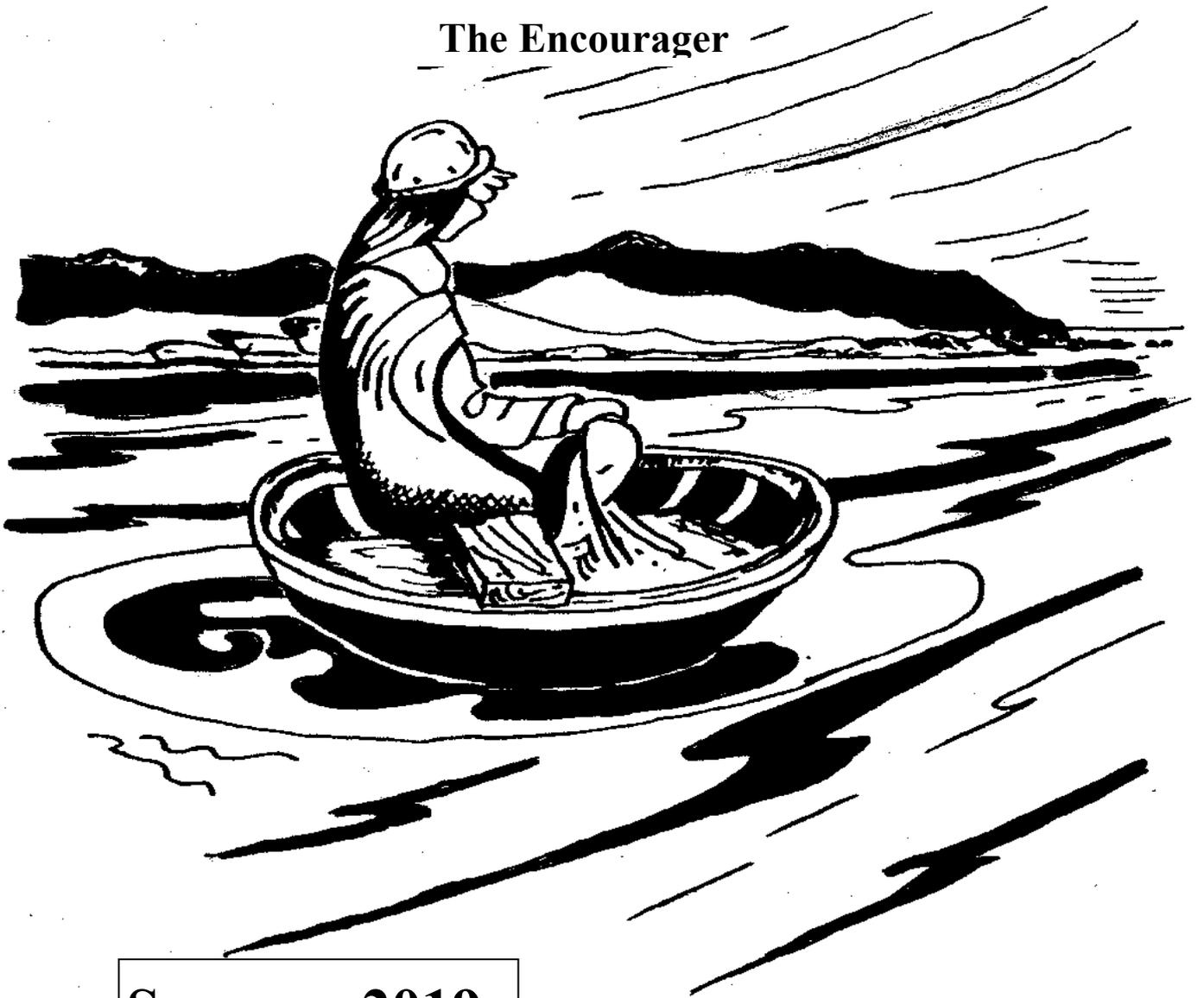


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The Encourager



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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

‘Lord, what can I do for you?’

“Lord, what can I do for you today?” is not often part of our prayers, is it? We tend to be more focussed on our, the people in our lives’ and our world’s wants and needs.

Advent and Christmas is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the fact that God’s focus was and is also on our, the people in our lives’ and the world’s wellbeing.



Human beings spiralled down the dark, deep hole of self-destruction. We seem to want what appears to be good on the surface but land us in a tight spot down the line. Genesis describes our desire for power as one of our downfalls (see Genesis 3:5). In the mirror the story of the prodigal son holds up to us, we see human attraction to superficial pleasure and self-indulgence as one of our downfalls. We seem to want what we are not allowed – what God knows are not good for us. We seem to stubbornly insist on being in control of our own lives with little to no regard for life-enhancing and life-giving directions from God – the almighty, all-knowing, only true God who is not limited by space and time, who has not beginning and no end.

God’s response to our rebellious and frankly offensive attitude and behaviour, was to become ‘God with us’ – Immanuel. At the right time, Jesus Christ was born, walked this earth, and ultimately saved us from ourselves. Jesus Christ enabled us to be restored and our relationship with God to be restored. God do not give up on us.

The silly season can very much be focussed on wants and needs. It is a time to feel good about altruistically buying for others, inviting others, making an effort to connect and be

together. Christmas is an opportune time to express appreciation for the role people play in our lives and strengthen relationships. Christmas is a lovely and exciting time of the year. Most people can enjoy a break and do what they like to do. Our fast-paced lives seem to take a big breath over Christmas.

Nothing wrong with that. But let's not forget to put it all within the context of God's love for us and God's desire for every person (2 Pet 3:9) to experience abundant life (John 10:10) and ultimately life everlasting.

For us as believers, Christ followers, Christians, Christmas is an exceptional and precious time celebrating God's love and God's love in action in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem. It is a truly humbling experience to take a few minutes to realise anew and genuinely believe that Jesus Christ, the Saviour, was born for each one of us – for you and for me! Our hearts overflow with profound gratitude.

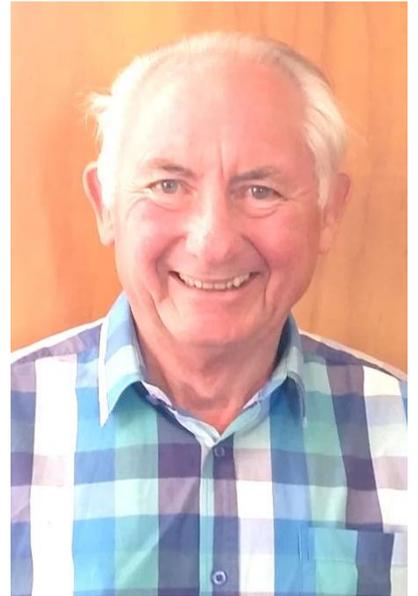
Therefore, this Advent and Christmas let our prayers include: "Lord, what can I do for you this Christmas?" We might be pleasantly surprised with the answer.

Blessings
Jaco



SESSION REPORT

They are a gift. Yes, it is some weeks before Christmas, which is the usual time to be giving and receiving gifts, but ours at St Enoch's came early! On the 15 October 2018 Jaco was inducted into our parish. Along with his wife Anel, he has integrated seamlessly into the life and work of our church family. Together, they have enriched our worship, our understanding of friendship, our need and reliance on our Lord. On your behalf, it is appropriate to acknowledge their one year anniversary and their contributions to our congregational life. Thank you!



The year has been both exciting and challenging as we all try to help in the mission that we have been set. All of our parish committees have been very active in their respective areas thus making our work for the Lord interesting, challenging and exciting. The last three months have seen some outreach initiatives which, while in their infancy, will produce growing responses. Chris Meyer hosted a men's breakfast which was the beginning of what we hope will include neighbours and friends. Minette has been very active in her role of Missions' motivator and we have enjoyed speakers from Mission Aviation Fellowship, Presbyterian Support Northern and Homes of Hope. The spiritual growth group continue studying and searching for knowledge and understanding of the gifts that are ours through His loving spirit. The prayer chain has been active in their quest to bring healing and help to those in need.

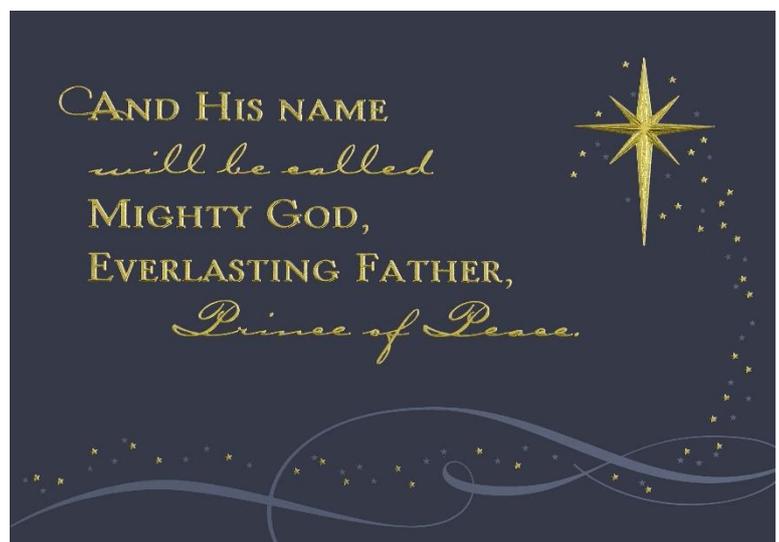
The Kaimai Presbytery has also been active in asking questions of your Session re 'The Theology of Money and Property'. We conducted a study meeting on this topic and reported back to the Presbytery committee. If you would like a copy of the response, please ask me.

Each year, as we all get closer to the Advent season it seems to become harder to focus on what it really is all about. For those of us of more mature age, we may remember back when we spent time with our families, enjoying the fun and laughter that made for a happy home in the light of what Christmas is all about. Sadly, today, so much has changed. The advent of the commercialisation of Christmas to the exclusion of the reason for the season has meant that so many of our families, so many of our communities have completely lost sight of its meaning. Having been involved in retail shops all my working life has meant that, through no desire of my own, I had been carried along by the endless pressure to do more, achieve targets and generally work very hard for four or five weeks prior to Christmas day. We have many photos of me on Christmas day, absolutely exhausted, asleep in a lounge chair after midday dinner while the family enjoyed a great time. Sadly, they are all grown and now that I have time to appreciate them and what Christmas is all about, they have their own agendas. We still get family together at some time during the Christmas period but those years that have gone will not come back.

With this thought in mind. I pray that you will all be mindful of what Christmas is all about. That, through all the business of shopping, meal planning and present wrapping, you manage to leave room in your life, in your heart to remember that ultimate gift. The one that we didn't earn. The one that is priceless. The one that is ours and will last forever.

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

Philip P Temple
Session Clerk



Pastoral Care:

Well folks another year has almost gone - and I wish to sincerely thank all of you who prayed, visited and cared for other members of our congregation, especially those who deliver the Manawa's and contact their group members. Well done, faithful servants of the Lord. Thanks to Joan Bryant on the team also.



I have been kept fairly busy up till the last week or so with visits, phone calls and the Prayer chain group online. It is a privilege to represent you all in this way.

I have started up a frozen meal supply for folk if they need a meal for whatever reason – e.g. if someone is released from hospital and needs a meal or a partner is in hospital and the one at home requires help. Please be aware of this and I have the names of several people who will also cook and deliver a meal if needed. HOWEVER this will only work if you in the church bring people to my attention. I do not know all.....

Communication is the key to our church meeting the needs of its people. If someone reading this wishes for a visit or needs communion brought to them as they cannot get to the services – please contact me or your Manawa deliverer.

Thankyou one and all and may
The Lord Bless you in all you
do and say for Him.

Gail Walker
Pastoral Care



PEN PORTRAIT of Minette Soekoe

By Iris Stockwell

“To talk to a stranger is like opening a mystery gift.” And so it was recently when I took the opportunity to share time with Minette, a new member of St Enoch’s.

As a child she spent a fair bit of time in hospital in South Africa where she was born. A very brave young woman who left her family and country to live in a strange land called New Zealand. She did this though with the blessing of her mother. Minette says she comes from a long line of strong women - her mother, grandmother and aunts, all great role models. Homesickness can be a very debilitating thing, speaking from experience. And while homesickness dogged her for many long months, her strong Christian faith and the blessings of her mother, slowly over time she knew in her heart that she had done the right thing.

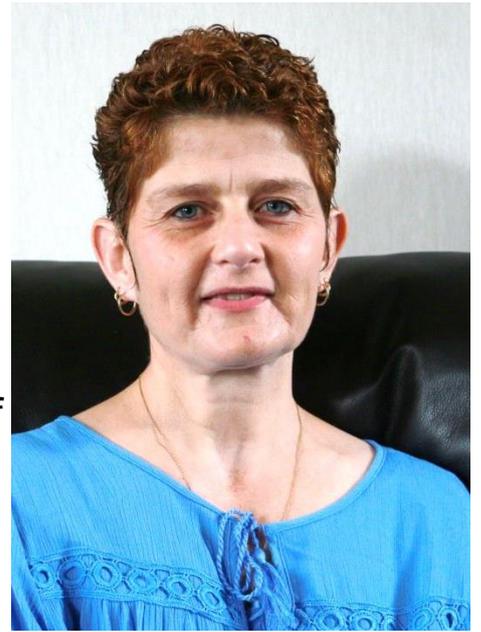
After 3 years the homesickness lessened. She took on a number of jobs and eventually studied Graphic Design at Toi Ohomai. She later obtained a secondary school teaching qualification from the University of Waikato which enabled her to accept a part time position as Art Teacher at Bethlehem College. She also has a passion for Mission work and taken over the role of “Mission Motivator”. Beryl Goodger in days gone by did this when she wrote regularly to Katherine McDaniel who was living and working with husband Ed in Chiangmai. Beryl also kept in touch with other overseas missionaries.

Session made a wise decision when they decided to concentrate on four different missions and make them part of the annual budget - Two overseas missions and two local.

They are **Wycliffe Bible Translation** whose ambition is to translate the Bible into all the world’s 6,877 languages

Living and working among the people of a particular country gaining knowledge of the people they are trying to reach to share the Good News of Christ’s love.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) – Sam Johnston was a member of St Andrew’s at Mt Maunganui when he felt the call to serve. He is at present living and working in Kenya flying, Transporting people to hard to reach locations, skilfully landing on challenging air strips to bring medicine, doctors, , evangelists, Bible translators, disaster relief and food



supplies to the people. Their (MAF 's) motivation is because they're passionate about sharing Christ's love beyond where the road ends. **Homes of Hope**, a local home for children. The lady running this home spoke recently during the service, outlining what they're trying to achieve with these children and how their aim, if possible, is to eventually return them back to their families. Making sure brothers and sisters are never separated.

And Tauranga Public Hospital Chaplaincy. If any of you have had to spend time in the hospital I am sure you have felt the loving care and compassion of the Chaplains who work there. A member of our congregation is one of the chaplain's assistants and is doing a great job.

Minette has made contact with each of these organization and where possible has invited a representative to come and speak to the congregation. This in turn helps us feel more personally connected to them, encourages us to lift our donations, seeing each one as an important part of our Christian life.

St Enoch's has become Minette's spiritual home, and she recently became an elder on Session where I know she will serve her Lord and St Enoch's as a whole well.

Get to know her and you will receive one of her beautiful smiles. They're like a ray of sunshine.

STEWV GROUP

(St Enoch's Working Women's Group)

This spiritual growth group get together the first Thursday of each month.

The next one will be 5th December at 7pm

@ Pisa's home 261A Maungatapu Road, Maungatapu.

Phone Anel if any women are interested in joining
phone 544-0644 or 021 2683064



The STEVV group will be baking some lovely Christmas baking in December which they plan on selling after Church on Sundays. They will also be giving some to Homes of Hope.

All profits will go to the missions we support.

Please support this group and bring some money along to Church in December to buy their baking.

Your Help May Harm

There are many reasons why people beg. Often, people have reached this point as the result of a complex range of factors. In some cases, people may be begging for money to support an addiction.

Seeing someone begging can be confronting, evoking a range of emotions from frustration to sadness. It is only natural to want to help – but often people don't know what to do.

In response, Tauranga City Council's City Safe is working with businesses and social support agencies to educate the community about what can be done to help people who are begging in Tauranga.

This education campaign is called: *Your help may harm*

How can I help people who are begging?

- You can help by not giving money to people who are begging. Instead, help us help them, by calling City Safe on **0800 233 7233**.

Why shouldn't I give money to people who are begging?

- Giving money keeps people trapped in a cycle of begging; if people get money from begging they will continue to beg instead of seeking out support and help in other more sustainable forms.
- There is research from Australia and the UK of small begging populations similar in numbers to what we have in Tauranga that shows begging is often associated with supporting an addiction.

It is also about making sure everyone in the community can go freely about their business without having to worry about the safety of themselves or people who are begging.

Certain types of begging, such as aggressive begging, are illegal in Tauranga, and are outlined in the Council's Safety in Public Places bylaw. This bylaw outlines that it is an offence when begging in a public place is done in a manner that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any reasonable person, or causes an unreasonable interference with the peace, comfort and convenience of any person. A bylaw is a law that is enforced by Local Government, rather than police.

It's about ensuring people who are vulnerable get the help they need.





*Christ In You
You in Christ*

Lord: - I pray that (. .the name of
the Person.. .) may be strengthened
within.

I pray that they will have a strong
conscience and follow You
with a determined will.

I pray that You,
Jesus may be comfortable
in their lives and
that they will delight
in Your presence in their hearts.

I pray that they may be rooted
and grounded in love.

That (. . the name of the person . .)
may firmly grasp the full dimensions
of Your love for them
and may be supported
by Your love, Lord.

Fill them Lord with all the fullness of God

Amen

BOARD OF MANAGERS Aug - Oct 2019

To comply with Government Regulations, underfloor insulation has been installed and extraction fans/heating are to be updated next year in the manse.

Our property manager, Richard Wilson, has been hard at work; the flower room has been cleaned and painted, and windows have been re-puttied and painted.



Quotes are to be obtained for painting the church facias and soffits. Gravel has been laid to fill holes in driveway to grass area beside the hall. A quote will be sought for cleaning selected chairs and forms and carpets. A nativity scene is to be set up on the right side of the church, with a Christmas tree on the left. The foyer will be decorated with a missional story of Christmas.

The Activities team is looking into showing movies in the hall. The appropriate CCLI licencing will be obtained for a year (\$209) to gauge interest from the congregation.

On 13th October a most successful 'White Sunday' was held. The children were very well schooled in the songs and verses. A joyful service enjoyed by all, both young and old.

Lois Rout, who has given many years of faithful service to St Enoch's as an elder, treasurer, and BOM member was given a very grateful vote of thanks at a special after church morning tea, and was presented with an orchid.

We are very happy to welcome Robyn Magowan onto the board in her place.

The lounge has been offered free of charge to Presbytery and retired ministers to use.

Our 'Mature and Marvellous' service will be held on Sunday 24th November. We encourage you to come along and bring a friend with you.

Marion Bennett
(With help from Lois Rout)
on behalf of the Board of Managers



Mature & Marvellous

Surprised by Hope

I was just doing my regular Bible reading from Scripture Union notes one morning, when I came across a verse that I didn't remember ever reading before. It talked about God as a God of Hope.

I'd known about a God of Love, but Hope was something new, and something I needed!

The verse struck me so much that I wrote it down in a notebook, and intended to look at it again later.

The day went on, and when I came home there was some mail. Among it was Canvas, a very good quarterly magazine, from an organisation we support. I scanned it quickly and then put it face down on my lap while I reached for other mail.

As I looked down I was stunned to see the very same verse about the God of Hope on the back page. The verse was in large print, covering the whole page, and had a background picture of fireworks exploding into the sky. Wow!!! God sure had my attention now.

It was obvious that this verse was important for me. I decided to learn it off by heart. I know our younger members at St Enoch's are great at learning scripture, but at my stage of life I find it a lot easier to forget something than to remember it!

I persisted. I read it every morning and every night. I was getting there, but for some reason I just couldn't manage to learn one particular phrase. That's strange I thought. I think that the Spirit nudged me to take a closer look to see what the problem was.

The verse in **Romans 15 verse 13** starts

“May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace.....” - I could remember that part and it sounded wonderful

But next it said

“as you trust in him ,“

That’s the bit I couldn’t remember. Then I realised that it was a key to this whole verse - it was only as I trusted God with my concerns that the God of Hope could fill me with all joy and peace.

The verse ends

“so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

What a wonderful promise that is.

I can still remember the verse, even though it was two years ago that this happened.

And always, if I start to get worried about things, I hear the phrase “as you trust in him”.

It’s a reminder to hand over my concerns to the loving and caring God of Hope, in whom I trust.

The Bible may have been written long, long ago, but this experience assures me that, through the power of God’s Spirit it is truly, and amazingly, a **living word**.

Lesley Ayers





SPRING CONCERT

7th September



12 Christmas... PRAYERS

- 1 **Faith** Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith - this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you - not by our works. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 **Hope** May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. Romans 15:4
- 3 **Love** Help us to love because You first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 4 **Forgiveness** Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
- 5 **Mercy** Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36
- 6 **Kindness** Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. Ephesians 4:32
- 7 **Generosity** Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! 2 Corinthians 9:11
- 8 **Compassion** Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. 1 Peter 3:8
- 9 **Joy** Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12
- 10 **Salvation** Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way ,the truth, the life and the only way to You. John 14:6
- 11 **Obedience** Help us to not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us do what it says. James 1:22-25
- 12 **Life** Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

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
Bible Study group	each Thursday	7.00pm

December 2019

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 9 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Wednesday 11 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Sunday 22 nd	9.30am	Carol Service with guest donkey
Tuesday 24 th	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday 25 th	9.30am	Christmas Day at St Enochs

January 2020

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 13 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Tuesday 28 th	7.00pm	Session (Study meeting)

February 2020

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 10 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Wednesday 12 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 21 st	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 25 th	7.00pm	Session (study meeting)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec 1 st	Hope Candle lit	Tree of Life
Dec 8 th	Love Candle lit	Provision of God
Dec 15 th	Joy Candle lit	Light of God
Dec 22 nd	Peace Candle lit	Gift of God
	<i>(Carol service with guest donkey)</i>	
Dec 24 th /25 th	Christ Candle lit	



UPCOMING EVENTS

COMBINED SERVICE

December 8th @ 9.30am

St Enoch's and Afrikaans Christian Church will come together for a cultural experience.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

December 12th @ 8.30am in the lounge

All men are invited to come for food, fellowship and faith.

With guest speaker Sam Johnstone from Mission Aviation Fellowship

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUS TRIP

December 16th @ 6.30pm

Come along to the church lounge for coffee and dessert followed by a bus tour of the Christmas light trail.

Cost - \$10 each



ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

December 15th – 18th from 6.30pm

**Tauranga Adventist School,
(19 Moffat Rd, Bethlehem, Tauranga)**

This amazing experience makes the real story of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, come alive in front of you. A wonderful experience for young and old, and perfect for experiencing the true spirit of Christmas. This is a free family event that runs over 4 nights from 15th December until 18th of December. The first session of each evening begins at 6:30pm and the last begins at 8.54pm.

NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Saturday 21 December 5:00pm – 9:45pm

Bethlehem College, 24 Elder Lane, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty
enjoy a festive variety of live music, dance, carols, and a massive fireworks display – and it's all free.



WHITE SUNDAY

13th October





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



Kevin and Jillian Connole – SIL International writes that they visited a former colleague, Mago who recently moved back to his home village north of Musoma. Their visit fell on a Sunday and they went to church in the neighbouring village. Now that the Simbiti New Testament is ready for publishing, Mago's work as a translator in Musoma is finished – although he is already keen to start translating the Old Testament!

On another Sunday they travelled further west, but still in the Simbiti language area, onto the peninsula north of Musoma. They were very glad to have a local guide on board to help them find the church!

“As is customary, at the end of the service, we all filed outside to shake everyone else's hand, eventually forming a big circle to say a Benediction together. After this time we prayed for the foundations of the new building - and then most of the congregation went back inside to worship some more!”

“We appreciated the opportunity to hear Simbiti in everyday use, and we look forward to the time when the Simbiti Scriptures are freely available.” Kevin and Jillian ask that we pray for the Simbiti people, that they will be greatly encouraged in their faith as they await the arrival of the New Testaments (hopefully next year). Also that we pray that God will give

them His wisdom as they look ahead and plan for the rest of their time there.



Kevin and Jillian's colleague, Mago, with his wife and three of their children. They recently moved back to their home village north of Musoma



The congregation on the peninsula north of Musoma.



Robyn Walker is from South Auckland and the youngest of 10 Children. She and her husband moved down to the Bay of Plenty 10 years ago. They are both chaplains and used to work for the Salvation Army in Waihi providing ministry and support to people with addictions. She has been working as Operations Administrator at Homes of Hope for the past three years and spoke to our congregation on White Sunday, 13 October. Homes of Hope support children from various ages in house settings with house parents who take turn to look after them.



Robyn Walker

They focus on keeping siblings together after they had been removed from their parents and to ensure stability and care.

Homes of Hope's overall goal is to restore the children's health and wholeness so that they can be confident, competent and fulfilled.

They greatly appreciate the donations our congregation makes on a regular basis and ask that we keep the organisation and the children they support in our prayers.



Forever Hope - Ko te tumanako

Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy:



Our congregation recently donated items to Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy that can be distributed to patients. This is greatly appreciated. A warm and hearty thank you to all who contributed. Chaplain Shelley Gilmore will talk to our congregation in January next year about the work they do.

The BOPDHB chaplaincy offers pastoral care and spiritual guidance, compassion and encouragement to patients and families in the hospital as requested. They also train volunteers to help them with this. The chaplains strive to be culturally sensitive and affirm the culture of each person. The chapel is on the ground floor just opposite the chaplain's office. A church service is held Sunday mornings 10.30 a.m. and people are welcome to otherwise go there for prayer.

Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy is currently looking for people who feel called to Hospital ministry to assist the chaplains. If you are interested, please contact Shelley Gilmore, Lead Chaplain (Email shelley.gilmore@bopdhb.govt.nz). Applications close on the 18th of December and they will provide all the training necessary.

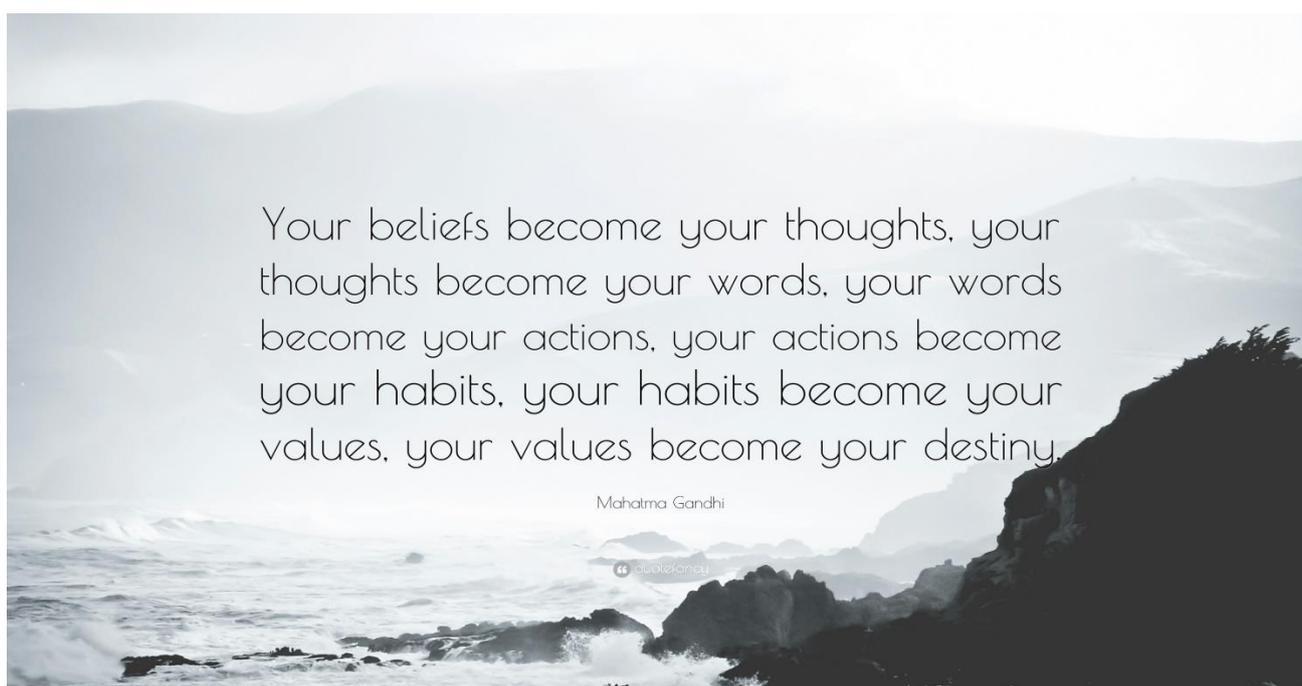


Mission Aviation Fellowship

Please keep your diaries open in middle December. Sam Johnstone, MAF Line Pilot and Safety Manager will talk at the men's breakfast 14 December as well as at the Sunday church service 15 December. He will share some of what has been going on for the last few years in South Sudan and Kenya!

MAF operate a fleet of 46 light aircraft from 17 bases in eight countries in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, and Latin America. Their pilots save valuable travel time and cover seemingly impossible distances. Each year the pilots fly over two million nautical miles to support the work of hundreds of Christian and humanitarian organizations. MAF flights also support indigenous churches and local evangelists. It create access to medical care, provide disaster relief, and make community development projects possible in remote areas.

Sam's talks will be a great opportunity to get a clear idea of what their work entails.



KID'S CORNER



Prayer Jar (Kids & adults of all ages)



Psalm 55:22 says, "Give your burdens to the Lord, and He will take care of you."
Decorate a glass jar with a lid.

You can decorate it in any way you like using off cuts of material, burlap, ribbon, coloured paper, rind stones or anything you have in the house.

You can make a jar for yourself and for gifts to give away...just in time for Christmas.

The Prayer Jar is a great reminder to give your prayers to God and to trust in Him. The idea is to write the prayer on a slip of paper, pray about it, and then drop it in the jar. Then trust the Lord to take care of your burdens.

You may want to keep all the prayers in the jar and once a year read them all again and see how God has taken care of you and your prayers according to His will.

This great idea comes from:

<https://whenlifegavemelemonade.wordpress.com/2014/01/03/prayer-jar/>

DID YOU EVER TALK TO GOD ABOVE?

(Song as taught to the children by Helen during one of Philip's service's)

*Did you ever talk to God above?
Tell Him that you need a friend to love
Pray in Jesus' name believing
that God answers prayers.*

*Have you told Him all your cares and woes
Every tiny little fear He knows
You can know He'll always hear
and He will answer prayer.*

*You can whisper in a crowd to him
You can cry when you're alone to Him
You don't have to pray out loud to Him,
He knows your thoughts*

*On a lofty mountain peak - He's there
In a meadow by a stream - He's there
Anywhere on earth you go, ...
He's been there from the start.*

*Find the answer in His Word; it's true.
You'll be strong because He walks with you.
By His faithfulness He'll change you, too.
God answers prayer.*

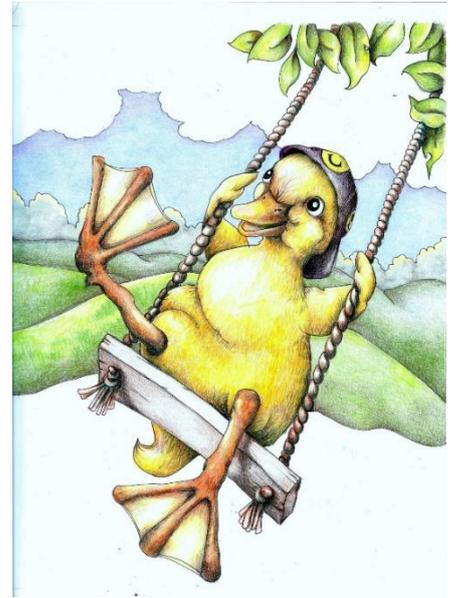


**Christmas Carol Service
@ St Enoch's
December 22nd @ 9.30am
With guest donkey**

Manners

Dr. Jeremy Duck Wisdom

Dr. Jeremy had such a busy day! Not only was it his grocery shopping day, he had to go to the hospital to visit a sick friend which took longer than expected. On top of this, his friends from the local primary school were due at his place for their afternoon tea and he had to bake a chocolate cake for them!



Oh dear he did not know how he was going to manage to get everything done! He looked up his very nice chocolate cake recipe, got out the cake mixer, then the ingredients and the tin to cook the cake in. Forty five minutes later out came the cake and it looked perfect. Wt

He had a shower and had just finished getting dressed when there was a knock at the door. Yes, it was five children just out from school and eagerly looking forward to what treat Dr. Jeremy had for them!

As usual, as they came in, they said hello to Dr Jeremy, took off their shoes, put their school bags neatly inside the door and went into Dr Jeremy's lovely, sunny family room. Dr Jeremy had been busy! There was a table laid out with place mats, plates with paper napkins on them, a small fork and glasses at each setting. But there was nothing else! Nothing to either eat or drink and the children wondered what to do. Meanwhile Dr Jeremy was in the kitchen doing something. But what?

When Dr Jeremy had been shopping in the morning, he had got several large bottles of fizzy lemonade. He had put them in the refrigerator so they were nice and cold. He came out from the kitchen with a bottle and went round giving them each a glass full of the lovely, cold drink. He then went back into the kitchen and reappeared with the chocolate cake. It had been decorated with chocolate icing and there were strawberries all over it. It looked spectacular! The girls all cheered and thought this was amazing. Dr Jeremy produced a sharp knife and started cutting it into slices for the children. They each held out their plate to get a piece and

when they ate it, it was the best cake they had ever tasted. As they ate, chatted and drank some of their lemonade, Dr Jeremy was delighted to see how much they were enjoying themselves. Most of them had finished their first slice and were obviously keen to have another one, so Dr Jeremy asked who would like another piece. What happened next was a shock!

Every one of them grabbed their plates and reached out for more. Even the one who had not quite finished and there was still cake on their plate! Not only that, but two of the children knocked over their glasses which still had some lemonade in them.

Oh dear Dr Jeremy's lovely table cloth was not only spoiled, but, there was lemonade all over the table. There was an immediate rush of activity. Two of them put the cake, plates and glasses to one side of the table, while two more went into the kitchen to find a cloth to dry up the drink.

After a short while, order was restored and everyone settled down again. But before Dr Jeremy offered them anything else, he decided he would take the opportunity to make an example of what had just happened and maybe teach them a lesson.

There were several things that needed to be said and lessons to be learned before they could continue with their party. There was the one who still had cake on her plate and yet wanted more. There was the reaching by all of them to get their share and of course there was the spilled lemonade. Dr Jeremy's mother had always made sure that as Jeremy grew up, he knew how to behave whether he was at home, visiting with his parents or out with a friend and so it was a real shock to him to see how they had behaved. He decided that the best thing to do was to tell them what **they should do** rather than tell them what **they should not do**.

"It is so wonderful to see how much you are enjoying the little party and I am so pleased you have come to see me. This little situation could have been avoided if we had all been thinking of the other person instead of our selves. You see good manners are all about letting the other person go first. We are all friends here but the principle still stands. As you can see there is plenty of cake for each of you to have another piece and so there was no need to try to be first. Sometimes we get excited and forget about the other person but we have to be careful our enthusiasm does not take over and we

make a mistake or cause an accident. You see manners do not just apply to when we are eating at the table. They apply when we are riding our bikes on the footpath and sharing the space with pedestrians, waiting in a queue for a bus and there are adults waiting too, sitting down in a bus or train when adults are standing, and lots of other things. Talking about buses, trains and other places that have seating, we sometimes sit somewhere and dump our bags and things on the next seat which prevents someone from sitting there. That's a bit like having something on your plate and yet you are wanting more. You are not satisfied with what you have got and you want more! As you look at these examples and think about them, you can see that they all can cause accidents."

Everyone was sorry! They each gave Dr Jeremy a hug and apologised for the way they behaved and said they would remember what Dr Jeremy had said.

Thoughts for you: - Have you done anything to someone that you know has upset them or not behaved as you should have? Go and say sorry and apologise for what you did.

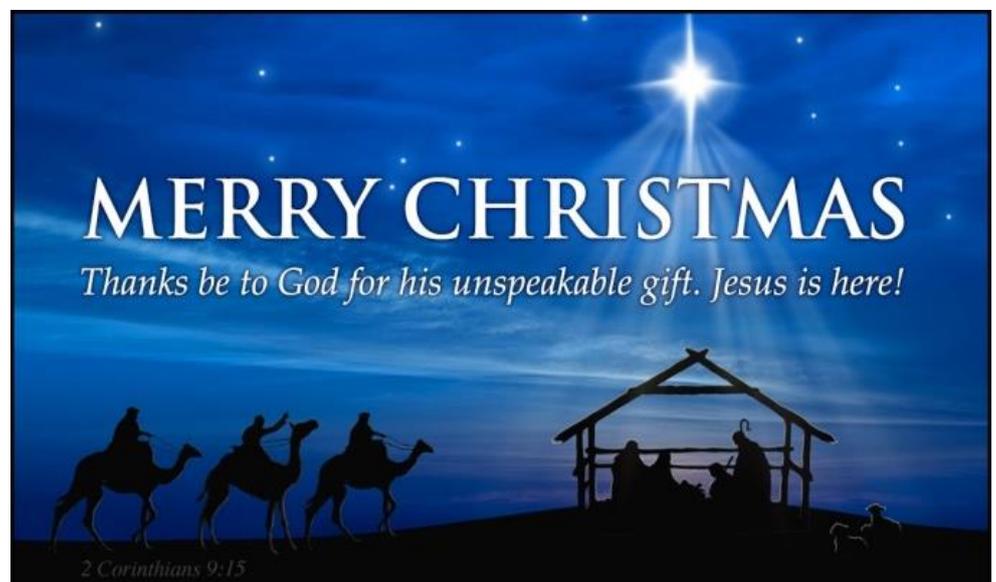
Dr Jeremy's advice to you: - Be polite and always think of others first. This way you will avoid accidents and make people happy.

Grandad

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ANNUAL LEAVE

Marie's last day in the office will be December 20th and she will return from annual leave on Monday January 13th



DUTY ROSTER – DECEMBER

December 1st - COMMUNION

Hope candle lit - Theme: Tree of Life

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Minette Soekoe

Servers: Margo & Lawson Stewart, Joseph Toara, Anel Reyneke,
John Baxendine, Lorraine Shirley, Cynthia Herring

Kitchen Duties: Anua Abbot, Bev Hayman

Door / Offering: Jean Sutton, Mama Tu

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

December 8th – Combined Service

Love candle lit - Theme: Provision of God

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Minette Soekoe

Kitchen Duties: Anel Reyneke, Mativa Ropati

Door / Offering: Rob & Barbara Brown

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

December 15th

Joy candle lit - Theme: Light of God

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Minette Soekoe

Kitchen Duties: Brian & Gail Walker

Door / Offering: Ken & Lyn Hartley

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Minette Soekoe

December 22nd Carol Service with donkey

Peace candle lit - Theme – Gift of God.

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Minette Soekoe

Kitchen Duties: Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

Door / Offering: John & Ngaire Foote

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

December 24th & 25th: Christ candles lit

December 29th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Minette Soekoe

Kitchen Duties: Cynthia Herring, Shona Giles

Door / Offering: Verena Brungger, Mama Tu

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

DUTY ROSTER - JANUARY

January 5th - COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Servers: Iris Stockwell, Minette Soekoe, Bernice & Geoff Tyrrell, Shona & Mike Giles

Vestry: Chris Meyer

Kitchen Duties: Jeanette White & Jean Whiteman

Door / Offering: Rex & Patricia Eagle

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

January 12th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Chris Meyer

Kitchen Duties: Lorraine Shirley, Norah Miller

Door / Offering: Philip Temple, Ralph Morris

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Minette Soekoe

January 19th

Preacher: Rev George Bryant

Vestry: Chris Meyer

Kitchen Duties: Robyn Dowdle, Gloria Mouatt

Door / Offering: Joseph Toara, Pisa Pahl, Benjamin Atoa

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

January 26th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Chris Meyer

Kitchen Duties: Tofi Atoa, Tricia Brown

Door / Offering: Rena Arnett, Peka Tautali

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell



DUTY ROSTER - FEBRUARY

February 2nd – COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Robyn Dowdle

Servers: Lyn & Ken Hartley, Marion Bennett, Gail & Brian Walker,
Marie Nilson

Kitchen Duties: Steve & Elsja Gurney

Door / Offering: Tofia Tautali, Mike Giles

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

February 9th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Robyn Dowdle

Kitchen Duties: Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan

Door / Offering: Margaret Wakefield, Nesi Tusa, Danny Atoa

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Minette Soekoe

February 16th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Robyn Dowdle

Kitchen Duties: Ricky & Angie Gorringer

Door / Offering: Minette Soekoe, Peter Tautali

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

February 23rd

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Robyn Dowdle

Kitchen Duties: Mary Woods, Molly Reid

Door / Offering: Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

ROSTER DUTIES

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

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