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## ROSTERS

DATE	TEA/COFFEE	FLOWERS	DOOR/COLLECTION
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
11Nov	Swan		Barbara/Norman

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**Bethlehem  
Community  
Church**

Presbyterian Church of  
Aotearoa New Zealand

## 30th September 2018

**'Getting it Wrong....Again!'**

Matthew 26v47-56; Mark 14v43-50; Luke 22v47-53; John 18v1-14

**What did Peter get wrong, and why?**

*'Peter made every mistake possible'* Brian Bell

What he did was a result of his prayerlessness Matt 26v41

**Wrong Enemy** – Malchus was merely a servant!

**Wrong Weapon** – if he'd prayed he'd have done the right thing.  
Jesus only needed to speak and the mob fell back John 18v6; with a word  
72 000 angels would be at his bidding Matthew 26v53.  
Jesus however would fulfil his purpose, and 'drink the cup of suffering'.

**Wrong action** – Impulsive, incompetent and inappropriate

*'When a man unsheathes his sword, and aims at a mans head,  
and only gets his ear, it is a poor business.'* G Campbell Morgan

**Wrong outcome** – Violence didn't help, and then Peter along with the other  
disciples deserted Jesus.

*'Peter had forgotten that: It was God's purpose that Jesus should die;  
that Jesus was not without God's protection; and forgotten that  
violence always breeds violence and rarely proves anything.'* M Green

**Jesus** redeemed the situation by healing Malchus; his last healing miracle.

**Know your enemy, your weapons, and pray**

Our battle is not against flesh and blood, and our weapons and armour are  
spiritual. We have 'weapons of righteousness', and we do not wage war as  
the world does 2Corinthians 6v7; 10v3-5. We need to wear the whole armour  
of God, doing all things with prayer Ephesians 6v14-18.

Ian

**"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"**



## **EVENTS & NOTICES**

**Today** - We will be ordaining Jono Dixon as an Elder and commissioning Ruth Scott to serve on the Property and Finance Committee.

### **Sunday morning look through and writing on the wall frames -**

After the service today we will again have access into the new building. Health and Safety processes will need to be adhered to.

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

**Tonight - A Month of Sundays @ St Enochs Presbyterian Church.**  
**'Standing in Awe' 7-8.30pm.** Topic: "God and the Expanse". A glimpse into the vast expanse of the universe. Exploding some Sci-Fi myths.  
Speaker: Rev Jim Wallace.

### **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.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT HUB - What's on?** **School Holidays**

**Fri 5th Oct** - No Hub

**Fri 12th Oct** - Movie Night with BYO dinner. Movie to be decided.

**Bible Lands Pilgrimage - Sept-Oct 2019. 22 days ex Tel Aviv.** Estimated cost \$8000pp. Led by Rev Phillip Donnell in association with tour agencies in Israel and Jordan. For more information/contact details please see the notice board.

**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 24th Oct 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](http://www.opendoors.org.nz)

### **Laos: Communist And Anti-Christian.**

Laos is one of the last five communist countries in the world. Christianity is seen as a threat. If a Christian won't deny Jesus and become Buddhist, they experience physical violence and discrimination. Persecution can be so intense; some believers are forced to flee and live in the jungle. Half of the Christian population in Laos do not have a Bible translated in their local language. This makes attending church a crucial part of learning the Word of God. However, going to church attracts trouble. Many services are monitored and regularly disrupted. Local communities won't allow churches to be built. House churches are also completely illegal. Christian students are forced to attend Buddhist temple rituals. In rural parts of the country, many people also practice tribal rituals. They believe Christianity will anger the spirits and must be eliminated. Despite all of this, the church in Laos is growing. Pray Christians can have access to the Word of God and be part of their local church.

- 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 Connoles, 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).

- ◆ 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...