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ROSTERS

DATE	TEA/COFFEE	FLOWERS	DOOR/COLLECTION
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
04Feb	Dixon	Heather	Ros/David

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**Bethlehem
Community
Church**

Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand

24th December 2017

'Blinded by the darkness or walking in the light?' 1John1v1-10 & 2v11

1 PROPHECY CANDLE – Hope

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14, NIV)



2 BETHLEHEM CANDLE - Love

'This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' (Luke 2:12, NIV)

3 SHEPHERDS CANDLE - Joy

'And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" (Luke 2:8–11, NIV)

4 ANGELS CANDLE - Peace

'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." (Luke 2:13–14, NIV)

5 CHRIST CANDLE – Purity, holiness, light, life

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18, NIV)

'Blinded by the darkness or walking in the light?' 1John1v1-10 & 2v11

◇ How do you know someone is real or not? v1-3

◇ How can you be 'blinded by the darkness'? 1Jn2v11

◇ There's an alternative: 'Walking in the light' v5-10



"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

EVENTS & NOTICES

Christmas Services @ BCC

We will not be having a Christmas Eve service this year. 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.

Building Update

What an encouraging week we've had! The generous donations amounting to \$50 000, then receiving permission from The Church Property Trustees and Presbytery for our loan to build both the auditorium and family building. Thank God for his faithfulness, and thank you for the generous donations and prayers.

Main kitchen 'spring clean' - if you feel you would like to do this (while all our facility users are away) please liaise with Ian for a time and day to come in. General cleaning of the shelves and cupboards. Probably 2 hours work for 2 or 3 people. Needs to be **done before Mon 15th Jan**.

Lounge carpet cleaning - This will be done on **Tues 9th Jan**. We will ask that all the lounge furniture (except pool table, piano and TV) be moved into the church after church on **Sun 7th Jan**. This will make the lounge and church unavailable for 3 days while the furniture is moved and the carpet is drying.

Alarm Call Outs - After many years Jill and Russ have retired from being first point of contact for call outs to alarms/open doors and windows etc. These will now be attended in the first instance by Watchdog Security BUT this will involve a cost to the church. Please **take care** when entering and exiting the building and using your alarm code. Also be aware of other people in the buildings before you set alarms. Remember **to never** give your individual alarm code out to anyone else. For insurance purposes the building must be kept secure at all times. If you need refresher courses on using the alarm system please see Jill or Russ.

The first newsletter for 2018 will be Sunday 4th Feb.

The Op Shop will reopen on Mon 22nd Jan 2018.

The office will reopen on Tues 23rd Jan 2018. Ian will still be around over this time.

The Justice of the Peace Service will recommence on Friday 26th Jan 2018. Please consult your phone directory or internet if you need a JP over summer.

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

- **Freda Pott** - Pray for her heart beat to be regular so she can begin recovery, pray that Dave and the family will know God's strength and peace.
- **Norman Sutton** pray for full recovery 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 if you need prayer.
- Continue to uplift and pray for the Leadership/Ministry/Vision & Outlook at BCC.
- Please pray for our Building Consents that are before the council now.

MISSION FOCUS

Kevin & Jillian Connoles - 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:

- ⇒ 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