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Ministers: All the Congregation

ROSTERS

| DATE | TEA/COFFEE | FLOWERS | DOOR/COLLECTION |
|--------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| 23Sept | Dixon | Heather | Peter/Diana |
| 30Sept | Swan | | Peter/Diana |
| 07Oct | Hughes/Lauchlan | Anne | Ros/David |
| 14Oct | Catchpole | Heather | Ros/David |
| 21Oct | Starke | | Dave/Al |
| 28Oct | Bailey | Anne | Dave/Al |
| 04Nov | Dixon | Heather | Barbara/Norman |

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**Bethlehem
Community
Church**

Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand

23rd September 2018

'The Spirit is willing but the body is weak'

Matthew 26v36-45

(Mark 14v32-42; Luke 22v39-46)

Comfort In A Time Of Crisis

Jesus often went to pray alone, but on this occasion sought the comfort of having his disciples near him v37&38

Fatigue And Failure

Peter, James and John were all fishermen, used to staying awake through the night for their profession, but they couldn't stay awake and be a comfort for Jesus. Though each had expressed their determination not to fail Jesus, their tiredness was too great 20v22; 26v33&35. Luke tells us that their fatigue was due to sorrow Luke 22v45

Spirit v Body

This weakness and failure is explained by Jesus words:

'The Spirit is willing, but the body is weak' v41

The disciples inability to pray would also explain their failure in the coming crisis by deserting Jesus.

Learning From The Past

Peter wrote of the importance of prayer, and of being ready in the midst of suffering, trials and danger.

*'The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded
and self-controlled so that you can pray'*

1 Peter 4v7

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"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

EVENTS & NOTICES

Today - AGM will be @ 11.30am after the service.
Grab a cuppa and come through into the church.

The Leadership Team of Elders are bringing the following nominations to be voted on:

Nomination for Elder: Jono Dixon - My name is Jonathan Dixon. I've lived in Tauranga since Feb 2017. I am passionate about seeking God and finding satisfaction in Him. I also have a passion for pointing people to how real and amazing God and Christianity are. I would find serving on the Leadership Team an exciting opportunity to support the leadership of the church and to collectively seek God's will on the next steps of the journey He wants to take us on.

Nomination for P&F: Ruth Scott - My name is Ruth Scott. I have lived in Tauranga since May 2017. I have a passion for process and order but love the flexibility that life encourages all to adapt to. I would love the opportunity to serve on the Property and Finance Committee, and see it as a new privilege to share the love of Christ.

Today - Kids Alive: 'Believe God's Word' with Karen and Coralee
Intermediates: 'Youth Alpha' with Joel and Ryan
Youth: with Trev

The Child Sponsor collection tins will come around during the offering today.
Operation Christmas Child boxes and pamphlets are available at the back of church for these life changing gifts. See Karen for more info.

Tonight - A Month of Sundays @ St Enochs Presbyterian Church.
'Standing in Awe' 7-8.30pm. Topic: "Beyond the Genesis Debate"
Speaker: Rev Mark Maney.

FRIDAY NIGHT HUB - 28th September - What's on?
'A Taste of Africa'

Please RSVP with numbers to Annette by Thursday

Phone/Txt: 021 050 7461 E-mail: annettejeffares@gmail.com

Donation box: To help cover running costs of the Hub there will be a donation box available
Suggested amount if coming for tea - \$5 per person \$10 per family

6.15pm: Boerwors rolls and salad, Milk Tart.

7.00pm: Movie: Story of an African Farm. Gumbo dancing.....

8.15pm: Ice-cream

Coming Up - 'Understanding Cultural Diversity Seminar'
Tues 2nd Oct, 7-9pm @ St Pauls in Katikati

In an increasingly multicultural society and church it is important to understand why we often see life and our world so differently. During the evening we will look at how we respond to cultural differences and in conclusion we will consider how our responses can better reflect who we are as created in the image of God.

Presenter: Dr Sheryl Takagi Silzer (a 3rd generation Japanese American who serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators). Admission: gold coin donation.

Restricted Construction Site All emergency exits will now be made from the front (Moffat Rd) of the church building. Please do not enter this area at all.

REGULAR SERVICES and EVENTS

First Sunday of the month // 9.30am Communion followed by coffee & tea.
Then prayer until 1pm.

All other Sundays // 9.30am followed by coffee & tea.

Second Thursday of the month // 10.45am Enliven Service in BCC Lounge.
Traditional hymns. All welcome.

Prayer Meetings // Sunday 9am (Small Meeting Room) & 1st Sunday of the month 11.45am-1pm (Church), Wednesday 8.45am - before Mainly Music (Small Meeting Room) & Thursday 7pm (Kids Alive Room). All welcome.

BCC MEETINGS

Property & Finance Team // Wed 10th Oct 2018, 5.15pm
Leadership Team // Wed 26th Sept 2018, 5.15pm

HOME GROUPS

Otumoetai - **Tues** - 7pm weekly - contact Trev & Cathy Kent 576 3007
Bethlehem Young Adults - **Tues** - 7.45pm weekly - contact Joel Meikle 021 0497283
Otumoetai - **Wed** - 1.30pm fortnightly - contact Ross Carter 576 5188
Home Group Co-ordinators - Trev and Cathy Kent - 576 3007

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer For the Persecuted www.opendoors.org.nz

Turkmenistan: Atheism, Islam And Christianity.

Turkmenistan has a majority Muslim population, but is also deeply rooted in atheism. There is no freedom of religion for Christians. The government is also one of the most restrictive in Central Asia. Christians are always being watched. Their Sunday services are raided and they are regularly interrogated and beaten. Except for the young indigenous church, overall the number of Christians in Turkmenistan is hardly growing. The Church in this country experiences division between denominations. Christians from a Muslim background are regularly pressured by their community to return to Islam. Around 60% of the population is unemployed and corruption is endemic. Their prisons and labour camps are overcrowded. Local schools run anti-Christian lessons. Christian children are isolated and humiliated in front of their class. If someone leaves Islam to follow Jesus it is highly likely that they will lose their inheritance. Pray for Christians to be fearless and bold in sharing the gospel. Pray that the church grows. Continue to uplift and pray for all those in our church family that you know are unwell or recovering. Remember the Prayer Chain if you need prayer. Continue to uplift and pray for the Leadership/Ministry/Vision & Outlook at BCC.

Mission Focus - Kevin and Jillian Connole, Musoma, Tanzania, East Africa.

Kevin and Jillian left NZ almost a year ago to join with Wycliffe Bible Translators where Jillian is using her languages skills in this area and Kevin is helping out in all manner of needs (admin, finance, plumbing, vehicle and solar maintenance etc).

- ◆ Praise God we have our drivers permits.
- ◆ Pray we will maintain flexible attitudes and serve joyfully in the midst of the changes around us. A new Team Leader begins next month, who will be Kevin's direct supervisor.
- ◆ Continue to pray for our work colleagues who are waiting to receive their work permits. New members, who planned to arrive in July are still waiting in their home countries...