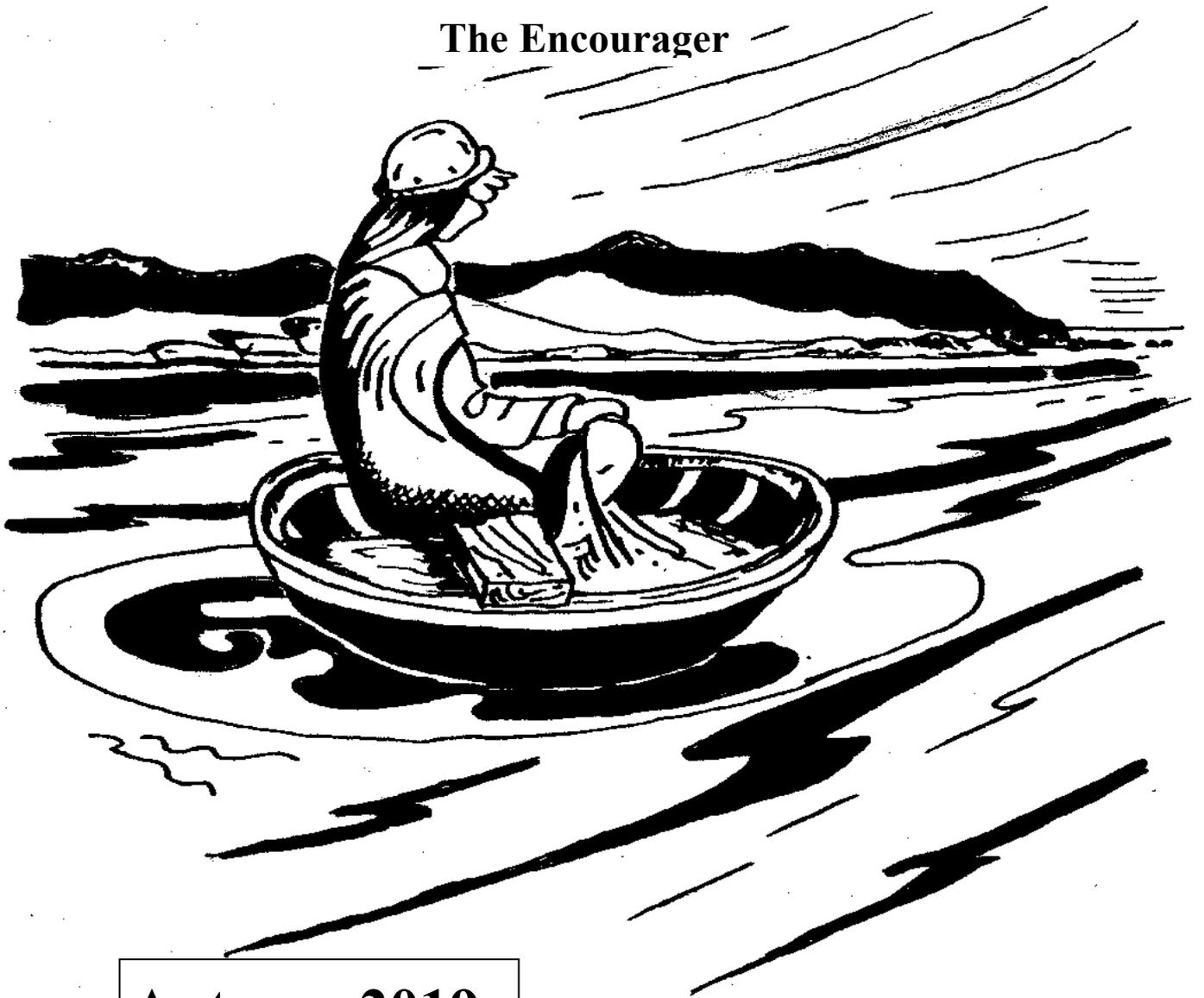


# St. Enoch's Church Community

# Manawa

The Encourager



Autumn 2019

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa N.Z.

Phone 578-3040

# A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

## Thy Kingdom Come

What a wonderful world we would live in if God completely reigned in our lives, in our community and society? That is why Jesus taught us to pray that the Kingdom of God become a reality in our lives and our world. In faith, we live each day with God and seek to let God's love shine through us. As a congregation, we aspire to be 'In the community for the community.'



On March the 6th Ash Wednesday will mark the start of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the Saturday before Easter (20 April). These 46 days are an opportunity to focus on our relationship with God within the context of the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Forty days commemorate Jesus' fasting in the desert before commencing his public ministry. Forty days is a significant period of time we often come across in the Bible. The six Sundays are excluded because we know that Jesus conquered death and rose from the grave on Sunday – and therefore it is a day of celebration and joy. Christians engage with Lent in different ways. Some people fast in some way (e.g. from something they like – chocolates/coffee; not using social media; cutting down on screen time), while others use the time to practice one or more spiritual discipline like implementing a particular prayer schedule, studying the Bible, reading a book on a certain topic, set times for contemplation and reflection, etc.

However we observe Lent, it is important to remember that the aim is to do something which reminds us of God's great love for us and which helps to grow our faith – draw nearer to God. Put differently: to let the Kingdom come in our lives.

In 'JESUS. RADICAL, RIGHTEOUS, RELEVANT.' Stephan Joubert writes about God's Kingdom:

This new divine dispensation is directly related to Jesus' person and His actions. He is both Proclaimer and Bearer of the Kingdom.

Jesus introduced God in a new way as Father. God reigns over the entire world, but He is Father to everyone who belongs to his Kingdom as proclaimed by Jesus.

Jesus illustrated that there is room in the Kingdom for sinners, Gentiles and dishonourable people when they come to Him in faith.

This Kingdom was already visible: People saw and experienced it when the sick was healed, and demons exorcised. At the same time the Kingdom is still imminent: At His second coming, Jesus will establish God's Kingdom finally and visibly.

God's Kingdom is not linked to holy places like Jerusalem or the temple. The Kingdom is everywhere that Jesus' followers find themselves.

This Lent I am going to focus on God's reign in my life and perhaps in the life of St. Enoch's. Are you going to join me?

May the Kingdom of God come in our lives and the life of St. Enoch's - his Church here in Tauranga.

*Blessings*

*Jaco*

## **VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS NEEDED**

We are in need of musicians to join our team to play for us each Sunday. If you play the piano or organ and would like to help out once a month or even as a relief musician please ring the office 578-3040 or talk to Marie or Jaco. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping us out even just occasionally please talk to them and see if they are available or get them to call us.





# Message from the Moderator

 Presbyterian Church  
of Aotearoa New Zealand

## Happy New Year, everyone

This greeting is almost always obliged with the Christmas greetings "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

I have long marvelled and been highly impressed with this greeting. For me it is a joining of the old year and the New Year. They are words of hope and a prayer for the future. This greeting is a message of love, endearment, sent in a card usually, or spoken simultaneously. It is for me, befitting of the goodness of God..



What this greeting also highlights for the people of faith is that life is continuous, moving - a journey. It keeps on keeping on. One day follows another. and year after year it goes on. The days of our lives. The Psalmist said "A thousand years is but a day to you O Lord". This is the perspective with our God.

But for us mere mortals, the constant, ongoing days, are the years of one's existence. This is our lot. And I think this greeting "Happy New Year", just about sums up what it is all about. Be happy in all of life. Be happy with yourself, be happy with your family, be happy with your work, study, hobby...be happy with life.

This year my prayers for you, the Church, are constant daily. Please keep one another in prayer in this year's journey. There is much we desire for each other "Pray at all times" said Paul.

Prayer is uplifting, refreshing-- it is food for our souls. Be happy in your prayer life

Finally, however the year is so far for you, keep strong in the Lord as you encounter, often and expectantly, the "valleys" and "mountains ". Keep faith in Jesus our Lord and Saviour. The hope for 2019 is that we give thanks and praise to God. We trust in the Holy Spirit to be our helper and our guide each day.

Happy New Year, beloved Christ.

*Fakaofu Kaio*  
*National Moderator*

*Praise*  
and give thanks to *the*  
*Lord*

## HOMES OF HOPE

Please continue to support Homes of Hope.  
Bring along any food item or fresh produce and  
put into the basket on a Sunday morning.  
This gets delivered to the homes on the Sunday

Any cash donations can be put into your weekly  
envelopes.

Just put Homes of Hope on the front of the envelope.



## SESSION REPORT

Exciting things have been happening during the past few months. To begin with we had an interesting tabloid of the nativity scene. This year it included a cross lined with candles. It was certainly eye catching at the midnight service when the church was all in darkness except for the lit candles. I found it to be very fitting, connecting the birth of Jesus to his crucifixion. The real reason for Jesus coming amongst us.



Jaco's ministry is going from strength to strength. This is reflected by the number now attending – 100 plus.

Last week we had 137 . The Sunday school is growing and at last we have a youth group .Something we have been striving for, for a long time.

It never ceases to amaze me how my Bible study, using Daily Bread notes often ties in with the weekend sermon. My reading was James 1: 22 “Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive ourselves. Do what it says. Pray for God's strength to be obedient “doers of the Word”. The very theme of Jaco's sermon. The commentary also spoke of “A lecture aims to inform; but a good sermon seeks to form thoughts. Reform attitudes, and transform lives. “So thank you Jaco for a good sermon. I see this as the Holy Spirit at work in both the sermon and in my Daily Bread notes.

As you may guess I am the link person for Scripture Union. June sees our annual renewal of the Bible reading notes that I have used for many years. It's one of the best disciplines I have to keep my faith refreshed and challenged between the sermons week by week. If you are interested in joining please contact me.

A reminder of a very important meeting that takes place on Saturday 2nd March ST ENOCH'S PLANNING DAY

This is an opportunity for ALL members of St Enoch's to "put their thinking caps" on and share their ideas of how they would like the church to go forward. Previous ones held proved to be very helpful. A questionnaire has been given out for you to fill out which can be put into the offering bag or handed in to the office if you are unable to attend the meeting in person, or, brought along on the day. This is a meeting I recommend for us all to be part of.

Blessings for the coming months.

*Iris Stockwell*  
*Session clerk*

## **GEMS FROM SUE'S JOURNAL**

Hi its Sue Eastman here and from this edition of Manawa I hope to share with you some of what I call "Gems from my Journal".

I have kept a journal for years and love jotting down snippets of things and verses that have made me think deeper, so here goes with these first gems.

**Ps 45:1b says that the tongue is the pen of a skilful writer. I loved this as I read it. I can use my tongue to bring encouragement and wisdom to people, and may they be words that the Holy Spirit has given me as He knows the needs of each person. What a joy to bring a smile to someone who needs it.**

**However, in "Word for today" I read, Gossip is like mud thrown against a wall, it may not stick, but it leaves a dirty mark. So I constantly ask the Lord to set a watch over my mouth and keep the door of my lips.**

Till next time. bve for now.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In the last issue of the Manawa I had asked Ralph Morris if he would write a summary of the Rev Jim Wallace s' Ministry at St. Enoch's as he had been on the settlement board for a new minister eight years ago, and was also on the board selecting a replacement for Jim Wallace.

Ralph in his wisdom was able to express his insights succinctly and aptly finished his notes with, 'We are better for his time with us' Amen to that!



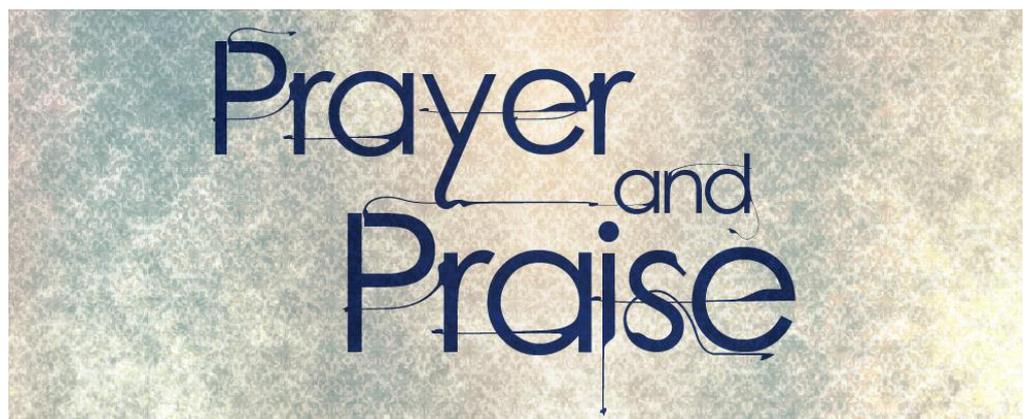
Now we are three months on into the Ministry of the Rev, Jaco Reyneke. I for one am thrilled by the inclusive nature of Jaco's service's on Sundays. He has an engaging way with the children as well as the adults as shown by the numbers in church.

One aspect of Jaco's approach that attracts me, is that we come to church expecting a spiritual encounter that will change us so that we may walk more closely with Christ as we live our life for Him!!.

I'm looking forward to the "Praise, Prayer and Worship services when they are scheduled.

Another Amen to that also.

*Blessings*  
*Barrie Herring*





## TUESDAY HOME GROUP

By the time Manawa readers receive this report, we will have been back in action for our first two sessions of 2019! We finished 2018 with a Christmas Special at which each member brought their personal reflections on previously assigned Christmas related scriptures. This was very rewarding. Interspersed with these were brief nativity themed Christian video clips. And of course we sang carols!

We have welcomed one new member this year and resumed our journey through the Book of Acts completing chapters 18 and 19. We endeavour to cover one chapter per meeting.

*Brian Walker,  
Convenor*



*You are ushering in another day  
Untouched and freshly new  
So here I come to ask You God,  
if You'll renew me, too,  
Forgive the many errors  
That I made yesterday  
And let me try again, dear God,  
To walk closer in Thy way ...  
But, Father, I am well aware  
I can't make it on my own  
So take my hand and hold it tight  
For I can't walk alone!*

# A MUSICAL JIGSAW

We have seen a lot of life and experienced many different emotions and situations. Some we have enjoyed, others we would rather have gone without. While we recognise that we don't know everything, we probably feel we have a reasonably good handle on life and the things around us.

If we consider the piano, probably the most important note is the middle C. But it takes more than one note to make a tune. As with music, so it is with our lives. In music, middle C may be the most important note, in our life, Christ is the middle C - the most important note.

As in music you need to use many different motivations to achieve God's purpose here at St. Enoch's. We are all created in His image and yet we are all created as individuals. That doesn't mean that we are all the same. In fact age may change our focus on things around us. Sharpen it up and recognise that we have different skills and that we need to combine them all to fulfil God's objective here on his earth.

Put simply, Our God has a picture of His world, and within that big picture, he has created smaller pictures, then He has created individuals in the form of you and me. When we are put together we form a mini picture, which when joined with other mini pictures forms the nucleus of God's kingdom on earth.

As with a jig-saw puzzle, no one piece is more important than another. Have you ever tried to finish a jig-saw puzzle and found one piece missing? How important does that piece become? It takes on a significant meaning as without it, the puzzle is not complete. So it is no one person who is more important to God than the other.

Just don't be that missing piece! He will hunt you down!

*Blessings  
Philip*



# PASTORAL CARE REPORT

Firstly thank you people of St Enoch's for taking time to care for one another as you do, and many thanks to those who pray on the Prayer chain

- Your prayers are a huge support and powerhouse for others. Thankyou also to the deliverers of the Manawa; without your input we would not have the fellowship that we share.



At Session recently we proposed a change to how Pastoral Care is being managed. You will appreciate that with a church of our size, we need to plan in care steps. We envisage the Elders being in touch with the Manawa deliverers (Pastoral Carers) and myself and Jaco overseeing this plus hospital/ home visits and the prayer ministries of the church. If any of you wish to be part of the pray-ers available for folk at the end of the service please - please get in touch with me. The more folk the lighter the load. It is an awesome privilege to pray for and with others.

Later in the year I want to get Carol Goldie-Anderson back to take an in depth (about 3 hour) seminar on caring for others (the sick, bereaved, lonely, the hospitalised and also how to talk to children who suffer in these ways).

Blessings to one  
and all

*Blessings*  
*Gail Walker*



# WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE NAPKIN?

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this before.....

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not thrown aside like the grave clothes.



The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed at the head of that stony coffin..

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.

She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. she said, " They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that covered Jesus's head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!

Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about the Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant relationship, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly as the master wanted it.

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished.

Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table, for in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm done".

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because.....

The folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back"

**HE IS COMING BACK!!**



**Parish Planning Day**  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019**  
**9:00am – 12:00 noon**

## **Response form**

We would like to know what you think and where God is leading St Enoch's next. Part of the discernment process is to get your input. Please respond to all or some of the questions and bring it to the planning day.

- What do you consider the **strengths** of our church?
  
- What do you believe needs developing?
  
- How can we develop **Prayer**?
  
- How can we develop **Fellowship**?
  
- In 2019, what do you think is **one of the things**, in particular, you believe God is calling us to focus on?
  
- How can we grow people in their **assurance of the love of Jesus** for them?
  
- How do you feel we **could better reach into** our community?
  
- What are the things that **threaten the growth** of our church?
  
- How can we better **serve our older members**
  
- What can we do to help people **develop their relationship with Jesus**?
  
- Please share your vision for St Enoch's

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FORM

Please indicate how/ where you would like to serve in the life of our Church.  
Please respond to some or all of the questions on this Response form.

<b>Worship Service</b>	√
Accompanying Congregational Singing	
Being part of the Service Singers	
Being part of the Worship Team	
Counting the Offering	
Doing Bible Readings	
Hospitality (serving tea/coffee)	
Leading the Prayer for Others	
Offering	
Playing an instrument	
Setting up and monitoring the sound system	
Welcoming people at the door	
<b>Children and Youth Ministry</b>	
'Babysit' for St. Enoch's parents	
Helping with Youth Group	
Teaching Sunday School	
<b>Parish Ministry</b>	
Attend Tuesday Men's Coffee Group	
Attending a spiritual growth group	
Attending or being part of home group	
Being part of the Prayer Chain	
Help organise and run social/fellowship events	
Help with production of the Manawa	
Hosting a home group	
Leading a home group	
Praying for people after service	
Visiting people who cannot attend services any more	
<b>Mission and Outreach</b>	
Help with or coordinate outreach in the community	
Run a Facebook page	
Run our webpage	
Showing hospitality to newcomers (e.g. invite for meal/afternoon tea)	



Poster outside a church in France

**When you enter this church it may be possible that you  
hear  
“The call of God”  
However,  
it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.**

**Thank you for turning off your phones.  
If you want to talk to God, enter,  
choose a quiet place and talk to Him**

**If you want to see Him,  
send him a TXT while driving**

# WHAT'S ON AT ST ENOCH'S

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

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	each Sunday	9.30am
<b>Men's morning tea</b>	each Tuesday (at Mitre 10 Café)	10.00am
<b>Have A Go</b>	each Wednesday	9.30am
<b>Tues Home Group</b>	each Tuesday	1.30pm
<b>Riverday</b>	3rd Friday of the month	9.00am

## March 2019

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Planning Day
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Hospitality Sunday

## April 2019

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session meeting
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Good Friday Service
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Riverday
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm	Session (planning meeting)

## May 2019

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session (planning meeting)

## HOSPITALITY SUNDAY - March 24th

Once a year we hold a luncheon in different congregation members homes as a way of getting to know each other better. It is a lovely way of getting to know your church family and making new friends.

Please put your name on the spreadsheet in the foyer and let us know if you would like to be a guest or a host. We then match people up with those in the congregation that don't necessarily know each other well.

Sign up now you might just make a new friend.

## BOARD OF MANAGERS Aug - Oct 2018

We thank Robyn Magowan for making new net curtains for the lounge kitchen windows.

Because of the hall break-in last November (the hall door was left open by an external group) and the loss of sound equipment, the Managers are looking into installing security cameras around the church complex. These are very expensive, so investigation is proceeding.

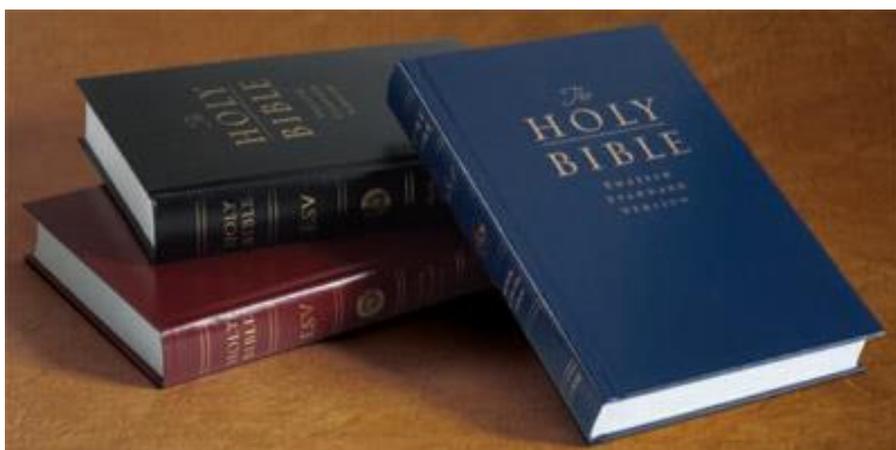


It is also sad to report that 7 of the new pew bibles have gone walk about. If you can shed any light on this matter please talk to Jaco or Marie.

We are delighted that the response to the fundraising appeal for the front window has been more than met. A huge thank you to everybody who was so generous. Unfortunately, because one of the contractors has damaged his Achilles tendon, the installation has been postponed.

A planning day has been set down for 2nd March from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A time to share our hopes and dreams for St Enoch's and make an input into the life of the congregation.

*Marion Bennett  
& Lois Rout  
on behalf of the Board  
of Managers*



# TREASURERS REPORT

Reviewing the report for Jan 2017 it is quite surprising how the church was in a similar profit position to the current 2019 year. In Jan 2017 the hall and Sunday School rooms had been refurbished and in Feb/March 2019 the church will be replacing the north facing window. The funds have been raised by a fantastic congregational effort.

The Church's cash position is excellent, but when we look deeper into the accounts the church is operating at a loss. Here are some figures for you to ponder over.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Total Giving Income	\$59653	\$60782
Total other income	\$58893	\$39335

But from the other income we should deduct the funds specifically given for the North Window.

North Window giving	\$20525	
Our other income would be	\$38368	
Total income	\$98021	\$100117

## **Expenses**

Administration	\$19784	\$19268
Ministry Expense	\$51990	\$53171
Mission Expense	\$3934	\$1712
Property Expense	\$33533	\$33333
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$109240</b>	<b>\$107994</b>

**Loss for the 7 Months      (\$11229)                      (\$7877)**

Not a happy position, but we must be positive. We can climb out of it. Perhaps update your monthly giving by 10% or even more. We at least need 15% more income. Can you think of some fund raising activity that would benefit the church? It is up to us.

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 have 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.

*Ken Hartley*  
*Treasurer*

St Enoch's bank details are:

**BNZ**

**St Enoch's Presbyterian Church**

**02-0466-0167590-00**

**Do you have a passion for healing and prayer?**

Have you ever thought about joining the  
Healing / Prayer ministry

A roster is set up each Sunday after worship to help anyone in need.

We are looking for others to join this small team.

Ring Gail 544-2179 or the office  
578-3040 if you are interested

# Sunday School

A bunch of beautiful and vibrant children are part of our church. We want to work with parents to invest in their spiritual growth and journey with God. Proverbs 22:6 encourages us: “Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”



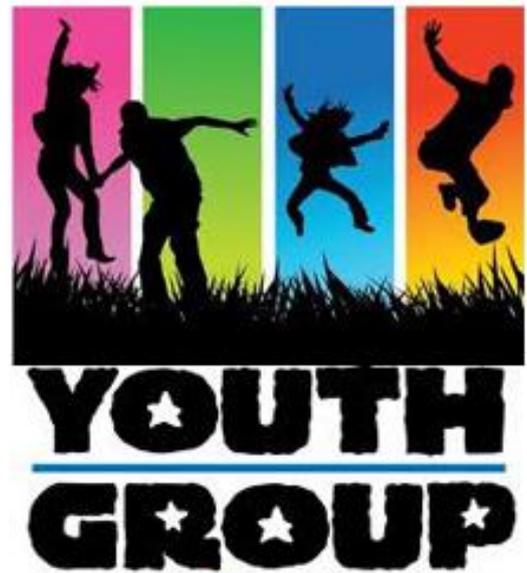
Our dedicated Sunday School teachers focus on a theme for a few Sundays, after which the children will share with us in the service the memory verses and a song, they learned about the topic they worked on in class.

Thank you to Helena van der Spuy and Barbara Brown for joining the Sunday School teacher team.

# Youth Group

With great excitement, we are establishing a youth group for college-aged kids and young adults. The idea is to have Bible study focused gatherings on a Sunday after service, and on the alternate weeks, a more socially/fun focused gathering or activity on a Saturday evening. It is inspirational to see and experience the youth's faith and their journey with God.

Peka Tautali and Joseph Toroa accepted the leadership roles for the youth group under Jaco's guidance.



# SO MANY REASONS

*There are so many reasons why I love you  
So many reasons why you make me smile  
And I think it's time I told you once again  
That 'I'm absolutely crazy about you.*

*There are so many stories that I've told you  
Tales of joy and tears and growing stronger  
And I imagine if you listen for a while  
That you'll marvel at the places we have been.*

*At times you may have felt that  
I was somewhere far away  
Leaving you to journey on your own  
But a gift you carried deep within  
was all you ever needed  
What joy when you discovered it was me.*

*There are so many seasons I've been with you  
Summer, winter, spring and fall I've been there  
So it seems by now that you would surely know  
That I'll be with you every step along the way*

*There are so many reasons why I love you  
So many reasons why you make me smile  
And I think it's time I told you once again  
How I've been with you every step along your way  
And I'll love you every step along your way.*

From Singing My Soul by Kathy Sherman





## WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS NZ

Dear Friends

As we speak with people, we notice a common misunderstanding of our roles. We are working in a Bible Translation Project but neither of us is a Translator. We are both in support roles.

Kevin's task as Operations Manager involves making sure that the office runs smoothly. That can include maintenance of grounds, buildings and vehicles; supplies for cleaning or chai; employment of security and cleaning personnel; checking finances, and (since our IT person left last year) ensuring there is sufficient data available and the printers keep running.

The Linguistics Department, where Jillian works, is especially crucial in the early stages of the development of a Translation Project. Written translation cannot begin until a language is available in written form. In practice, after the initial stages, the development of a standardised way of writing the language evolves alongside the Translation work. There are constant steps of back-and-forth checking, change and development. But the more standardised the spelling system is before Translation begins, the less changes will need to be made to the final document before publishing the completed New Testaments

Thank you so much for the gift you put into our account last month. It means a lot to us to know that folk in NZ are continuing to remember us and pray for the work here. The original goal of this particular project was to translate the whole of the New Testament (and portions of the old when sufficient interest was shown by the local language committees. Often Genesis, Ruth and the Psalms are requested). Most of the translation work should be finished within the next 3 years! Work permit issues are concerning, and we value your prayers in this area, that missionaries will be given permission to remain in Tanzania to see the work to completion.

Blessings

Kevin and Jillian Connole



Hello there,

We are well into the new year. The time has passed of wishing people a happy new year, but happy new year anyway. I do hope it is one were God continues to reveal Himself to you in new and refreshing ways, and His love for you is evermore evident in your life. The year has started well here in Juba. It's in the peak of the dry/hot season. Most days we see 38+ degrees, with it cooling down to about 29/30 degrees at night. We only have generator power for 12 hours of the day, so once the generator goes off at 10pm,

and my air conditioning goes with it, my room is back up to about 30 degrees by 11pm- so I'm sure you'll agree with me that it's fair to say it's not really pyjama weather at the moment! Similar to Arnhem Land, with the dry season comes fires and burn off. These fires create a lot of smoke and haze which can sometimes reduce visibility so much that flying operations can be affected.



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I had the opportunity to spend a few nights in a remote village called Lohutuk with one of our MAF partners. We often fly into this community to drop off fresh foods and supplies, so it was nice to be able to stay for a few nights and get to know some of our customers better. There are three organisations working in this area with the Lopete people group. They help run schools, disciple local people, train local pastors, teach them engineering and agricultural skills. It's a beautiful part of South

Sudan, as you can see it's green, has lots of big trees that give shade and there are decent hills! The people in these communities are subsistence farmers. They live in open thatched huts (which they faithfully swept everyday, along with their 'yard'), fetch water from the river or borehole, eat meat when it's a special occasion (or when they have guests) and for generations have been at war with the



'neighbouring village' life. Revenge here is part of life, and people tend not to forget what wrongs have been done in the past, and by whom. The inability to forgive seems intrinsically human sometimes. We all need the gospel. We all need to be reminded of the Love God has for us everyday. That's why, when I get to hear stories of local men and women being discipled, and hearing about the transformation that comes from knowing Christ, my heart jumps for joy. It truly is life changing, in Lohutuk, just as it is in Tauranga or Belfast. One of the jobs I was able to help with was fixing the church door. It didn't take too long to fix, only half a day, as Scott had already made the doors and we only had to remove the old ones, and install the frame for the new one. It was a dirty job as you can see. It was a good opportunity for some of the local guys to use their carpentry skills, or at least stand and watch someone else use their carpentry skills.



Scott and myself then drove to Ibony, a village on the other side of the hill where a team of AIM missionaries are working. There is also a strip near Ibony, which we also service. It's one of our more challenging airstrips, and is quite restricted with useful payload out of it due to surrounding terrain and obstacles on the take off





path. But MAF fly into there, because even though the distance by road from Lohutuk to Ibony is only 15km, it takes 45mins when it is dry and the road is good! During the wet season you sometimes see trucks stuck on the road. The flight from Ibony to Lohutuk is 2 min. So as MAF pilot, getting to drive between these communities it gave me a greater understanding of the service we are offering to people in these remote communities. This AIM team live in mud-brick houses, they have no power aside from small solar panels to

charge their phone, and they collect the rain for drinking water- or visit the bore everyday during the dry season.

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So in all, I really enjoyed my time in the bush, and getting to spend some decent time with our partner organisations. In a time where fame and social media influence seems to be something to worth aspiring too, getting to spend time with people who decide to sacrifice their comfortable lives, serve communities with wholeheartedness and humility, in the hope that these communities are transformed by the hope that is in Christ- that is something I am grateful for. It is something that challenges me, and I pray that it challenges you too.



Continue to pray for good health as I do life here in South Sudan. I am very aware there are people praying for me, praying for good health and protection- and I can honestly say, that can be testimony to answered prayers. You can also pray God makes it clear to me about my future with MAF. Come mid year I have done four years with MAF and will have the option to renew my contract, I have been talking to God about 'what next', so I'll ask you to join with me in prayer that God makes it clear to me what His will is.

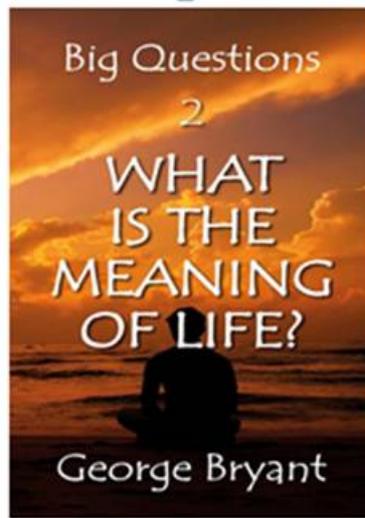
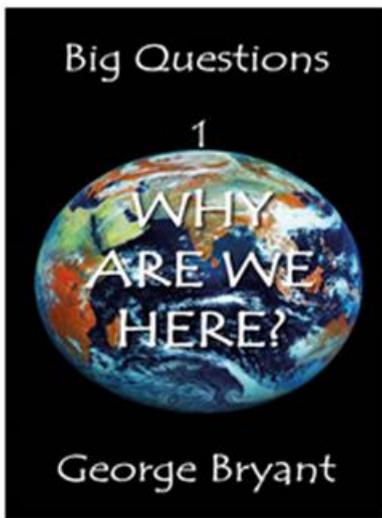
Take care,

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# BIG QUESTIONS



Here's an easy way of answering the questions your agnostic or atheistic friends often ask. Don't try and argue with them. Just give them a copy of one of George's latest booklets.

They'll also help **you** sort things out!

1. What in the world are human beings doing on this planet Earth?
2. Is there an overall meaning for our existence or do we just have to find our own?
3. Where in the world are we going? What is the future of human beings? Is there any hope?

George has bundles of all three for \$20. Catch him some time.

## WRITING A LETTER

When we write letters we used to start with a 'Dear' we now start with a 'Hi, and where we used to finish with 'Love', 'yours sincerely' or 'yours faithfully', we will often write 'blessings', or God bless. When we write these words what do we mean?

It may have become an automatic finish to your letters, or it may just be a word you think is the right word to end a letter from a Christian. What-ever the reason, the next time you write 'blessing' at the conclusion of your letter, I urge you to pause, give thanks to God for that person, consider all your blessings and ask that He will truly bless them.

Kind regards

Philip

# DUTY ROSTER – MARCH

## March 3<sup>rd</sup> - COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Servers:** Lester Gray, Tofia Tautali, Lorraine Shirley, Nesi Tusa,  
Joseph Toara, Ken & Lyn Hartley

**Kitchen Duties:** Rob & Barbara Brown

**Door / Offering:** Ken & Lyn Hartley

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Kitchen Duties:** Anua Abbott, Bev Hayman

**Door / Offering:** Jean Sutton, Danny Atoa Jnr

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Sue Eastman, Gail Walker

## March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Kitchen Duties:** Brian & Gail Walker

**Door / Offering:** Steve & Elsja Gurney

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Minette Soekoe

## March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Kitchen Duties:** Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

**Door / Offering:** John & Ngaire Foote

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant, Sue Eastman

## March 31<sup>st</sup>

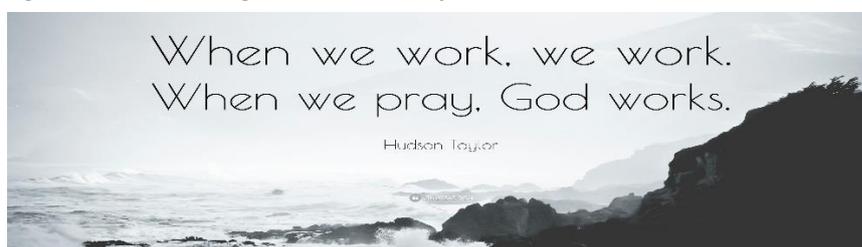
**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Kitchen Duties:** Ricky & Ang Gorringe

**Door / Offering:** David Meek, Joseph Toara

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant, Gail Walker



# DUTY ROSTER - APRIL

## April 7<sup>th</sup> - COMMUNION

**Servers:** Ricky Gorringe, Robyn Magowan, Richard Wilson,  
Marion Bennett, John Baxendine, John & Ngaire Foote

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

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

**Door / Offering:** Barrie Herring, Mike Giles

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant, Gail Walker

## April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Kitchen Duties:** Norah Miller, Patricia Eagle

**Door / Offering:** Lorraine Shirley, Rex Eagle

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Door / Offering:** Tofia Tautali, Benjamin Atoa

## April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

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

**Door / Offering:** Margaret Wakefield, Audrey Gardiner

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker, Sue Eastman

## April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Kitchen Duties:** Sue Eastman, Tricia Brown

**Door / Offering:** Sanna & Lexi Gray

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant, Sue Eastman



# DUTY ROSTER - MAY

## May 5<sup>th</sup> – COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Philip Temple

**Servers:** Lawson Stewart, Robyn Dowdle, Iris Stockwell, Eli Yoo,  
Barrie & Cynthia Herring, Craig Shepherd

**Kitchen Duties:** Tofi Atoa, Gloria Mouatt

**Door / Offering:** Philip Temple, Mativa Ropati

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Philip Temple

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

**Door / Offering:** Peka Tautali, Peter Tautali

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Sue Eastman, Gail Walker

## May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Philip Temple

**Kitchen Duties:** Robyn Dowdle, Nesi Tusa

**Door / Offering:** Ralph Morris, Rena Arnett

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Philip Temple

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

**Door / Offering:** Pisa Hall, Monisa Tautali

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Sue Eastman, Joan Bryant

## 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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