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ROSTERS

DATE	TEA/COFFEE	FLOWERS	DOOR/COLLECTION
08Oct	Starke	Carolyn	Barbara/Norman
15Oct	Catchpole	Anne G	Ros/David
22Oct	Bailey	Heather H	Ros/David
29Oct	Starke	Carolyn	Dave/Al
05Nov	Dixon	Anne G	Dave/Al
12Nov	Swan	Heather H	Jean/Esme
19Nov	Hughes/Lauchlan	Carolyn	Jean/Esme

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**Bethlehem
Community
Church**

Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand

8th October 2017

Suffering and Evil:

*In the face of overwhelming news, we want to know what happened, and when. We want to know who did it. The attack was deadly, diabolical, premeditated. But the facts of who and what and where and how, point to the even more difficult question — **why?***

Why would anyone kill a fellow human being? Why launch an ambush massacre upon concert goers? Why premeditate a mass killing? Our minds crave an answer.

***Why do we ask why?** We cannot help but ask **why** because, made in God's image, we are moral creatures who cannot grasp or understand the world around us without moral categories. We are moral creatures inhabiting a moral universe and our moral sense of meaning is the faculty most perplexed when overwhelmed by horror and grief. We really do not fully understand this, nor countless other outbreaks of evil around the world.*

One of the main theological insights about evil is that it is so often absurd. It is ultimately inexplicable, unfathomable, and cannot be resolved by human means.

The Gospel of Christ points us to the only way of rescue from the fact of our own evil and guilt.

Our hearts break for the families and communities now grieving, and we pray for them and for those even now fighting for life.

No one can deny that the horror of acts that are evil, pure evil, and evil as a fact.

I think of the Prophet Isaiah's words: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light, and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." Isaiah 5:20 ESV

Adapted from an article by Albert Mohler

www.albertmohler.com/2017/10/02/act-pure-evil-searching-meaning-las-vegas

"To Know Jesus And To Make Him Known"

EVENTS & NOTICES

Next weeks speaker will be - Rodney Lake from 'Thinking Matters'

TODAY is Soup Sunday. Please stay after church and join in for some great fellowship and excellent food if you are able. **Visitors are most welcome.**

The funeral for **Milton Smardon** is being held here tomorrow @ 11am.

Enliven Service - This **Thurs 12th Oct, 10.45am @ BCC Lounge**. Traditional hymns and a short service. All welcome.

New Telephone Directory - These are now in your pigeon hole. Blue cover. Jill has a few spares if you need another one.

Kids Alive - Jesus loves the sick
Intermediates and Youth - stay in church

Friday Night Hub - What's on in the school holidays?

Friday 13th October - Movie Night - **Bring your own food or takeaway**

ADVANCE NOTICE: Discover your spiritual gift - Network Course

If you missed out last time and would be interested in us running this course again please let myself or Trev know ASAP

IMPORTANT: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

ETC Electrical Solutions Ltd has kindly offered to donate the cost of postage of up to 50 boxes. Meaning you no longer need to include the cost of postage with your shoebox. Thank You ETC!

Kevin and Jillian Connole 'Mara Project'

All financial support must be done through the Wycliffe NZ office: Wycliffe Bible Translators NZ, PO Box 276005, Manukau City, Auckland 2241; ph 09 262 8440; email: admin@wycliffenz.org; website: www.wycliffenz.org

Legacy Trust Application - Our application has been successful and we have been granted \$6000 towards carpeting for our new building project. We are very grateful for this generous grant and wish to acknowledge Legacy Trust for all the wonderful work they do within the community. Please check out their website www.legacytrust.org.nz



NCEA & University Exams: BCC is a 'praying church' and if you would like to be covered in prayer for your exams please pass on the following information to Julie Swan, 578 7350, julie@teamswan.co.nz so she can co ordinate a time table of prayer covering for you. Students name, Subject, Date and either am/ pm, NCEA Level etc / University & Year. Let Julie know if you are sitting exams through other institutions as well.

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 11th Oct 2017, 5.15pm

Leadership Team // Wed 25th Oct 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

- Continue to pray for a speedy and successful recovery for Ian.
- Pray for God's favour to be upon the grant application we have submitted to TECT. The TECT Board meet on 24th October to consider the request.
- 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

World Vision and Child Fund Sponsorship:

Please pray for our Sponsor Child Exilda from Zambia and Rani from India and their families;

- to have all their needs supplied
- to know Jesus and make Him known
- for God to supply World Vision and Child Fund with adequate resources to meet the humanitarian crisis they face.