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ROSTERS

DATE	TEA/COFFEE	FLOWERS	DOOR/COLLECTION
17Dec	Dixon	Anne G	Ros/David
24Dec	Bailey	Heather	Dave/Al
31Dec	Swan	Carolyn	Dave/Al
07Jan	Hughes/Lauchlan	Anne G	Jean/Esme
14Jan	Starke	Heather	Jean/Esme
21Jan	Catchpole	Carolyn	Barbara/Norman
28Jan	Bailey	Anne G	Barbara/Norman

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**Bethlehem
Community
Church**

Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand

17th December 2017

'Blessed For Believing' Luke 1v39-55 Mary and Elizabeth

*'Blessed is she who has believed that what
the Lord has said to her will be accomplished' v45*



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

EVENTS & NOTICES

Christmas Services @ BCC

Sunday 24th Dec - normal Sunday morning service @ 9.30am.
There will be no Christmas Eve service. Please feel free to join St Peters in the City @ 7pm or St Enoch's @ 11.30pm.

Monday 25th Dec - No service. Please feel free to join with St Peters in the City @ 9am or St Enoch's @ 9.30am.

TODAY the collection tins for our World Vision and Child Fund sponsor children will be coming around.

Kids Alive - Christmas - with Karen

Intermediates and Youth - will stay in church over the holidays

Creche - in the lounge today with Rosa

No Creche between the 24th December and 28th January. Toys will still be available in the lounge for toddlers/babies and their caregivers.

Enliven Service - There will be no Enliven Service this week. Enliven have another programme booked for Thursday.

The last newsletter for 2017 will be Sunday 24th Dec. The first newsletter for 2018 will be Sunday 4th Feb.

The Op Shop will be closed on Thurs 21st Dec and re open on Mon 22nd Jan 2018.

Jill's last day in the office for 2017 will be Friday 22nd Dec. The office will re open on Tuesday 23rd Jan 2018. Ian will still be around over this time.

Next Sunday, as well as the last Sunday newsletter for 2017, you will receive a generic summer newsletter that will have the duty rosters and preaching on it for Dec/Jan/Feb.

The Justice of the Peace Service held at BCC has now finished for 2017. They will recommence on Friday 26th Jan 2018. Please consult your phone directory or internet if you need a JP over summer.

Road to Bethlehem - Sun 17th– Wed 20th Dec @ Tauranga Adventist School, 19 Moffat Road.

You will need to book a ticket (for time and day).

This is always worth visiting especially if you have never been before.

Music Roster - The latest roster for Dec/Jan is out. Please see Heather if you have not received one or there is one on the wall in Jill's office.

Homes of Hope Charitable Trust - House parents needed to join our passionate and dynamic team in providing foster care in one of our family homes in Tauranga. Please see the notice board for more details.

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 14th Feb 2018, 5.15pm

Leadership Team // Wed 28th Feb 2018, 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

- Please pray for our Building Consents that are before the council now.
- Pray for **Norman Sutton** as he recovers physically, and emotionally from his accident, that he'll be patient, and get back to 100%. Pray for Barbara as she cares for him.
- 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

Kevin & Jillian Connole - Tanzania

Kevin and Jillian will be based in Musoma in NW Tanzania. Jillian will be involved in the vital task of Bible Translation and Kevin will contribute with the many practical skills he has. They leave NZ on Christmas Eve after a family celebration with their children and grandchildren.

Some prayer points:

- Thanks for them being granted resident and work permits.
- Praise God for the blessing of sufficient money to cover set up costs. Our pledged regular support is around 70%. Pray for all our needs to be met.
- Pray we do not overlook any essential details as we prepare to leave.
- Pray for opportunities and quality family time over the coming weeks, filling our emotional tanks for the time ahead...

If you want to support Kevin & Jillian financially it must be done through Wycliffe Bible Translators NZ. Phone: 0508 992 543 (toll free) or admin@wycliffenz.org