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ROSTERS

DATE	TEA/COFFEE	FLOWERS	DOOR/COLLECTION
12Nov	Swan	Heather H	Jean/Esme
19Nov	Hughes/Lauchlan	Carolyn	Jean/Esme
26Nov	Whimp	Anne G	Barbara/Norman
03Dec	Catchpole	Heather	Barbara/Norman
10Dec	Bailey	Carolyn	Ros/David
17Dec	Starke	Anne G	Ros/David
24Dec	Dixon	Heather	Dave/Al

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**Bethlehem
Community
Church**

Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand

12th November 2017

'The Way of The Cross' 2

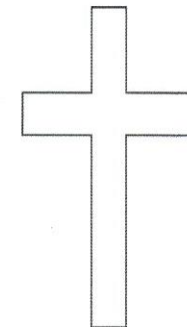
*'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.' Mark 8v34-38*

The Message of The Cross

It's not just the method of Christ's death that is significant, it's what his death achieved, forgiveness, reconciliation and more; that is important to communicate and understand.

1Cor1v18-25, 2v1-5

The clarity of the gospel message should not be obscured by fancy words, Paul makes this clear twice 1v17&2v1. Though a 'stumbling block' and 'foolishness' 1v23, it is the power of God on which our faith rests 1v24; 2v5. And human wisdom is no match for God's power 1v19. This is not anti-education, learning or understanding. We should be committed to growing in our knowledge and understanding of God's word.



Believers and the cross – God's power at work

Crucified with Christ – Gal 2v19-21

Jesus fulfilled the demands of the law, by being condemned by the law ('cursed', Deuteronomy 21v22&23) and became our righteousness (1Cor1v30 & Romans 6).

Crucified to the world Gal 6v12-15

'The cross of Christ crucifies Christians to the world, by inspiring them with such principles and leading them to a course of life which renders them in the eyes of the world as contemptible, and as unfit for their purposes as if they were crucified and dead' MacKnight

The Cross does what the Law couldn't do – It's spiritual, with physical consequences! **'what counts is a new creation' v15**

Ian

"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

EVENTS & NOTICES

Congregational Meeting - Sunday 12th November 2017

After the service today we shall be having a Congregational Meeting to decide on a motion to build both the **Auditorium and The Family Building**. Full details and wording of the motion are available today.

Enliven Service - Thurs 16th Nov, 10.45am @ Church Lounge

A short Service with Traditional Hymns. All Welcome.

Kids Alive - 'Building God's Church'

Intermediates - with Joel and Tony W

Youth - with Trev

Sponsor child collection will happen next Sunday

FRIDAY NIGHT HUB - 17th November - What's on?

6.15 pm Hub Tea: Frankfurters or BBQ sausages

RSVP with numbers to Jacqui BY THURSDAY

Tel: 548 2158 Txt: 021 1163 012 E-mail: jacquipittendreigh@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

7.00 pm Group Activities

- Discover your spiritual gift - Network Course

- Workshop: Basics of First Aid and CPR with Heather Hockings

- Outdoor games

Also: 'The Lounge' - An opportunity to spend time with others and catch up - board games, jigsaws, cards, table tennis, pool etc available or bring your own favourites

8.15 pm Ice-cream!

TECT Grant

We thank God for the generous grant of **\$50000** from TECT that we received notification of on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for guidance as we continue to have decisions to make regarding the building process.



Tauranga Housing Advocacy Trust (THAS) run a free drop in clinic for people with housing & housing related legal issues on Thursdays 5.30-7.30pm @ Baywide Community Law Offices, 63 Willow St. The service is run by trained volunteers and they are currently seeking more volunteers. There will be an orientation session for interested volunteers on Wed 22nd Nov, 6-9pm.

For more info please phone Val 021 996 373 or email housingadvocacy@baywidecl.org.nz

St Enochs Church - Movie Fundraiser - "WONDER". Thurs Nov 23rd, 5.30pm @ Rialto Theatre. \$20pp (includes nibbles beforehand). To raise money for the Youth Ministry of the church. Please help us sell tickets by asking friends and family to come along and support us. **Phone 578 3040 for tickets.**

REGULAR SERVICES and EVENTS

First Sunday of the month // 9.30am Communion followed by coffee & tea.
Then prayer 11.45am-1pm.

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

Second or Third 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 11.30am-1pm (Church), Wednesday 8.45am - before Mainly Music (Small Meeting Room) & Thursday 7pm (Kids Alive Room). All welcome.

BCC MEETINGS

Property & Finance Team // Wed 13th Dec 2017, 5.15pm

Leadership Team // Wed 22nd Nov 2017, 5.15pm

HOME GROUPS

Otumoetai - Tues - 7pm weekly - contact Trev & Cathy Kent 576 3007

Otumoetai - Wed - 1.30pm fortnightly - contact Ross Carter 576 5188

Bethlehem - Wed - 7pm weekly Joshua/Caleb Group - contact Norman 027 533 4127

Home Group Co-ordinators - Trev and Cathy Kent - 576 3007

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Thank you God for Ian's progress so far. Continue to pray for a full recovery.
- Continue to uplift and pray for all those in our church family that you know are unwell or recovering. Remember the Prayer Chain/Meetings if you need prayer.
- Continue to uplift and pray for the Leadership/Ministry/Vision & Outlook at BCC.

MISSION FOCUS

Rajesh & Babita - Nepal

Rajesh and Babita run a Church and a Children's Home. Their love of God and passion for the community means they are constantly looking for new ways they can support the community around them. They take in many unwanted children and share Gods love with them and offer a loving and nurturing environment.

Prayer Points:

- For salvations for their Church.
- For spiritual revival and growth of Nepalese people.
- For two new orphans from a remote village joining the Children's Home.
- For new government registration of their Children's Home. Pray the process will be fast and without trouble.