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ROSTERS

DATE	TEA/COFFEE	FLOWERS	DOOR/COLLECTION
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
31Dec	Swan	Carolyn	Dave/Al
07Jan	Hughes/Lauchlan	Anne G	Jean/Esme

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**Bethlehem
Community
Church**

Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand

26th November 2017

'The Value Of Small Things' Matthew 25v31-46

What this passage tells us about ourselves (J Stott)

- I am accountable, free to live as I choose, but I have to give account one day
- Judgement awaits everyone, no exceptions, favouritism or excuses, and totally fair.
- We are not all headed in the same direction 'on different roads' - it is possible to be utterly lost.
- The heart of Christianity is a relationship with Jesus.

What this passage tells us about Jesus

- Jesus has already come once and identified with humanity (v35&36, 42&43)
- Jesus The Son of Man will return in glory v31
- Jesus is The King enthroned in glory v31&34; Matt 16v27
- Jesus will judge us

What this passage tells us about judgement

The separation is of individuals not nations, people from all nations will be on both the right and the left. The sheep on the favoured right hand side, the goats on the unfavoured left.

The goats are cursed for what they did not do!

The sheep are blessed for what they did – 'unobtrusive, self sacrificing service.' (R. Tasker) Notice how simple the things spoken of being done are. We tend to celebrate 'grand gestures' Jesus celebrates **the value of small things**.

Is this salvation by works?

In short the answer to that is an emphatic no! But faith without works is dead James 2v14-19. Works are evidence of what you truly believe; and if you are a true follower of Jesus Ephesians 2v8-10.

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"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

EVENTS & NOTICES

Building a Future

At the Congregational Meeting on 12th November the following motion was resoundingly carried:

"That BCC undertake the construction of the Auditorium, Canopy and Family Building (to shell stage) at a cost of approximately \$932,500 + GST; and to borrow the outstanding balance of the Building Fund from Christian Savings for a term not longer than 15 years".

The Leadership Team met this past week and proposed that in the New Year, once building has started, the congregation will be asked to consider (or reconsider) if they are able to contribute further gifts or further pledges to the building fund. If you have any thoughts or ideas in this regard, please discuss it with one of the Elders.

KIDS ALIVE - "Building God's Church" with Anne and Al

INTERMEDIATES - with Neal and Jono

YOUTH - discussion with Trev

CRECHE - Creche is a vital ministry to an intergenerational church. If we desire to see families come and be a part of the church we need to cater to them. Currently our roster has more gaps than spaces filled. Please contact Karen for more info.

FRIDAY NIGHT HUB - 1st December - What's on?

6.15 pm Hub Tea: Roast Ham and Salad Rolls

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

- **Survey: Hub 2018? - Further feedback opportunity**

- **Outdoor Games**

- **Christmas play** - informal run through of lines with available actors

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!

Advance notice - 8th December - Op Shop Fashion Show Challenge

Participants (teams of 2 or 3) needed

Prize will be a \$25 Op Shop voucher

Contact Jacqui for full details!

Christmas Play rehearsal dates

Friday 1st Dec - informal run through of lines with available actors

Sunday 3rd Dec - after church

Saturday 9th Dec - 10.00 am Dress rehearsal

Food Parcels

If you or someone you know has a need in this area please speak to Karen or Jill.
We have a good stock in the cupboard at present and love to give it away.

Job Vacancy

Part time Administrative Support and Events Coordinator needed for Thinking Matters a local evangelical Christian organisation. 15 hours per week during school hours suitable for back-to-work parent.

More details at www.thinkingmatters.org.nz/employment

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 13th Dec 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

- 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 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:

- ⇒ 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