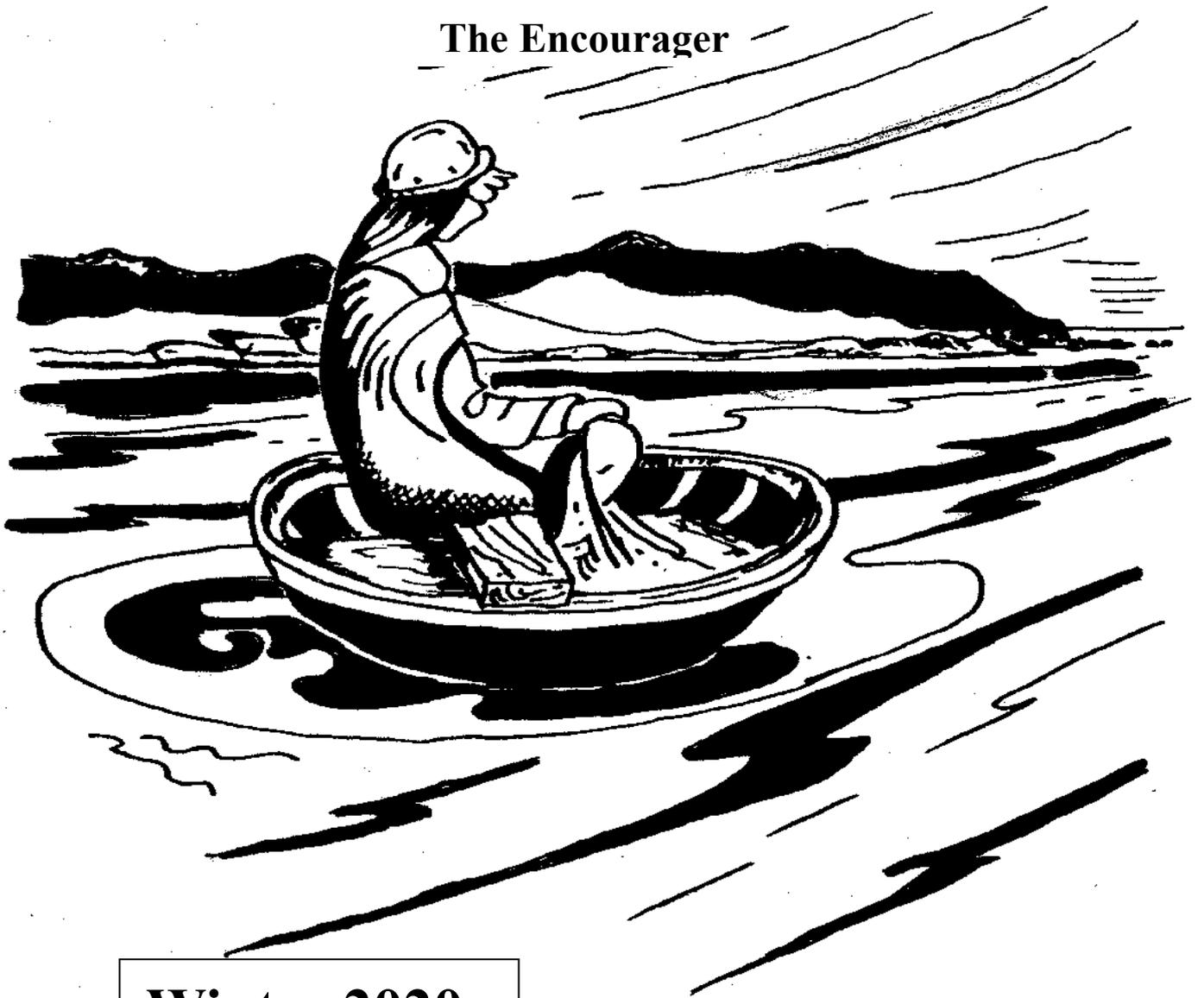


St. Enoch's Church Community

Manawa

The Encourager



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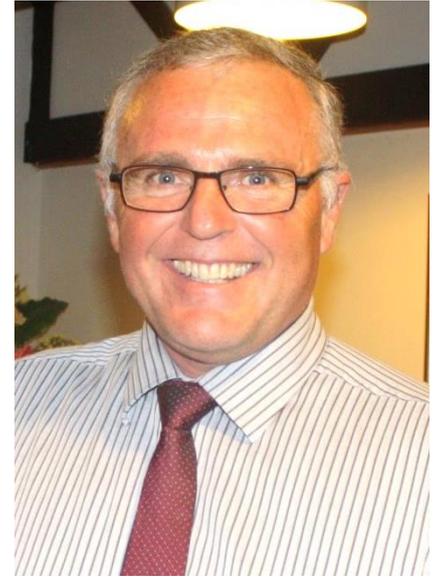
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Winter for many came early this year. On Friday 20 March 2020 winter arrived for the over 70's. They had to stay in their homes, get people to do their shopping for them and maintain physical distancing from all people. Thursday 26 March winter arrived for many people who went into a bubble of one or those going into a bubble filled with tension, challenges and conflict; for business owners; for people losing their income; for those overwhelmed by anxiety and fear; and in a sense for our country.



On Friday, 20 March 2020, I also thought winter has arrived for the church. Mass gatherings of more than 100 people were banned, and physical distancing was required. Most of my arrangements for that Sunday's service were voided. But I realised that I did not have to change the Scripture reading and message – God knew what was coming. A very emotional, yet meaningful service with less than half the congregation in attendance was held on Sunday 22 March. Everybody suspected that it would be our last service for a long while. I will never forget that service.

Since then, I have learned that winter has not arrived for the Church and St. Enoch's as part of the Church of Jesus Christ, the Body. God's church does not need buildings or even services to be church. Being church is about relationships and commitment. It is about God working in ways we have not imagined. It is about the Holy Spirit guiding, comforting, and inspiring us. By the grace of God, our church became stronger in many ways.

I understand better why Paul was so upset with the church in Corinth about their lack of maturity in faith. He said he could not talk to them as to spiritual people. "I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger." (1Co 3:1-2) It is crucial that we grow our faith so that we can maintain our relationship with God and continue our walk of faith when, for whatever reason, we become isolated from our faith community.

The logical question is then: “What does a mature faith look like”?

A person with a mature faith:

- grow their relationship with God
- maintain a healthy prayer life and other spiritual disciplines
- read, study, and interpret the Bible responsibly
- live a God honouring life
- can comfortably and confidently explain and share their faith with others
- in the name of Jesus Christ love and serve fellow Christians and other people (share God’s love)

God has always called his people to be part of a fellowship to grow and nurture their faith within a loving context where we are also held accountable. I now have a renewed appreciation of the vital role our corporate worship and fellowship plays in the life of the church.

Friends, “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:23-25)

To God be all glory.

Jaco

There was a young man named Samson

So tall and strong and handsome

He had a hair-styler

Her name was Delilah

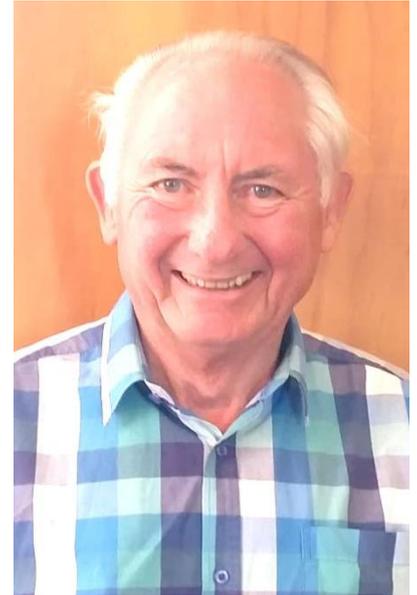
But she sold him out for a ransom

Warren Wilson

SESSION REPORT

Dear friends.

While the wheels of industry have almost ground to a halt, our St Enoch's family have stayed strong and connected. At the time of writing, (12/4/20) N.Z. is halfway through compulsory restrictions due to the Covid 19 virus. Many families throughout this country and around the world will have been suffering in so many ways. We can be thankful that as a family of God, we can stay connected and those of us who are able, are willing to help



those who are more restricted. This is an unprecedented time in our history and it has meant we all have had to make big changes to our lives including some of your Session learning how to have meetings on Zoom! At this point there is no formal business to report apart from assuring you that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. 14th April and we are reminded by Jacinda that we are still coming round the bend, but can't see the finish line yet. It is still a time for self-discipline no matter what we would rather be doing. By the numbers, we are doing well but we want to stay strong, the finish line is almost in sight.

It is now 6 May and we are down to level 3. For some of us, little changes but for others, there is a breath of life coming into the financial economy. We want to thank the Pastoral team, the Pastoral group leaders and others of you, who have been a great blessing and been so proactive in keeping in touch with everyone. On your behalf, I want to thank Jaco who has worked tirelessly to keep us all spiritually fed with on line services, Bible studies and up to date with each other's needs. It is worth noting that with Jaco's services going on to YouTube, it has increased the availability and possible audience world-wide! Anel too has been such a blessing to so many, exposing herself and her family to risk of sickness as she continues to minister through this crisis

to those with medical complaints. There are others, Marcel Hediger at the Tauranga Hospital, who had a staff member test positive, and so many others who have worked tirelessly to help those in need. Our administrator, Marie needs a big thank you. After moving the church office to her home, she has continued to keep the channels of church business open and active, always with a smile. Brilliant effort!

May our loving heavenly father continue to richly bless you all.

Philip P temple
Session Clerk

Thank you St Enoch's

What an amazing family we have. Over the past 6 weeks we have had to operate in a way that was totally different to how we usually come together

Love and care for each other from a distance

Just because we can't come together doesn't mean we can't enjoy fellowship.

Send people regular messages, give them a call.

Virtual fellowship and celebrate communion together.

We will appreciate each other when we can get back together.

Maybe we took it for granted when we will now realise how important church is to us and appreciate it all the more.

Sharing love with all the

members of the church

Children of god and able to

share that amazing love to

each other



Pastoral Care:

It has been a challenging month for everyone in some way or another.

The pastoral care team (Gail, Minette and Joan) have been encouraged and pleased with the way the pastoral care leaders (deliverers of the Manawa) have reached out to their folk with phone calls and chats. It is remarkable that this care system was well in place ready for a time such as this.

Personally, I have found it a real blessing to get to know folk even better as we discuss how the time is being used. Where there has been a health issue or other difficulty, Jaco has been advised and prayers through the prayer chain have been offered.

Jaco's messages have been much appreciated by those with internet and there are steps being made to deliver a newsletter to those without the connection. Also, session are considering ways in which to enable folk to upgrade their technological skills.

There have been some good outcomes from this season which, I believe, will carry on and strengthen the fellowship of our members. Keep up the good work.

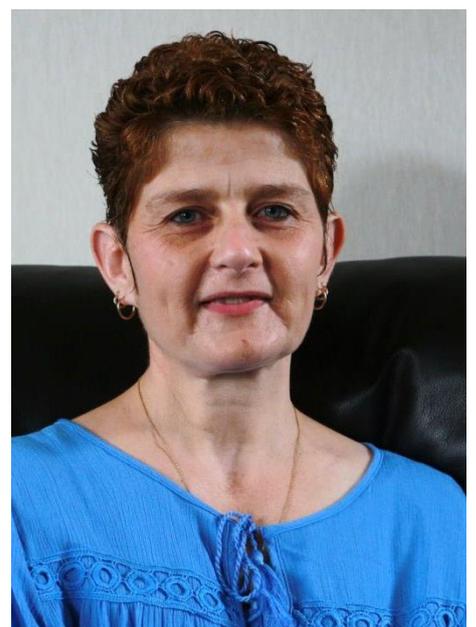
Joan Bryant (on behalf of the team)



Gail Walker



Joan Bryant



Minette Soekoe

\$\$\$ Treasurers Notes \$\$\$

By the time this Manawa is delivered I hope we are down to COVID 19 level 1 so that we can gather in our church to worship and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ever since level 4 was implemented St Enoch's has been having a lean time. We lost a third of our normal giving revenue and the income that came with renting out our premises.



Along with all businesses and other churches this pandemic has had a big impact financially and emotionally.

We have taken up the Governments offer of the wage and salary subsidy and that did help. So, we still have Jaco and Marie with us. Not that that was going to change anyway. We will continue to look for any other avenues to raise funds to cover the churches expenses.

It will take a while for St Enoch's to recover. Perhaps some of us could assist in making this recovery to come a bit sooner by adding a little extra to our church giving.

If you are giving by envelope consider changing to an automatic payment through your bank. This gives St Enoch's a steady income and reduces a lot of administration work catering for the manual recording of envelopes and eliminates any possible errors. If you do change, please make sure you enter your name initials and envelope number.

**The church bank details are
St Enoch's Presbyterian Church
02-0466-0167590-00**

*Ken Hartley
Treasurer*



**Direct your children onto the right path,
and when they are older, they will not leave it.
(Proverbs 22:6)**

In a world where teaching is child-led, and children raised with the (sometimes seemingly absolute) freedom to choose what to engage with and what to do, we run the risk of depriving young people the opportunity of an abundant, exciting life lived in relationship with God.

New Zealanders by and large have good values and are caring people. This was again very evident in the way that neighbours helped each other and how younger people reached out to older people in their neighbourhood. But a relationship with God is about so much more than being kind and caring people. Good and ethical behaviour is part of our social dimension. It still leaves the spiritual dimension unattended.

The results of a survey done by the Barna Group in America is consistent with most countries. “The survey data show that Catholics who become born again are even more likely than Protestants to do so before reaching high school. Among those currently associated with a Catholic church and who are born again, two out of three (66%) accepted Christ before age 13; one-fifth (21%) did so from 13 to 21; and the remaining 13% made that decision as an adult. In contrast, born again people aligned with a Protestant church make that choice at an older age: 40% did so as children, 35% during the 13-to-21-age span, and one-quarter (25%) as adults.”

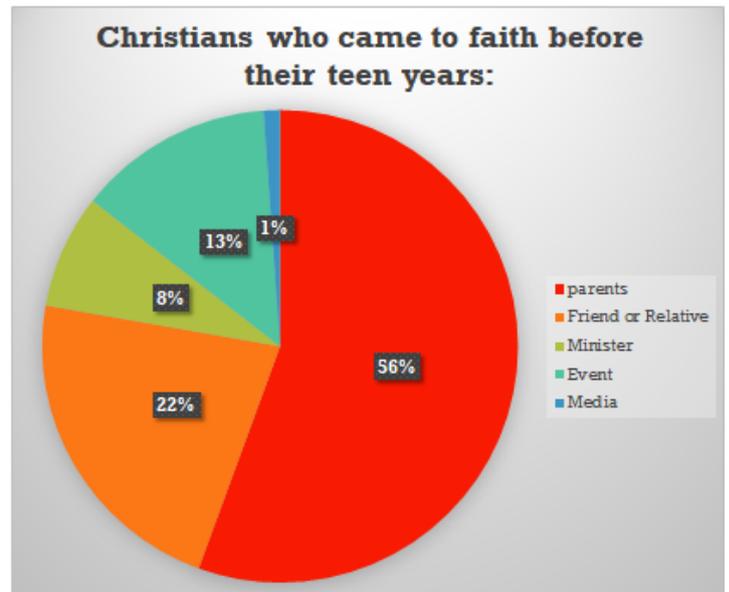
[\(https://www.barna.com/research/evangelism-is-most-effective-among-kids/\)](https://www.barna.com/research/evangelism-is-most-effective-among-kids/)

Most Christians come to faith in their younger years.

The graphs which I got from a PYM (Presbyterian Youth Ministry) lecture tells an interesting story about the facilitators of faith in the lives of Christians who came to faith before their teen years and those who came to faith when they were over the age of 13.

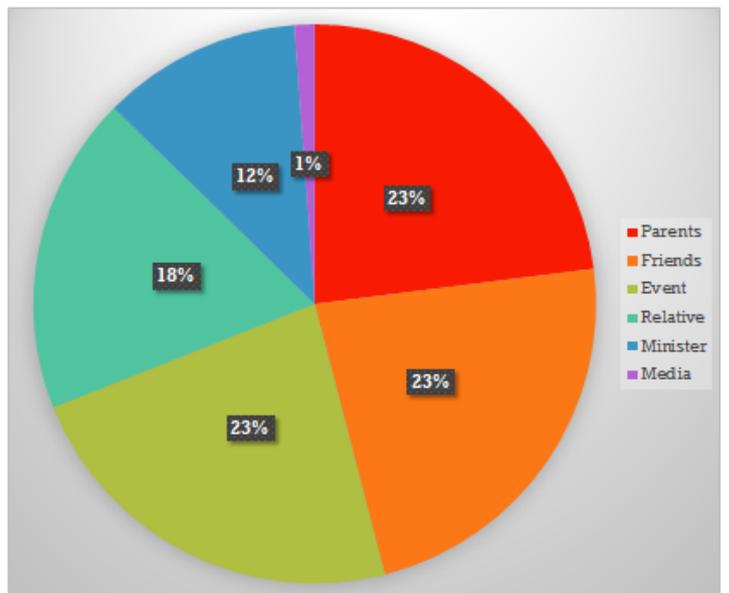
Christians who came to faith before their teen years:

- 1 in 2 (50%) led were led to Christ by their parents,
- 1 in 5 (20%) were led by some other friend or relative.
- Only 7% responded to a minister's personal prompting
- 1 in 8 (12%) responded at a special event
- 1% responded to media of some description



Christians who came to faith over the age of 13

- 1 in 5 (20%) credited a friend
- 1 in 5 (20%) were led by their parents
- 1 in 5 responded to an event
- 16% listed a relative (not their parent)
- 10% Ministers invitation
- 1% Media



Parents and grandparent should never underestimate their ability to facilitate a relationship between their children or grandchildren and God. Be sure that faith is one of the choices available to children and young people in your sphere of influence.

Later in life, I was thankful towards my parents that they often made me go to church and did not leave me only to go when I felt like it.

Jaco Reyneke

Happy birthday St Enoch's

69 years ago St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church Tauranga was established on 2nd May.

IN THE BEGINNING

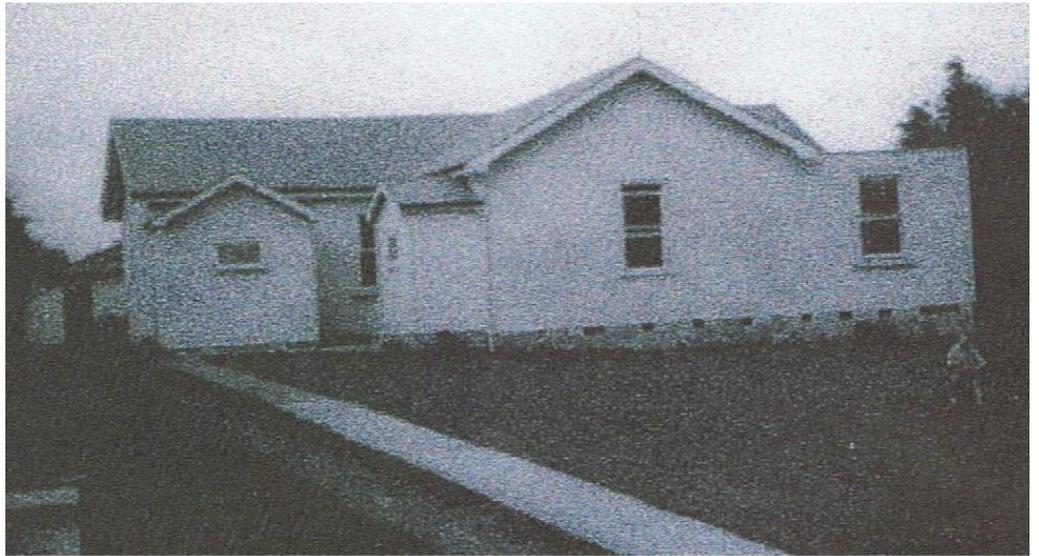
In 1939 Mr and Mrs E. Davies gathered together five children to form a Sunday School in a house owned by Mr Bryant, sited on Cameron Road at Hillsdene (where the Tauranga Boys College now stands). Little did they realize they were laying the foundations for what was to become the parish of St Enoch's Presbyterian Church.

The school was meant to serve as a branch of St Peter's parish Sunday school for children of the southern end of town. The house proved unsuitable as it had high ceilings and was surrounded by many trees, making it cold in winter. Three times the Sunday school moved. First to the home of Mr and Mrs Grinder on Cameron Road, and next to the home of Mr and Mrs Paul Jensen, in Hunter Street (now 15th Avenue)

In 1941, with numbers growing, St Peter's decided it was time to provide a more permanent place, so they purchased two sections in Wrigley Street (now 16th Avenue) and with the help of voluntary labour, Arthur Carswell, Harry Martin and Joe Steele, a small hall was built. Some people shook their heads, declaring it a foolish place to build a Sunday school so far out in the country. (If only they could see it today.)

Church services started in 1942 were conducted mainly by laymen. It wasn't until 1949 when the Rev. Douglas Watt, newly arrived from Glasgow, and appointed as Assistant Minister at St Peter's, that regular morning and evening services were held.

It wasn't long before the hall proved too small, and in 1950 an extension was added, making the building twice its original size. Again completed with voluntary labour. But once more it wasn't long before this too was too



small, so a wing was added in 1952 to add a more adequate kitchen.

In the meantime the congregation was beginning to develop an identity of its own, so an approach was made to the Bay of Plenty Presbytery to become a parish in its own right. This would allow them to call its own minister.

This was granted and Rev Douglas Watt was called to the new parish of St Enoch's. This had been the name of Mr Watt's church in Glasgow that had been destroyed during WW2

In 1953 Rev. Mr Watt accepted a call to Mt Eden and his place was taken by Rev. Ivan Muir formerly of Taumaranui. It was during Rev Ivan Muir's time that many exciting things began to happen. Population in the area mushroomed, a new brick church (the one in which we now worship) was built in 1958, opened and dedicated 22nd August 1959

Part of the new church was a soaring 50 foot tower, high above the roof of the main building, in which it planned to install a bell, but this never eventuated. This tower can be seen from many parts of Tauranga, especially the motor-way into the city

Before it opened the grounds were tidy and the building had the necessary furniture and fittings, some members of the congregation donated a pew on which a silver plaque was attached, acknowledging their gift.



SCRIPTURE UNION BIBLE READING

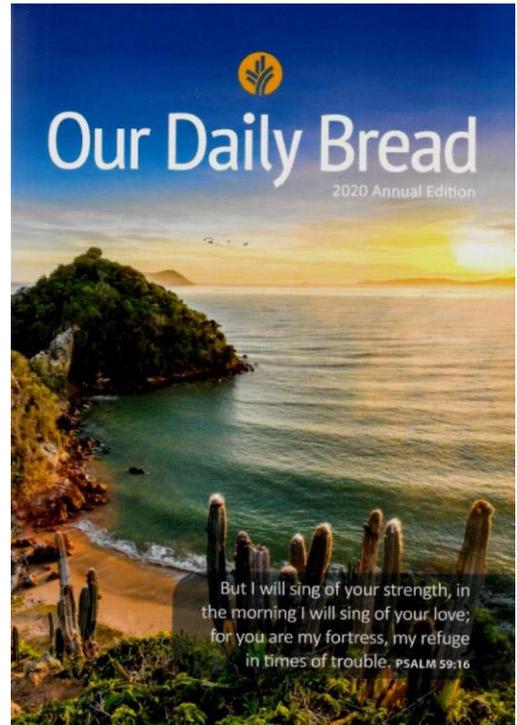
Daily Bread is due for renewal at a cost of \$51.00 for the year which covers 4 books.

What is Daily Bread? It is a reading guide written by different contributors who have a deep understanding of scripture.

Why read the Bible? It is a way to develop a relationship with God, through dependence of the Holy Spirit. He, the Holy Spirit points us to Jesus Christ, the heart of God's word, the one who shows us who God is.

Why read Daily Bread?

If ever there was a time to read the Bible it has certainly been during these past few weeks.



Let me give you a taste of today's reading that is leading us towards Easter. Matthew 14: 66-72

Peter denies knowing Jesus, not once but three times. And eventually the penny drops as he remembers Jesus's warning about the rooster crowing three times. The writer of the notes then asks the question. Is Peter crying out here, 'I don't know this Jesus, give me back the Jesus I know and love – this isn't him!'

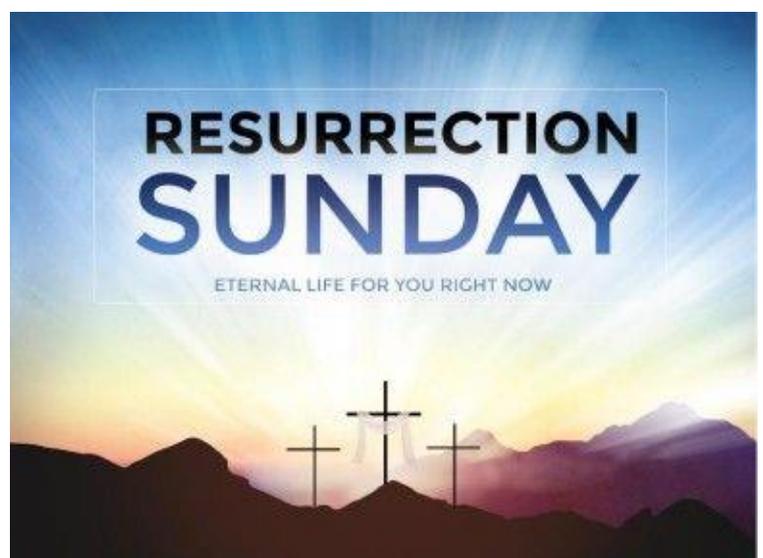
Peter had such preconceived ideas of a Messiah and it certainly wasn't one that was going to die.

I asked myself the question 'Which Jesus do I cling to, the one with little children sitting on his knee, or the one covered in blood hanging on the cross?'

If you are interested in joining please let me know. Payment can be made on line or to me in cash.

Iris Stockwell
Scripture Union rep

I pray that your Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday were a true blessing.



Lockdown

Yes, there is fear
Yes, there is isolation
Yes, there is panic buying
Yes, there is sickness
Yes, there is even death

But...

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear

They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new
way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are
To how little control we really have
To what really matters
To Love

So we pray and we remember that
Yes, there is fear
But there does not have to be hate
Yes, there is isolation
But, there does not have to be loneliness
Yes, there is panic buying
But, there does not have to be meanness
Yes, there is sickness
But, there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes, there is even death
But, there can always be a rebirth of love

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now
Today, breathe
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing, Spring is coming
And we are always encompassed by Love
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing

*Fr. Richard Hendrick,
March 13th, 2020
(Note: Richard is a
priest-friar of the Irish branch of
the Capuchin Franciscan Order)*



POLIO LOCKDOWN

The following article was recently published online in The Daily Encourager and on Facebook.

A lockdown for an epidemic is not new. There were lockdowns of various lengths for a number of viruses during the twentieth century – poliomyelitis, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, hepatitis, influenza, tuberculosis...

Most of them had far more deaths than the twenty so far for Covid-19. However, this may be due to better health treatments today and improved sanitation. New Zealand's worst epidemic was the polio one in 1925 when 173 people died.

I remember the 1948 lockdown for polio. I was only nine years old and the virus broke out at the beginning of our 1947 summer holidays. Schools were closed for eleven weeks (not five) right up to April 19, most of the first term. We managed well, with far little support than what is available now.

We were sent lessons from the Correspondence School in Wellington and had to listen to radio broadcasts. I wasn't allowed to go to the movies, play sport or be with crowds, including Sunday School. Swimming pools were closed. In effect, we had to isolate.

Adults were not so restricted because I remember my father going to work. Polio was viewed mostly as a children's disease, and even labelled 'infantile paralysis'.

Personal hygiene was stressed, especially the washing of hands because the virus could be passed on via faeces, saliva and contamination of milk and food. It was strongly impressed upon us to wear a hat if we went outside. The sun was alleged to influence the spread of the virus.

So, what did we do all the time apart from correspondence lessons? We had to make our own fun. Unlike today there was no television or video games, and no cell phones or computers and internet. My sister and I played cards, Snakes 'n Ladders and marbles. I had just started learning the piano so I practised that. In the evenings we played hide-and-seek with the boy next door

and the girl over the road. I helped Dad in the garden, read books and listened to the radio.

There didn't seem to be the panic, fear and complaining which has surrounded Covid-19. In lockdowns today I guess we have more to lose. In fact, we actually enjoyed the time off school. There were 963 cases in that polio epidemic, with 52 deaths (not 14).

I was also involved in the 1955-56 polio outbreak, which killed one of my friends and 28 others. There were 703 cases.

I was seventeen and a friend and I had spent several weeks during the summer holidays cycling around the South Island. It was hot and tiring and I arrived home exhausted. One night I was restless and couldn't sleep. I had a fever, felt nauseous, and was developing other symptoms of polio which I recognised – a headache, stiffening neck, fatigue, sore throat and burning quadriceps. I was so scared I cried out at midnight to my parents to get the doctor.

He told me I was a lucky guy for I had just passed through the worst of polio flu. I self-isolated for a week or so before returning to school. At various times since then a shadow of some of these symptoms has momentarily returned.

A few of my school mates were not quite so lucky, ending up on crutches or with leg braces. The worst effect of polio was paralysis of the limbs. The 'iron lung' was used for hospitalised patients to help them breathe.

A vaccine was discovered in the late 1950s. Sanitation and water supplies have also improved since then and for the last several decades there have been no further cases in New Zealand.

George Bryant, QSM



WHAT'S ON AT ST ENOCH'S

(There may be more - please watch your Sunday Bulletins)

Sunday Worship	each Sunday	9.30am
Men's Morning Tea	each Tuesday (at Mitre 10 Café)	10.00am
Ladies Morning Tea	each Tuesday (at Columbus Café)	10.00am
Have A Go	each Wednesday	9.30am
Riverday	3rd Friday of the month	9.00am
Spiritual Growth Group	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	1.30pm
STEWV Bible study Gr	1 st Thursday	7.00pm

June 2020

Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 8 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Wednesday 10 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 19 th	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 23 rd	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)

July 2020

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Communion Service
Wednesday 8 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Monday 13 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Friday 17 th	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 28 th	7.00pm	Session (Study meeting)

August 2020

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 10 th	7.00pm	Session (business meeting)
Wednesday 12 th	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 21 st	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 25 th	7.00pm	Session (study meeting)

OUR BUILDING MAY BE CLOSED

BUT THE CHURCH IS VERY MUCH ALIVE!

During this period of lockdown we're staying connected through Phone calls, Social Media, Zoom gatherings and Youtube playlists. If you want to connect with us, please check our Facebook page or email our Minister

COMING!

Never before have two members of a congregation produced two books at the same time.

Watch out for them! In August there will be two 'must-reads' from Joan and George Bryant.

Joan's autobiography - **FREE To Be Me.**

This is an account of her life's journey – her girlhood in Australia, her teaching career, family, public life, music and other interests, travels and, of course, her faith journey.

She recounts her progress from being a shy person to having confidence in who she is.

George will release his 23rd book - **LIFE IS...An Ordinary Kiwi Reflects.**

"The story of one man's pilgrimage in search of meaning, justice and peace. It's challenging and thoughtful, even provocative, and full of wisdom," says a former moderator of the NZ Presbyterian Church, the Very Rev Ray Coster.

What's life on Earth really like? Who are we? What are we doing here? What are our idols? What's the future hold? And much more.

In a lively, humorous style George reflects on a variety of issues vital to us all.

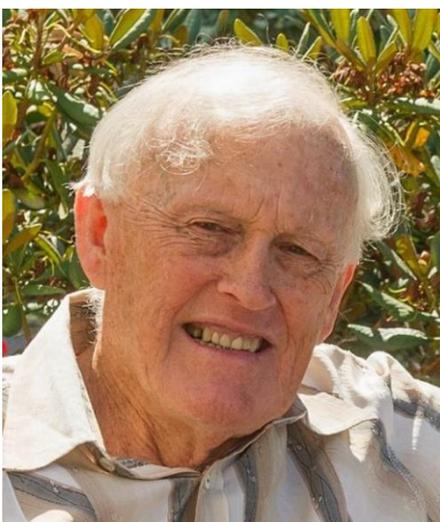
Both books will cost about \$25 each.

Because of the lockdown they are not sure how they will be launched – maybe by several gatherings, maybe by Zoom, Facebook...

If you are interested in joining their launches in some way or in purchasing the books when they're published please jot them a note.

Joan – bryantjoal@gmail.com

George – bryantgw@xtra.co.nz



Wycliffe Bible Society



Wycliffe
BIBLE TRANSLATORS NZ
Te Kupu Whai Ora a te Atua

Kevin and Jillian Connole, our local contacts with the society recently sent a newsletter in

which they report great gratitude that all their colleagues kept well during their quarantine period despite passing through some high-risk transit areas.

Both have been working remotely. The end of daylight saving brought an improvement in the time difference with Musoma – office hours are now 5pm – 1:30am! Kevin has been making a daily 5pm call to his Operations team to discuss any needs and pray for the ongoing work. Now that the office has closed, there will be less involvement for him, but he will continue to provide support in this way as needed. Jillian has made some progress with various projects but is finding the time zone differences a challenge when she needs input from others.

“Our colleagues range from 9 – 19 hrs behind NZ time,” says Jillian.

Kevin and Jillian planned to relocate to Taranaki during alert level 3. They fit the requirements in 2 of the government’s criteria – lockdown away from home and returning home after quarantine.

Kevin and Jillian’s contact numbers have changed.

Kevin is now available on 0204 179 1199 and Jillian on 0204 179 1200.

Prayer requests:

- Those in authority, whether that be governmental or organisational, that they will give Godly counsel and wisdom at this time.
- The Connole’s colleagues and friends in Musoma. The SIL office is now closed, and everyone is working from home



“More than nine hundred people are watching The JESUS Film in Namhula, Kibara and more than 60 people give their lives to Jesus every night. Pray for us that may God lead and give us wisdom how to help them stay.”
(WhatsApp message received from a colleague on Friday March 6, 2020)

where some do not have electricity, internet or even running water.

- God's protection on the health of the citizens of countries where quality medical care is not easily accessible, and where lockdown can mean starvation.
- The ongoing work of our team, that God's Word will continue to become more and more available for groups who, in the current global crisis, need to hear the Good News more than ever!

Homes of Hope:

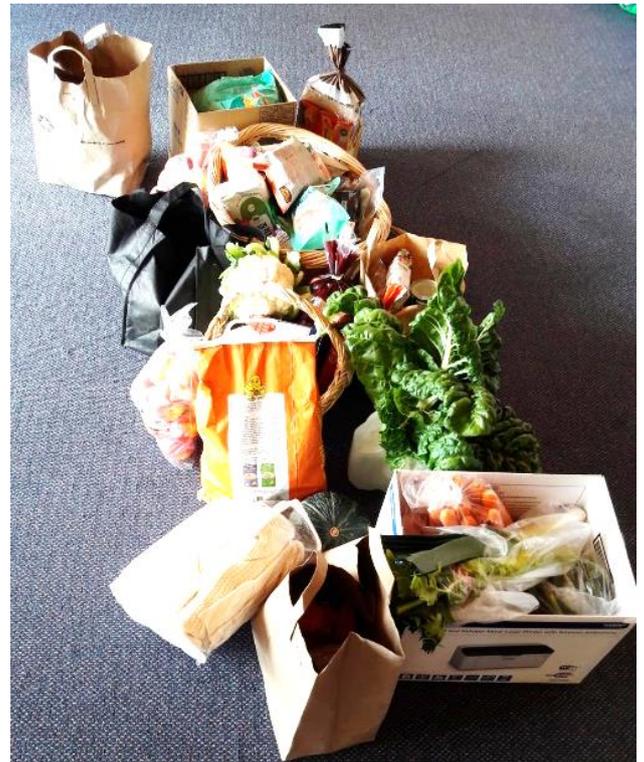
A huge thank you to everybody who donated food (or



money for food) to Homes of Hope these past few weeks. They are not receiving funds from the government at this stage and the company who would normally provide them with food, was unable to do so.

Homes of Hope focus on keeping sibling groups together when they come into foster care.

For more information on Homes of Hope, please visit their website: <https://www.homesofhope.org.nz/>



Some of the food that was donated for Homes of Hope

Mission Aviation Fellowship

The Covid 19 pandemic is impacting MAF's ministries in New Zealand and around the world. In the light of this, Mark Fox (MAF NZ CEO) shares information on MAF's official website. MAF New Zealand planned to celebrate its 75th



anniversary in May, however, this has been postponed till the second week in in November. MAF NZ office staff are all working from home and the number of flights MAF can make has been significantly reduced.

However as far as possible MAF's ministry carries on. Mark says they are doing everything they can to be prepared when things return to normal. MAF International established a crisis management team that meets twice a day to provide guidance and support to staff, especially those living remotely overseas.

There are also still flight operations to reach people living in isolated communities with due regard to the restrictions the epidemic brings. Mark says the task of sharing the good news of Jesus is "unchanged and as urgent as ever".

He asks that we continue to pray for MAF staff members, as well as the people they serve.

For more information or to make donations, please visit the MAF website at maf.org.nz.



Mark Fox (MAF NZ CEO)

Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy



The Bay of Plenty District Health Board allowed chaplains Matthew Best and Shelley Gilmore to continue their work during alert level 4 and 3 in the Hospital. Something Matthew is very grateful for and says it is a privilege that some chaplains in other DHBs did not have. Matthew and Shelley work alternate days and remain on call. The volunteer chaplaincy assistants have not been able to do any volunteer work since March.

Matthew says it has been a stressful time during which patients could not see friends and family, and clergy were not allowed to visit parishioners. "Our faith and the knowledge that God is with us, help us through," he says.

Matthew and Shelley can visit patients when requested by health staff, clergy and pastoral support coordinators. In such cases they always give feedback on how the patients are doing.

They often counsel people over the phone and provide support to hospital staff when needed.

There are Zoom meetings with chaplains nationwide and email and phone conversations with clergy from different denominations.

As a congregation we can support the Chaplaincy through our prayers for them, other hospital staff and patients.

Minette Soekoe
Mission Co-ordinator



Our Mission Responsibility
Making Disciples and Caring for Those in Need

St Enoch's congregation supports the following mission organisations:

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
Wycliffe Bible Translators NZ (WBT)
Homes of Hope
Hospital Chaplaincy

COVID 19

By Pat Collins

“Walking briskly twice a day
Stopping and chatting to folk on the way
With a smile and a wave, a safe distance away
How lucky we are on this beautiful day.

People seem positive with new things to do
Like shopping online and voice mailing you
Baking and cooking is almost a ball
Though I doubt this small pleasure will last the long haul!

Hope you can get out'n about just like me
Keeping your distance and new things to see.
Positive feelings should always be there
Making present conditions much easier to bear.

Good luck with your jobs and those good friends of yours.
Keep smiling, keep busy and please stay indoors.
Jacinda is right with advice she gives out
As long as we heed her we'll soon be all right.”



KID'S CORNER

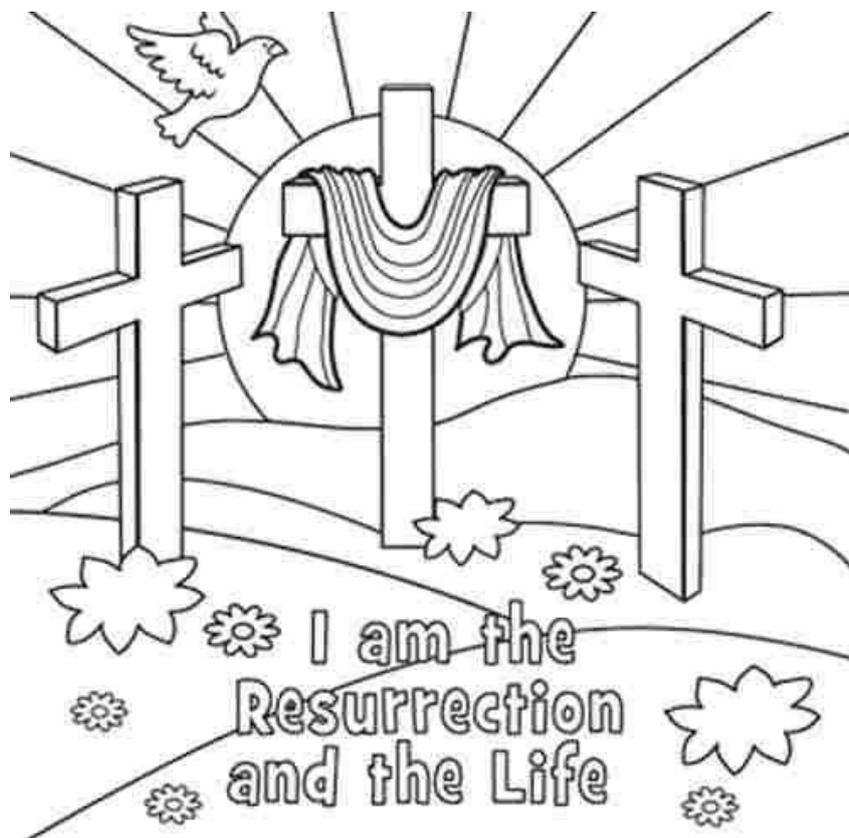


Sunday school is going great. We have anything between 5 and 15 kids on a Sunday. Most of the time it is around 10 kids. We have started this term doing a bit more variety in the way we present the lessons.

Sometimes we do activity sheets, discussions, readings, show them a video clip or do crafts. The kids seem to enjoy the sessions and the variety.

We have a great team of Sunday school ladies. Everyone contributing and doing what they can to present the lessons in an interesting way. Without the commitment of these ladies Sunday school will not be the same. We pray that our contributions make a difference to the kids' lives and that our numbers will continue to grow.

Try your colouring skills out.



Easter Quiz

for the Young and the Young at heart

Holy Week is the week Christians celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also called Passion Week or Easter Week. The first Sunday in the week is called Palm Sunday and the second one (the day Christ arose) is called Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday.

Test your Bible knowledge with these trivia questions related to Easter Week.

Questions:

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphant Entry, what animal was He riding on?
3. Why is the Sunday before the resurrection called Palm Sunday?
4. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
5. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ while He was being interrogated?
7. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
8. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
9. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
10. The priests took the money that Judas had returned to them and did what with it?

11. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?

12. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?

13. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?

14. What was the inscription above the cross?

15. Can you quote 4 of the 7 statements recorded in the Bible that Christ said from the cross?

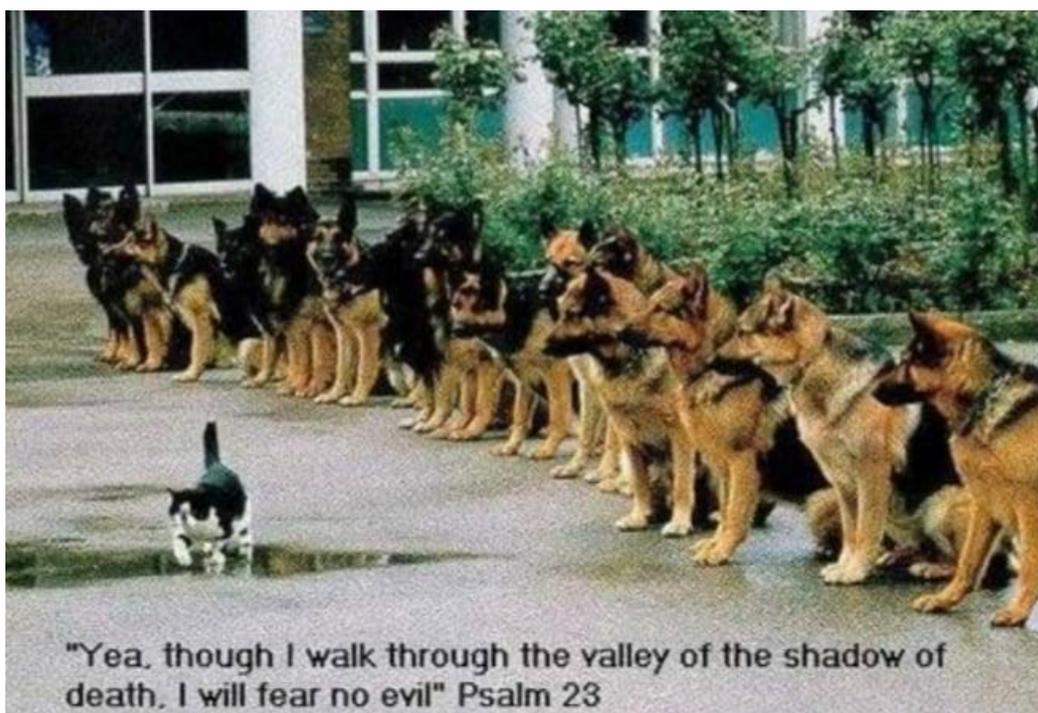
16. Following the statements of Jesus on the cross, there was a statement by a Roman soldier concerning Christ. What was it?

17. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?

18. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?

19. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask question. Who were these men?

20. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?



Easter Quiz Answers:

1. *Passover (Luke 22:1)*

2. *A young donkey (Matthew 21:1-7; Mark 11:1-7; Luke 19:28-35; John 12:12-15). In eastern tradition it was customary for a king going to war to ride a horse. Yet when the king was at peace he would ride a donkey. The symbolism is the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, was coming for purposes of peace between God and man.*

3. *When Jesus entered into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion week, the people welcomed Him as king and Messiah. They covered the road with their garments and palm fronds as a symbol of their worship and acceptance of Him as king (Matthew 21:8; Mark 11:8; Luke 19:35, 36; John 12:12, 13).*

4. *Peter (John 18:10)*

5. *Malchus (John 18:10)*

6. *Three times (Luke 22:54-57; Mark 14:69, 70; Matthew 26:73-75; John 18:13-27)*

7. *30 (Matthew 26:15)*

8. *By giving Him a kiss (Matthew 26:47-49).*

9. *Hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5)*

10. *Bought the potter's field with the money which is where strangers were buried (Matthew 27:6-8).*

11. *Barabbas (Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:18; John 18:40)*

12. *To leave Jesus alone because He was a just man. She had a bad dream concerning the Lord and she probably felt it would bring bad luck on the household of Pilate (Matthew 27:19).*

13. *Alexander and Rufus (Mark 15:21)*

14. *"Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (Luke 19:19). It was written in three different languages according to John 19:20; Hebrew, Greek and Latin.*

15. *"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
"Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)*

"...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" (John 19:26, 27)

"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)

"I thirst." (John 19:28)

"It is finished:" (John 19:30)

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:" (Luke 23:46)

16. *"Truly, this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54). Slightly different statements, but the same idea found in Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47.*

17. *The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51). We call this access to God the "priesthood of the believer." This means that Christians can approach God's throne through prayer without the need of a human mediator or priest. Because the veil was torn from the top to the bottom, that is symbolic that it is God who grants us access and not that we have worked our way into God's throne room; which could be implied if the veil was torn from bottom to top.*

18. *Three hours (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45). From noon to 3 pm.*

19. *Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-42). Interestingly, these two men did not follow Jesus as He traveled through the region, but they were there when all the outspoken disciples had abandoned the Lord.*

20. *Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)*

Read more: <https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/easter-bible-quiz-20-trivia-questions/#ixzz6IDdxaCEO>

"Reflections from my Covid 19 bubble".

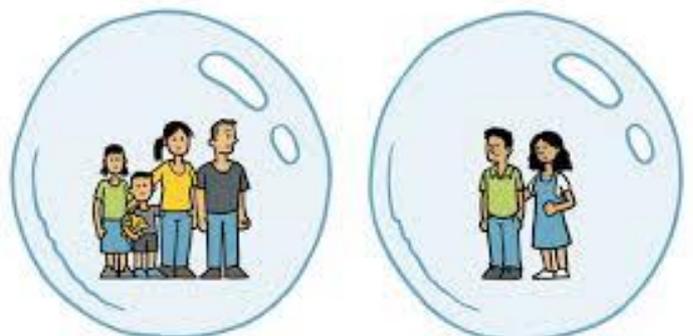
Today (May 7th) the Prime Minister announced that very soon we will be allowed out to play! Level Two will allow us to travel, eat out, invite friends in, and in general relax somewhat, but with the caveat that we must follow the rules to prevent a lurch backwards. We can even go to church again, and by the time you read this will be doing so! (Thanks to Jaco for his sterling online Sunday efforts in the interim).

For many the lockdown has been very stressful, as we sought to avoid any movements that may inadvertently expose us to viral danger. Staying in our "bubbles" no matter how inconvenient and restrictive, has been paramount to our wellbeing.

I have been reflecting on Psalm 139 which assures that we also live within in a "God Bubble" and are never alone. Verses 5 through 10 reassure us that our Heavenly Father is behind, before, above and below us, as we move through life, no matter what it throws at us. No matter where we travel, he surrounds us and his strong right hand holds us. He is an all surrounding, mobile "bubble of love", strength, caring and empowering.

What a wonderful, heart-warming assurance!

Brian Walker



Hi guys!

We have all had a very unusual time in the last eight weeks. A time that we have never had before and one we hope we will never have again. This Dr. Jeremy Duck story is about thinking of others, which is what we have all had to do.

Enjoy!

Concern for Others

Dr. Jeremy Duck Wisdom

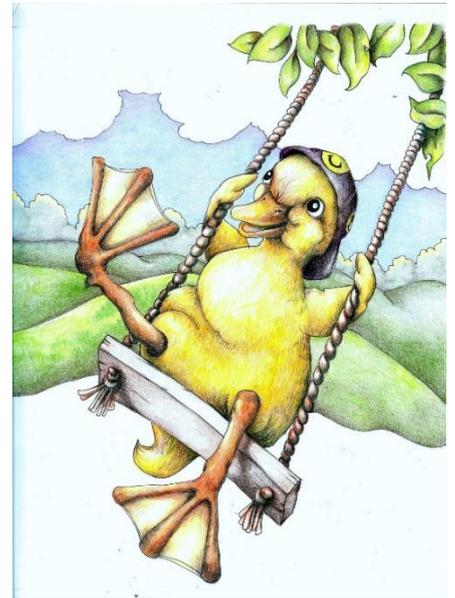
The morning was cold and it was raining. The wind was blowing through the trees, whipping up the leaves which were hitting the windows with an awful noise. It was winter and the weather was not nice! As well as that Jeremy Duck did not feel well. In fact he had woken up with a sore throat. He did not feel good at all. No matter what the weather he always went for a walk in the morning just to see his friends in the village, get some milk and a fresh loaf of bread for the day, and of course get some exercise. But not today! He slowly got up, squeezed some lemons, made a hot lemon and honey drink and hopped right back into bed. There he stayed for the day, hopping up every so often to make another drink and then snuggling back into his warm bed. By day two he was no better. In fact he now had a bad cough to go with his sore throat and also a head ache.

The small dairy in the village was owned by Mia Kiwi. By day two there was still no sign of Jeremy Duck to get his morning milk and bread. Mia Kiwi became concerned. If Jeremy was going away he would have let Mia know but there was no word. What was wrong?

She decided to get one of her helpers to run over to Jeremy's house to find out. The helper returned and told Mia that Jeremy was very unwell. He had a very bad cold and could not get out for his shopping.

Well, thought Mia Kiwi, what can I do for Jeremy? He does not have anyone to look after him and he may need some groceries and may be some cough medicine. Each day in the afternoon after school, the eldest child of Miranda Mouse came to the shop to help. Mia Kiwi decided when he arrived she would take Jeremy a loaf of bread and some milk. She could then see if he needed anything else. And so it was. When Matt Mouse arrived at work, Mia got her bag, put into it bread and a bottle of milk and set off for Jeremy's house.

Jeremy opened the door when she knocked. He did not look good! "I was concerned that all was ok so I brought you some milk and a loaf of bread," said Mia. Jeremy invited Mia in and asked if she would like a cup of tea. "If you feel up to it, that would be lovely," she replied. He made a pot and they



sat to enjoy the drink. Mia asked if there was anything else Jeremy would like, to which he asked if she could get a bottle of cough medicine from the chemist. "That would be a pleasure and I will send you something for your morning tea tomorrow," she replied.

Jeremy was delighted and surprised at Mia's kindness. After their cup of tea, Jeremy said goodbye and went straight back to bed. Half an hour later there was another knock on the door and this time Matt the mouse was there with a bottle of cough syrup and a lovely big cheese scone for Jeremy's morning tea. Matt handed these to Jeremy and then asked if he could mow the lawns as they looked a bit long. Jeremy said no thank you. Matt insisted saying that Mia Kiwi had returned to the shop and given Matt the afternoon off so he could mow Jeremy's lawns! Well, once again Jeremy was pleased, surprised and now puzzled. He could not understand why Mia and now Matt were being so nice. He knew he always tried to be happy and talk to people. But this was so unexpected.

Several days passed and gradually Jeremy's cold got better. When he was able he went off into the village and bought a nice bunch of flowers to take to Mia. He also bought a box of Smarties for Matt.

There were no customers in the dairy when Jeremy got there. It was half past three in the afternoon and Matt would be along from school very shortly. He spotted Mia busy tidying a shelf and so in he went. Mia looked up and smiled when she saw Jeremy. He pulled the flowers out from behind his back and gave them to her. Well! Now it was her turn to be surprised! Just then Matt came into the shop and Jeremy handed him the Smarties. They both said thank you together and had big smiles on their faces. They then wanted to know why Jeremy had given them each a present.

Jeremy's answer was simple. 'I just want to say thank you for your concern for me when I was unwell. It was unexpected and very kind of you both.'

Thought for you: We often think too much about ourselves and what we would like. Because of this we are too busy to think of other people. Jeremy found out that other people took notice of him and were happy to help. He was always happy and thought of others and although he did not expect it, other people noticed when he was not about.

Jeremy's advice to you is:-

Always be happy and look out for other people around you. It may be someone in your class at school or from your sports team who has been away for a few days. Give them a ring and have a chat.

Grandad



DUTY ROSTER – JUNE

June 7th - COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev. George Bryant

Vestry: Lester Gray

Servers: Lyn & Ken Hartley. Bernice & Geoff Tyrrell. Iris Stockwell.
Eli Yoo. Minette Soekoe

Kitchen Duties: Anua Abbot, Anel Reyneke

Door / Offering: John & Ngaire Foote

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

June 14th

Preacher: Philip Temple

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Brian & Gail Walker

Door / Offering: Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

June 21st

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Ken & Lyn Hartley

Door / Offering: Jean Sutton, Joseph Toara

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

June 28th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Lester Gray

Kitchen Duties: Jeanette Stewart, Jean Whiteman

Door / Offering: Julien, Hazra, Marliza Syed

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

ROSTER DUTIES

PLEASE mark your rostered duties for **KITCHEN** and **DOOR** on your calendar or in your diary.

If you are unable to do this on the date given, please arrange a swap with someone else on the roster to a date that suits you.

You should all have a contact list to ring others on the roster. If not please ring the office and we will arrange for you to get a contact list. Phone 578-3040

DUTY ROSTER - JULY

July 5th - COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Servers: Marion Bennett, Robyn Dowdle, John & Ngaire Foote,
Anel Reyneke, Gloria Moautt, Ruth West

Vestry: Philip Temple

Kitchen Duties: Judith Thomas, Pat Collins

Door / Offering: Minette Soekoe, Monisa Tautali

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

July 12th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Philip Temple

Kitchen Duties: Cynthia Herring, Shona Giles

Door / Offering: Rex & Patricia Eagle

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

July 19th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Philip Temple

Kitchen Duties: Norah Miller, Nesi Tusa

Door / Offering: Margaret Wakefield, Mativa Ropati

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

July 26th

Preacher: Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Philip Temple

Kitchen Duties: Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan

Door / Offering: Tofia & Peter Tautali

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

Church Volunteers



DUTY ROSTER - AUGUST

August 2nd – COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joseph Toara

Servers: Tofia & Peka Tautali, Nesi Tusa, Steve & Elsjé Gurney,
John Baxendine, Cynthia Herring

Kitchen Duties: Robyn Dowdle, Tricia Brown

Door / Offering: Pisa Hall, Rena Arnett

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

August 9th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joseph Toara

Kitchen Duties: Tofi Atoa, Gloria Mouatt

Door / Offering: Rob & Barbara Brown

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

August 16th

Preacher: to be advised

Vestry: Joseph Toara

Kitchen Duties: John & Gayle Marchbank

Door / Offering: Mike Giles, Matilda Wharekura

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Gail Walker

August 23rd

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joseph Toara

Kitchen Duties: Bev Hayman, Peter Tautali

Door / Offering: David Meek, Philip Temple

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Joan Bryant

August 30th

Preacher: Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

Vestry: Joseph Toara

Kitchen Duties: Mary Woods, Molly Reid

Door / Offering: Mama Tu, Benjamin Atoa, Danny Atoa

Healing/Prayer Ministry: Iris Stockwell

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