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ROSTERS

DATE	TEA/COFFEE	FLOWERS	DOOR/COLLECTION
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
14Oct	Catchpole	Heather	Ros/David

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**Bethlehem
Community
Church**

Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand

2nd September 2018

***'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'***

Matthew 26v28

What happens when our sins are forgiven?

They go out!

Out of sight: Isaiah 38v17

Out of mind: Isaiah 43v25

Out of existence: Isaiah 44v22

It's all from God: Romans 5v6-8



***'But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us'***

Romans 5v8

Ian

"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

EVENTS & NOTICES

Today we welcome Yvonne, Nate, Ryan, Jaedyn, Victoria, Meg and Holly from Capernwray Bible School in Cambridge. They will be with us for a week sharing in a variety of activities and ministries.

Next Sunday - 9th Sept - We will have a shared Sandwich Sunday lunch after the service. Bread and rolls will be provided if you can bring sandwich fillings! **Please let Pauline Ackerley; Claire Whimp or Anne Gourley know what you can bring.**

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

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: with Anne, Al and Jasmin
Intermediates: stay in the service
Youth: stay in the service

FRIDAY NIGHT HUB - 7th September - 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: Abdullah and his friend have kindly offered to cook a mix of Saudi Arabian and Indian food.

7.00pm: Students from the Capernwray Bible School have organised a Family Fun Night for us.

8.15pm Ice-cream

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 Enochs 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**

Coming Up - Thinking Matters "The Forge". Wed 19th Sept, 7-9pm @ BCC
Speaker: Brett Kunkle. "A Practical Guide to Culture - Helping the Next Generation Navigate Today's World". Free event. A koha/donation will be taken.

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

Uzbekistan: Trapped And Intimidated

In Uzbekistan, a Christian can be fined just for having Christian songs on their Smartphone. Christians are regularly dragged into police stations and intimidated. If their faith is discovered at work, they can be fired on the spot. Even if they want to escape, Christians need an exit visa, which they are rarely granted. In Uzbekistan, churches must register in order to run. For the past 16 years, not a single new church has received registration. Christian gatherings are raided and believers are detained. As punishment for meeting illegally, churches receive hefty fines. It's also common for Christians to serve short sentences in jail. Those who leave Islam to follow Jesus usually experience the worst persecution. They're pressured by the state and their own families to deny their faith. Their conversion is seen as shameful and a sign of dishonour. Neighbours report Christians if they catch them worshipping or reading the Bible at home. Many are placed under house arrest until they give up on God.

- 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 - Jason and Andrea Cobb, Orissa, India. The Life Foundation.

The Life Foundation runs a residential Children's Home on the outskirts of Jeypore township for orphaned, abandoned and underprivileged children. Last year we achieved accreditation by Govt officials and they have started to support us in the form of subsidised rice supplies. But we also had an influx of needy children from ghastly situations which created a number of stress points with court appearances to secure these children's future. To see children thrive in a loving and secure environment and reach towards their potential is thrilling. Please continue to pray for Jason and Andrea and the many helpers who give so much of themselves to all the children in their care. You can donate through your tithing towards this mission. Just make sure it is clearly marked for Jason and Andrea Cobb.