Trees communicate through their roots and can give off chemicals to protect them from disease. It is no wonder that the trees DNZ is very close to humans. So go for a walk in the bush – it is good for you. Give a tree a hug.

And lastly to listen to the heartbeat of a big old rimu tree on a hot summer day is amazing as the tree draws up water through its roots.

God is a mighty God

*Rex Eagle*



# St Enoch's Mid-Week Home Group

Greetings,

We were blessed to have a handful of people attend the first (and only) midweek homegroup so far. Unfortunately, Covid and other factors intervened to scupper further attempts to meet. That being said whether or not this is a gathering that is required or suited for this moment and in this context is still to be determined. There had been whispers that it might have been needed but it may be prudent to explore and assess this in more depth. It may not be wise to create gatherings and/or meetings just for the sake of it. A wise person on the Board of Managers suggested using a survey regarding a different matter, maybe this might be a suggestion that we implement here.

In the meantime, if there are any suggestions or persons willing to assist in this area, please contact Jaco or myself and we will be happy to discuss this further. We are thankful for those who had offered their assistance earlier in the year, but for now, watch this space.

Blessings

Joshua Tepou

Intern Minister

## ANNUAL LEAVE

Jaco is away on annual leave from 21<sup>st</sup> December to 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Josh will be taking all services during this time. If you need spiritual advice or need support during this time, please contact

Josh (022 3969769)

Or George (544 1669)

Marie is also away on annual leave from 21<sup>st</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> January.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

# Day<sub>of</sub> Prayer

Our Moderator Right Rev Hamish Galloway  
invites Presbyterians around the country to  
pray for our nation.

In our churches, in our homes, let us pray:

For our nation as we move to the 'traffic light' Covid-19 Protection Framework

For those leading the national response to the pandemic

For people on the front line of the response

For churches as they work out how to operate in the new situation

For compassion towards one another

For those who have been, and will be, most affected

For those who cannot be with friends and family

For those who are anxious, sick or suffering at this time

For courage, empathy, hope and grace

## Sunday 5 December 2021



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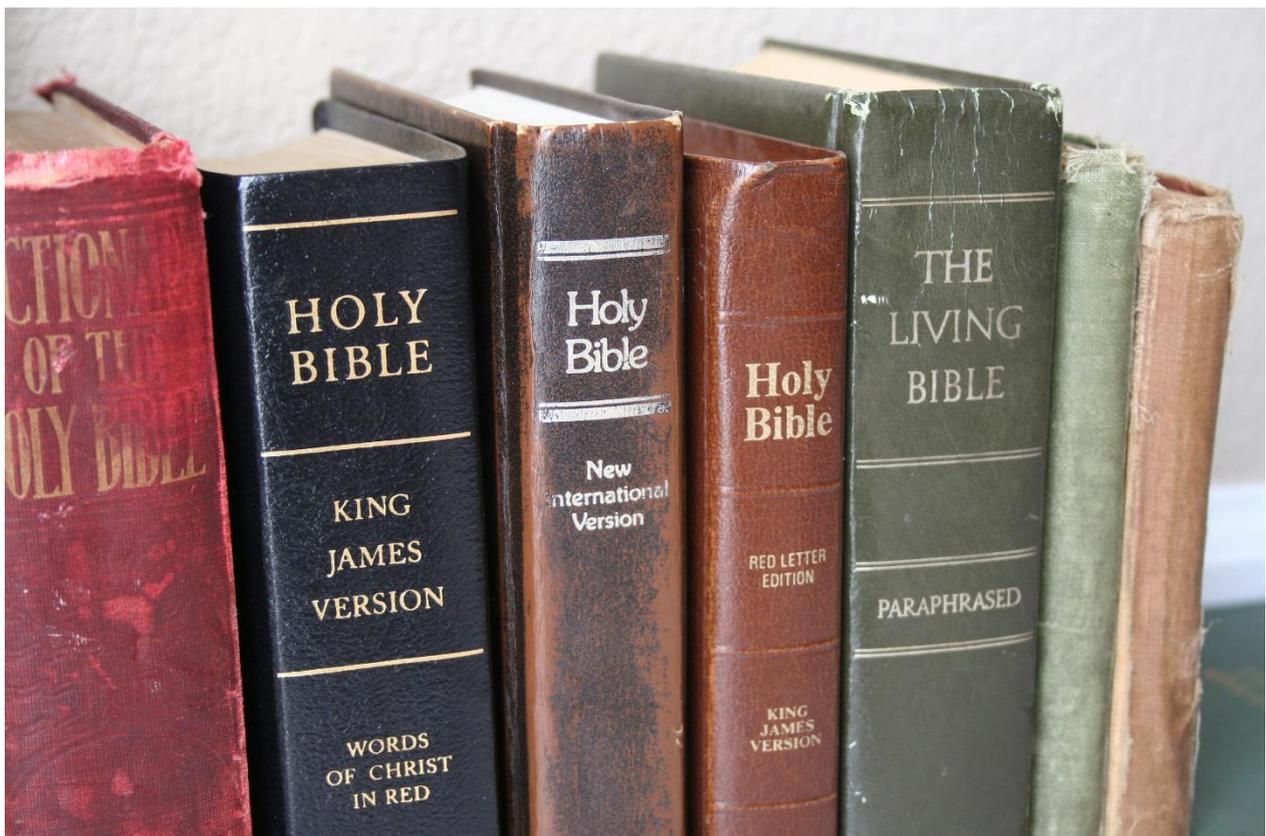
# ADJECTIVES

Many years ago back in our primary school days we all learned that an adjective was a describing word added to a noun to enrich or extend the meaning.

The bible has many such linked words, but we don't seem to use them very much.

We talk and pray about the love of God but today the word love is so worn out. Imagine this scenario! A man tells his wife he loves his dog and then tells her that he loves her. Really! No wonder she throws the rolling pin at him! Let us take our cue from the bible and use its phrases. e.g. The faithful love of God, His everlasting love. Great mercy, amazing grace, gentle patience are some others. As you read your Bible note down these paired words and use them. So you enhance the value of the noun, enrich it, express your appreciation of it, even your gratitude for it, and lift your prayer to a new level enriching your prayer life, and worthily honouring our Heavenly Father.

*Warren Wilson*



# AGING

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old!" Well, you are gonna love this one.

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist when I noticed his diploma hanging on the wall. It bore his full name and I suddenly remembered a tall, handsome dark-haired boy with the same name. He had been in my high school class some 40-odd years before and I wondered if he could be the same guy I had a secret crush on way back then??

When I got into the treatment room I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was much too old to have been my secret crush... or was he???

After he examined my teeth I asked if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang!" He said, gleaming with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

"1959. Why do you ask?" He answered.

"Well, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

Then that ugly, old wrinkled, balding dentist asked, "What did you teach?"



# Music Group

Greetings all,

Music and song can be such a big part of our lives, it has the power to transport us to special moments in our lives where we might almost relive those experiences. For us as

Christians there may have been moments in worship where we have been in tears of praise, lost in the awe and glory of God, I know I have. When I visit the church that I grew up in, the traditional hymns of my culture are like a soft pillow of comfort and joy and there are times in my own personal worship that I can lose hours just playing songs of praise.

Our hope is that this group, through music, can help others to experience these moments also. We have a small group of musicians who gather most Thursdays to fellowship and play together as friends and as fellow Christians. We have gone to lead a morning worship service at a rest home and have also played in church. This group is open to all, it is not just for those who can play an instrument or sing, but for anyone who loves to worship God. Please contact me if you have any queries or if you would like to attend, we would love to fellowship with you.

Blessings

*Joshua Tepou*

*Intern Minister*



Take heart and meet each minute with faith in God's great love,  
Aware that every day of life is controlled by God above  
And never dread tomorrow or what the future brings –  
Just pray for strength and courage and trust God in all things.

*Helen Steiner Rice*

# W.W.W.

Computer folk will know that the above three initials refer to the world Wide Web, an international communication network. But did you know our bible has a W.W.W. network also – Walk Worship Witness?



## Walk

Not putting one foot in front of the other, but lifestyle. Our Christian walk is how we live our lives. In the Psalms there are many a cry for God to teach us His ways so we can live to honour Him, obey Him, and give Him the glory.

The second half of most of the apostle Paul's letters spell out in detail the Christian way of life in powerful contrast to the pagan ways of those days which are so similar to today. So let us read our bibles and learn how to live for God – take my word, it is a very satisfying experience.

## Worship

In this practice we gather with fellow believers for fellowship and to honour God corporately. In the hurly-burly of today's world, we all need spiritual refreshment. It is good to have daily private devotions, but we also need to join with others to know we are not alone. Togetherness in worship is a soul uplifting experience, approaching God as a family of faith, and we all need to do it regularly.

## Witness

We are often very quick to share breaking news with others, even gossip. Jesus challenges us to go and tell to others what is called the Gospel – the Good News. I would rather call it the Best News Ever. It tells of how we can be put right with God through faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour from sin to enjoy personal fellowship with Him. What a privilege indeed. He wants our company and He made it possible to happen. The very first memory verse I learned at Sunday School last century was John 3:16 'For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life'. Witness is meant to be a normal part of the life of a Christian sharing with others this vital essential urgent message.

**W.W.W. Walk. Worship. Witness.**

*W G Wilson*



# WHAT'S ON AT ST ENOCH'S

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

<b>Sunday Prayer Gr</b>	each Sunday in Jaco's office	9.00am
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	each Sunday	9.30am
<b>Faith Formation Classes</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	after Sunday service
<b>Men's Morning Tea</b>	each Tuesday (at Mitre 10 Café)	10.00am
<b>Ladies Morning Tea</b>	each Tuesday (at Columbus Café)	10.00am
<b>Have A Go</b>	each Wednesday in lounge	9.30am
<b>Spiritual Growth Group</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in lounge	1.30pm
<b>Readers Group</b>	last Wednesday of the month (@ Joan Bryant's home)	1.30pm
<b>Musical Home Group</b>	each Thursday in Church	12.00pm
<b>STEWV Bible study Gr</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday (venue to be advertised in bulletin)	7.00pm
<b>Youth Group</b>	monthly on Saturday in hall	4.00pm

## December 2021

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Christmas day service

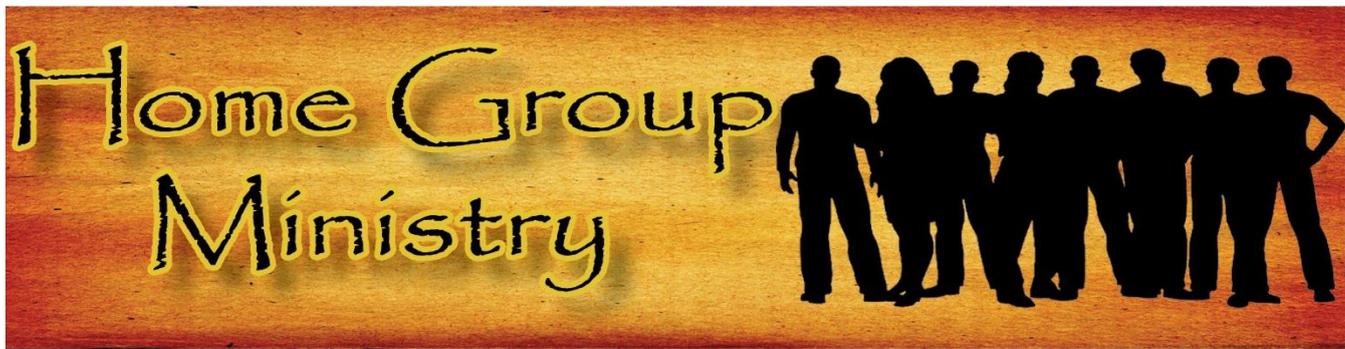
## January 2021

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting

## February 2021

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	STEWV Bible Study Group
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting

*If all the people who fall asleep in church were laid end to end,  
they would be a lot more comfortable!*



### **Readers' Group**

Read a good book lately and felt like talking about it with someone? You may like to join the READERS' GROUP where we share just what we have read or are reading, and discussion arises from there. We then have a cuppa and general chat.

This group meets in homes at 1.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

Ring Joan Bryant for more information (5441669 or 027 7733811)

**Spiritual Growth Group** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in church lounge @ 1.30pm. Please contact Jaco for more information (Phone 027 3259003)

**A musical group** is meeting in the church on Thursdays at 12 pm. This is a time to fellowship and worship together through a relaxed jam session. We invite anyone who loves to play or sing, or even if you would just like to sit and listen, as we express our worship of God through music (no musical ability needed – just a heart of worship).

Contact Joshua (022 369 6769) for further details.

**STEW (St Enoch's Working Women) Bible study Gr:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at members' homes (venue to be advertised in weekly bulletin) @ 7.00pm). Phone Anel for more information 021 2683064

**Youth** are gathering monthly on a Saturday afternoon. Please contact Leiona (027 505 1117) for more information.

**Faith Formation Classes** are being held on the second and fourth Sunday for children and youth of intermediate age and older. This is held in Jaco's office, 10 minutes after Sunday service finishes.



**I heard my mum asking our neighbour for some salt.**

**We had salt at home, so I asked her why she was asking.**

**She told me, “They don’t have much money and they sometimes ask us for things, so I asked for something small that wouldn’t burden them. I want them to feel as if we needed them too.**

**That way, it will be much easier for them to ask us for anything they need.”**

# LEFT HANGING

Most people know the saying "Up the creek without a paddle", what about "Up a pole without a ladder?"

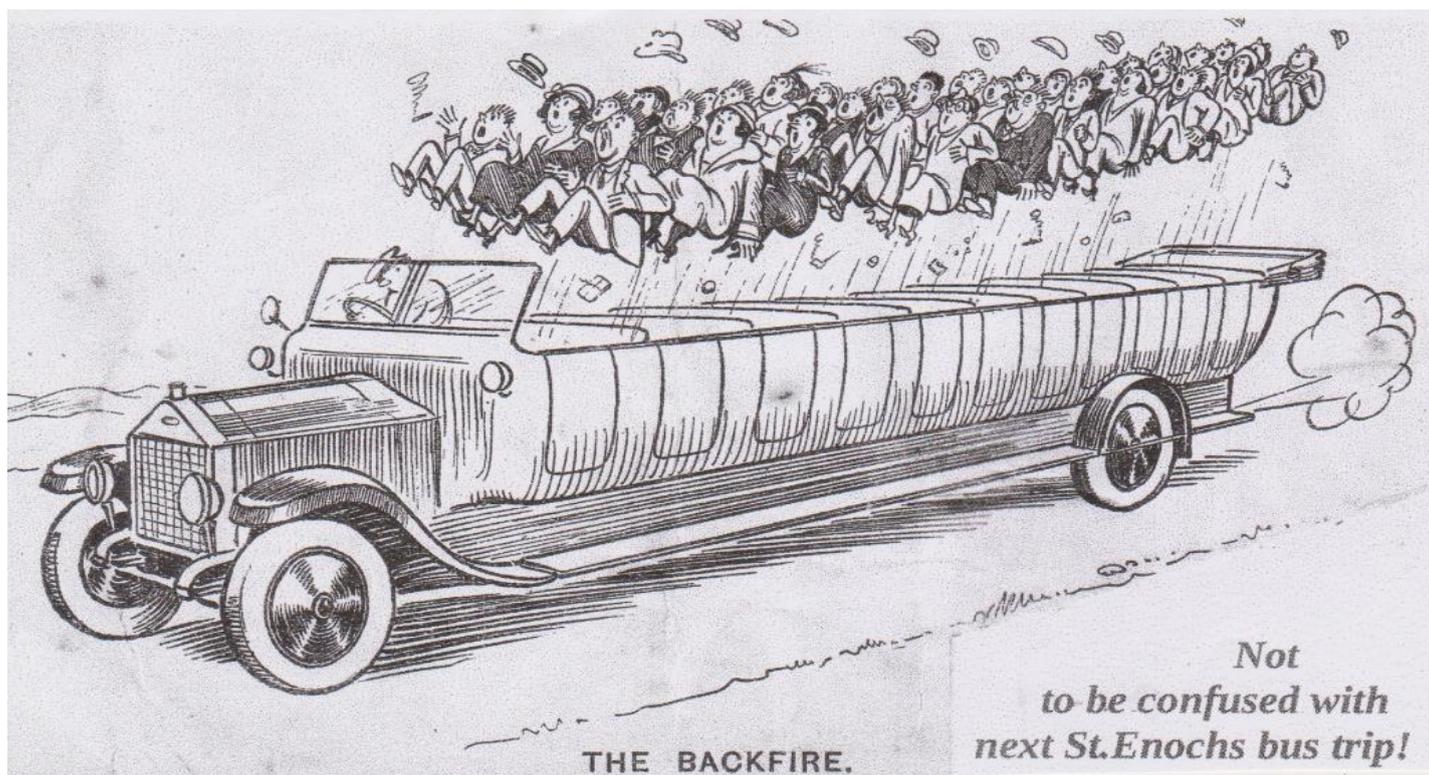
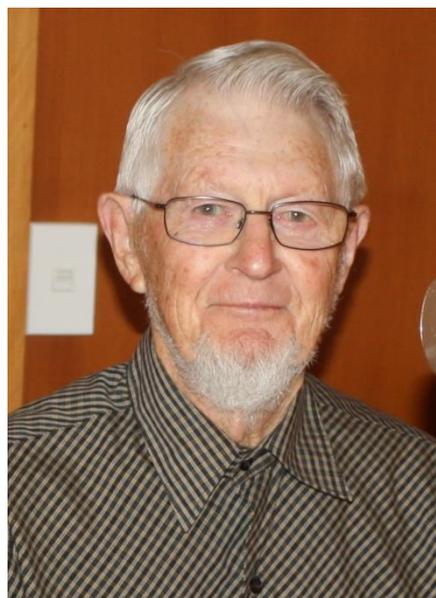
One windy and wet evening I was called out to a farmer who had no power to finish milking, to repair a pole fuse.

Unusually I strapped on my safety belt before climbing the ladder. The fuse was just out of reach on the crossarm so I stretched out to remove it and down went the incorrectly locked ladder and I was left hanging in my safety belt at the top of the pole. OH .....

Eventually the farmer, wondering why there was still no power, came down and rescued me much to my embarrassment!

So endeth the first lesson of 60 years ago.

John Brabyn



# YOUTH GROUP

On the 31st of October the youth gathered together for the 'Holy Keen' event at memorial park - the first event held since lockdown. It was great! There were many participants - twelve kids and 5 adults.

To my surprise, Robyn Dowdle had also attended which had a great impact on the kids. In having conversations about integrating the youth more with the congregation I felt that in Robyn's participation with the youth, it is the beginning of intergenerational connection within St. Enoch's. It's very exciting to think about the possibilities and how the connection between the youth and the elders can enhance and nurture each other's faith.



Now we are into the swing of things, so youth will run once a month under covid guidelines - one mid-November and the other early December. There has been discussion around the youth participating within the family service on the 12<sup>th</sup> December to which I am still to liaise with the youth about this. As the youth continue to take part in church activities, it is another way for the youth to exercise their own skills and abilities within St. Enoch's.

So let's nurture their gifts and abilities under the umbrella of Christ, and continue to support them as they journey through life.

*Blessings, Leiona*



# A Convent

In a convent in Ireland, the 98-year-old Mother Superior lay dying. The Nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable.

They tried giving her warm milk to drink but she refused it.

One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen.

Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bedside, they held the glass to her lips. The frail

Nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop.

As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us"

She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them and said:

"DON'T SELL THAT COW."



# St Enoch's Working Women's Group

When you work, it is easy to feel marginalized of the activities in the life of St Enochs. Always keen to go.... but I am at work:(

Out of this grew STEWW- a place for women that can't attend during the day.

We gather once a month, but remain in contact with each other regularly- inspire, support, carry each other's burdens and share joy. We are going to start a new Bible study series in December on the Parables.

Our group is diverse and invite other working women to join the eight of us!

Thanks  
Anel



# MISSION OUTREACH

St Enoch's congregation supports the following mission organisations:

- Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- Wycliff Bible Translators NZ (WBT)
- Homes of Hope
- Hospital Chaplaincy

## **Wycliff Bible Translators NZ**

One of the four missions that St Enoch's supports is Wycliff Bible Translators. The Mission of Wycliff is to bring the Word of God to every person in their mother tongue.

On Sunday, 7th of November, Jillian and Kevin Connole of Wycliff visited us here at St Enoch. I knew the talk would be interesting, but I did not expect it to be so heart-warming and emotional. The love that Kevin and Jillian have for Africa, their work colleagues, and friends they made during their time in Tanzania was evident. They both got quite emotional when the video was displayed showing the beautiful African

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veld, smiling African faces and the celebrations that accompanied the distribution of the first Simbiti Bibles in Tanzania.

We all think that God's chosen language is English. But just imagine having to read our Bible and praise God in a foreign



language. There will be the feeling of disconnect and the feeling of being lost in translation. When I think about this, I understand the utter joy the Simbiti tribe in Zambia experienced when they received the Bible in their mother tongue for the first time.

The translation of a Bible like this is a long and laborious process, as Jillian explained. During the time of working closely together on translation, deep friendships are formed. Kevin and Jillian left behind very close friends and colleagues in Tanzania when they returned to New Zealand, for what they thought would be a short visit to see family and friends. But since the disruption of Covid they have been unable to return. They are still in close contact, thanks to technology.

Yet, the people of Zambia still need our prayers. Kevin and Jillian and the larger operation/s of Wycliff also need our prayers, as they work tirelessly to bring the Word of God to all people in their own language.

I am very glad that I get to be involved in the Mission outreach at St Enoch. Meeting people like Kevin and Jillian is inspiring and it is wonderful to see how they give their lives to God and trust He will lead them where they are needed.

*Louise Hediger - Mission Co-ordinator*



# Tuesday Coffee

## Men's Coffee Group

Next Tuesday, the new cafe at Mega Mitre, now a Columbus Cafe. The good news is it is the same great food and coffee and tea, and the same wonderful staff.

Between 6 to 8 of us gather for really warm fellowship and a few tall tales.

Please contact Rex if you would for more info.  
Phone 5431606 or 027 2842317



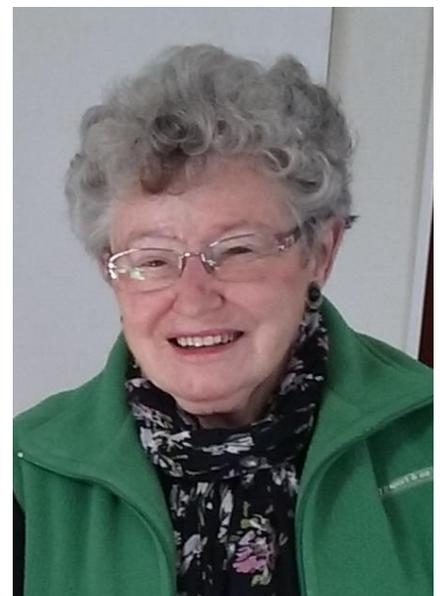
## Ladies Coffee Group

Ladies join us at Columbus Coffee Shop Gate Pa for a laugh and friendship on a Tuesday morning from 10.00 a.m - 11.00 a.m.

We will be there every week over the holidays Period.

Please come for the company.

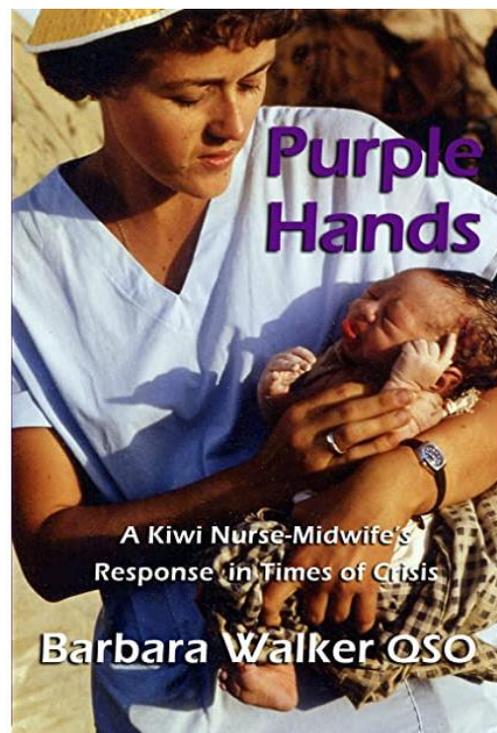
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# LIBRARY

It is pleasing that borrowing has increased recently. Hopefully readers will recommend books they have appreciated.

New books have been donated including biographies of two New Zealanders: Mike Moore and nurse-midwife missionary Barbara Walker. A Heart-warming Romance Collection is a Christian fiction book. Thank you to the donors.



Just enter your withdrawals in the black book and return in the box below. You may like to prepare ahead for summer reading.

For any help consult...

Joan Bryant and Betty Cronin



Joan Bryant



Betty Cronin

MODERATOR'S 2021

# ADVENT MESSAGE



*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1: 4-5)*

## Advent in a time of Covid:

As I prepare this message, the Scripture that resonates with me is Isaiah 9:2,

*'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.'*

We approach this Christmas season under the long and dark shadow of COVID and an intense focus on the growing threat of climate change. And, Pope Francis, reminds us that these dark clouds, these shadows of death, are but the tip of the iceberg. The following quote is from his book "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future" - surely a great title for an Advent series this year:

*"The Covid crisis may seem special because it affects most of humankind. But it is only special in how visible it is. There are a thousand other crises that are just as dire but are just far enough from some of us that we can act as if they don't exist. Think, for example, of the wars scattered across*

*different parts of the world; of the production and trade in weapons; of the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing poverty, hunger, and lack of opportunity; of climate change. These tragedies may seem distant from us, as part of the daily news that, sadly, fails to move us to change our agendas and priorities. But like the Covid crisis, they affect the whole of humanity."*

In terms of the Isaiah passage, what is it that lights the pathway to a better future? We Christians believe that light comes to us in the Christ child. And we light the four-fold wreath of love, peace, joy and hope to remind us of this.

This year the lighting of these candles is particularly loaded with meaning and relevance for us.

As we light the love candle, we ask ourselves hard questions about what does Jesus-like love mean at this time? What does it mean to die to self and follow Christ in this situation? Do we care for our neighbours with agape-like self-giving and sacrificial love?

As we light the peace candle, we ask ourselves searching questions about how we maintain unity and a welcoming posture to all when there are deep divisions in society and our churches between the vast majority of vaccinated and the small minority of unvaccinated. May we avoid the labelling, demonising and summary dismissal of those we disagree with and instead find creative ways to live together in peace. In this, I am reminded of a passage similar to the one in Isaiah where Zechariah talks of his son John the Baptist in terms of:

*'Shining light on those living in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.'* (Luke 1: 79)

As we light the joy candle, we ask ourselves where is the joy in times of such weeping and anxiety? This is a difficult one indeed! There are superficial answers, for example, the joy some have

found in the slowing down and appreciating of beauty and relationship-building that has come from the lockdowns. But there is also the deeper resilient joy in the Lord, regardless of circumstance, that is so profoundly modelled for us in the writings of Paul.

And perhaps lighting the hope candle is the most powerful and significant of all. We light it with the conviction that not only is there a God, but the birth of Jesus speaks of a God who cares to the point of sacrificial engagement with our broken human condition. As we recall the powerful biblical theme of remembering, we remember that again and again, when all seems darkness and loss, God did not abandon us, and we can confidently say with John ...

*'In Jesus was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'* (John 1: 4-5)

*Right Rev Hamish Galloway*  
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# DUTY ROSTER – DECEMBER

## December 5<sup>th</sup> - COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Lester Gray

**Servers:** Lester Gray, Marion Bennett, George Bryant,  
Marie Nilson, Ngaire & John Foote, Bernice & Geoff Tyrrell

**Kitchen Duties:** Anua Abbot, Anel Reyneke

**Door / Offering:** Cynthia Herring

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Lester Gray

**Kitchen Duties:** Mativa Ropati, Bev Hayman

**Door / Offering:** Danny & Benjamin Atoa

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gaye Wilson

## December 19<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Lester Gray

**Kitchen Duties:** Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

**Door / Offering:** Doug & Kitty Naude

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## December 26<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Josh Tepou

**Vestry:** Lester Gray

**Kitchen Duties:** Jeanette Stewart, Jean Whiteman

**Door / Offering:** Jean Sutton

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Lesley Ayers

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> - COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Joshua Tepou

**Vestry:** Phillip Temple

**Servers:** Philip Temple, Gloria Mouatt, Robyn Dowdle, Anel Reyneke, Ruth West, Lawson Stewart, Lesley & John Ayers

**Kitchen Duties:** Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan

**Door / Offering:** Margaret Wakefield

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Joshua Tepou

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Kitchen Duties:** John & Ngaire Foote

**Door / Offering:** Joseph Toara, Mama Tu

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gaye Wilson

## January 16<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Kitchen Duties:** Norah Miller, Peka Tautali

**Door / Offering:** Joseph Toara

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Kitchen Duties:** Pisa Hall, Tricia Brown

**Door / Offering:** Gloria Mouatt

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Lesley Ayers

## January 30<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Minette Soekoe

**Kitchen Duties:** John & Gayle Marchbank

**Door / Offering:** Louise Hediger

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker



# DUTY ROSTER - FEBRUARY

## February 6<sup>th</sup> – COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Servers:** Peka & Tofia Tautali, Robyn Magowan, Richard Wilson,  
Lyn & Ken Hartley, Leiona Tupou, Carolynn Tepou

**Kitchen Duties:** Robyn Dowdle, Tofi Atoa

**Door / Offering:** Philip Temple, Mama Tu

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gaye Wilson

## February 13<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

**Door / Offering:** Juliet, Hazra & Marliza Syed

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## February 20<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Cynthia Herring, Shona Giles

**Door / Offering:** Brian & Gail Walker

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Lesley Ayers

## February 27<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Joshua Tepou

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Molly Reid, Mary Woods

**Door / Offering:** John & Lesley Ayers

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help out on a Sunday with door duty, where you greet people as they arrive or in the kitchen serving after church, please let Marie know – 578-3040 or [office@stenochs.org.nz](mailto:office@stenochs.org.nz)

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