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ROSTERS

DATE	TEA/COFFEE	FLOWERS	DOOR/COLLECTION
26Aug	Hughes/Lauchlan	Anne	Dave/Al
02Sept	Catchpole	Heather	Barbara/Norman
09Sept	Starke		Barbara/Norman
16Sept	Bailey	Anne	
23Sept	Dixon	Heather	Peter/Diana
30Sept	Swan		Peter/Diana
07Oct	Hughes/Lauchlan	Anne	Ros/David

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**Bethlehem
Community
Church**

Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand

26th August 2018

'Forgiveness' Matthew 18v21-35

This is another discourse found only in Matthew's Gospel.

The freeing power of forgiveness

'The Christian life is born in forgiveness, and it must characterize us all the way through our relationships.' M Green

Peter's question is not unreasonable - 'How many times?'
Rabbi's taught that you should forgive up to 3 times, but not a fourth!

7 is a number of perfection or completeness. The principle is to forgive, then to forgive again Luke 17v3&4

The Parable v23-34 emphasizes unlimited forgiveness.

The freeing power of forgiveness v23-27

When you are on the receiving end of forgiveness for a debt you could never repay (in this parable millions of dollars).

The destructive power of un-forgiveness v28-34

We see in the parable how un-forgiveness is destructive to the victim, but even more to the person who does not forgive.

The freeing power of forgiveness v35

When you are the one who forgives you are acting like Jesus, who taught us to pray forgiveness, and to ask for forgiveness Matthew 6v12, 14&15.

'Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins'
1 Peter 4v8

Ian

"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

EVENTS & NOTICES

Intercessory Prayer: Would you be willing to lead prayers in the service focusing on needs in wider society, nation and world? Please contact Ian if you are interested in being part of this important prayer ministry.

Today - Kids Alive: 'Friends' with Anne, Al and Jasmin
Intermediates: stay in the service
Youth: with Trev

SPONSOR CHILD TINS - have your coins ready @ the offering time for the sponsor children collection.

FRIDAY NIGHT HUB - 31st August - What's on?

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 Bevan and Sonita are cooking a range of Asian food for us (based on past experience it will be amazing!)

7.00pm Rotary Community Event:

Bevan has invited members of his Otumoetai Rotary Group to join us for the evening, maybe up to 30 people! This is a great opportunity to show them some Hub hospitality.

8.15pm Ice-cream

Today - there will be a clipboard coming around for you to tick either email or paper copy for your preferred option of receiving the AGM Reports. These will be ready on Sunday 9th Sept.

AGM Meeting will be @ 11.30am on Sunday 23rd Sept

Farewell Dinner - Open Invitation - All Welcome
Saturday 8th September 5pm @ BCC

Our Vanuatu friends fly home on Sept 19th after 6 months here working hard. We are holding a farewell dinner to say goodbye and God Bless. Everyone is invited to join the **'bring and share' meal. Could you please bring a large meat dish to share.** Rice, potatoes and salads will be provided. **Please RSVP to Claire, 027 7247414 by Wed 5th Sept.**

Coming Up - A Month of Sundays @ St Enoch's Presbyterian Church. 'Standing in Awe' Starting Sun 9th Sept 7-8.30pm. Topic: "What is it that breathes fire into the equations and makes a universe for them to describe?" Stephen Hawking. **Speaker: Prof Jeff Tallon**

Tithing - If you would like to receive the donation refund tax from the IRD (for the year April to March) please see Tony Wakefield for envelopes or Jill (in the office) for internet tithing so we can give you a BCC tithing number and can then issue you a tithing receipt in April.

The Connole Connection - Kevin and Jillian's latest newsletter from Tanzania is on 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 12th Sept 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

Syria: Half the Christian population have fled.

The Church in Syria has been around since the times of the New Testament. Christians today live in the midst of a complex civil war. Violence and persecution can come from extremist groups and families of Christian converts. Since 2011, over half of the Christian population have fled the country. Churches in Syria have been targeted by extremists and pastors have been kidnapped. For Christians living in rebel-held territory, the risk of persecution and violence is very high. Even faced with this threat, many Christians have chosen to stay.

Open Doors is supporting local pastors as their congregations stay and serve the community. Thousands of Syrians in urgent need have found practical and spiritual support from local churches. Muslims are coming to know Christ in Syria, and so are Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Reaching out with practical support to Muslims and inviting them to church has seen many come to faith. Other Muslims have had dreams and visions about a man in white – Jesus. Pray for God to restore peace as the people have suffered so much from the war. Pray for God to continue to provide for the many displaced people and refugees from Syria. Pray for the church to remain encouraged and strengthened to stay and share the gospel.

- 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 - Good Neighbour Trust - Tauranga www.goodneighbour.co.nz
"Helping Neighbours Transform Their Communities"

Good Neighbour Trust wants to make a genuine difference in our community in 3 ways.

- Neighbourhood Projects - backyard blitzes, meals, firewood, community clean ups.
- Food Rescue - Collecting and sorting food for frontline community organizations.
- Community Gardens - Building gardens & teaching others how to grow food and friendship.