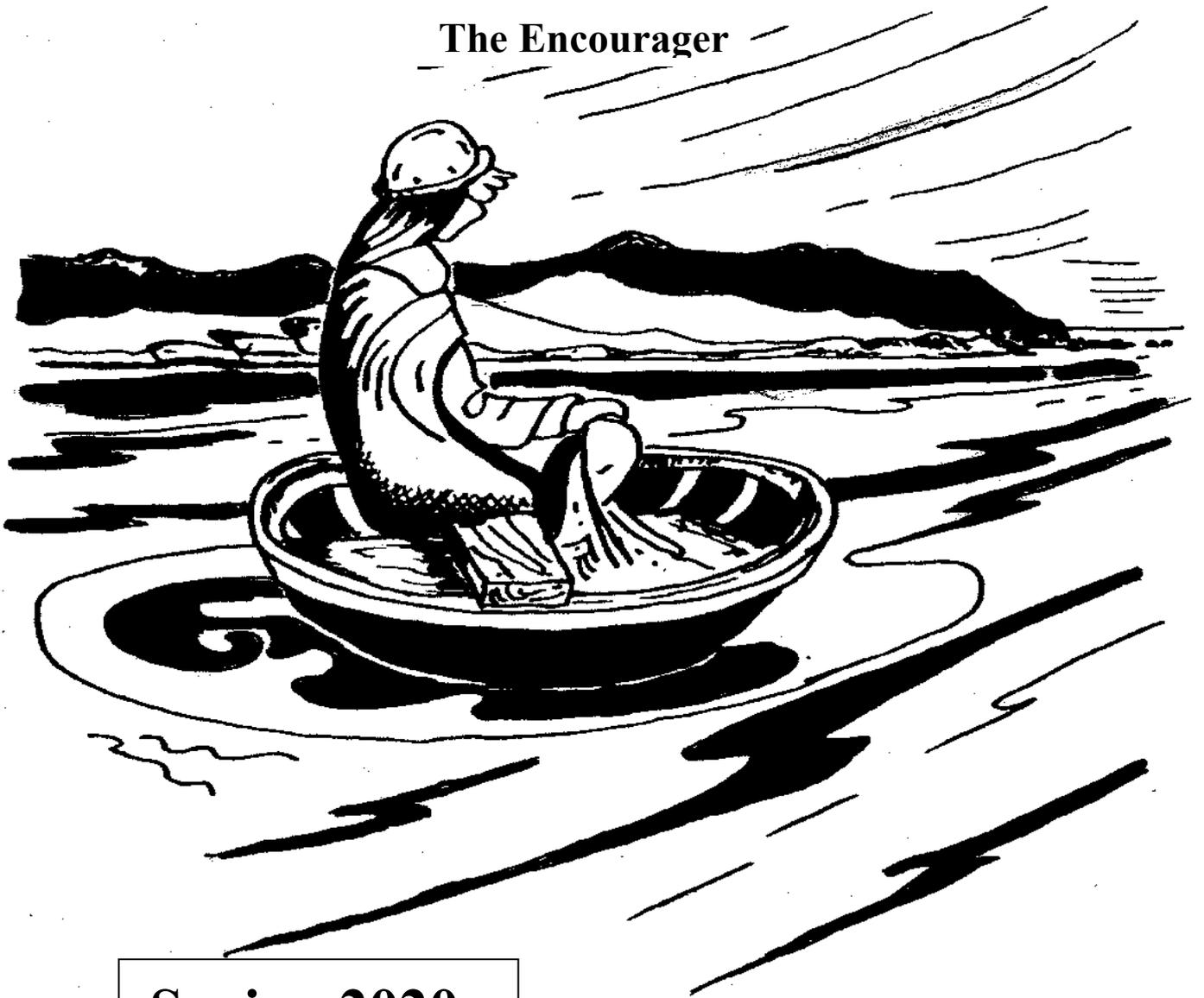


# St. Enoch's Church Community

# Manawa

The Encourager



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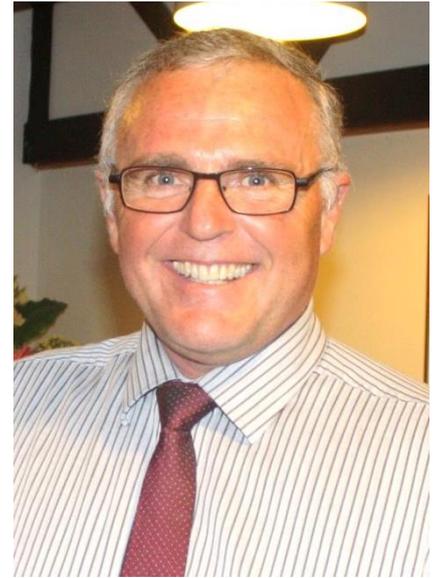
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

In 1932/33 Reinhold Niebuhr wrote the prayer that evolved over time and later became known as the serenity prayer.

Most of us are familiar with the twelve-step recovery program's version of the first verse encouraging agency (the capacity of individuals to act independently and to make their own free choices) and responsibility when appropriate, and acceptance in

matters beyond our control: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.



Subtle differences found in this version printed in 1951 are interesting:

*God, give me grace to accept with serenity  
the things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things  
which should be changed,  
and the Wisdom to distinguish  
the one from the other.*

*Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
This sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
If I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen.*

It often is not easy to accept things we cannot change in ourselves, in others or our world. We need grace, rather than serenity, to accept those people and things bothering and irritating us and we wish can be different.



Secondly the popular serenity prayer mentions changing things I can, and the 1951 version talks about changing the things which should be changed. There are things in our lives we can change, but do not necessarily want to change. Praying for the courage to change the things we should change acknowledge God as the normative authority in our lives and inspire us to express our faith by changing in ourselves and in our world what is not right. In other words, start doing what we should and stop doing what we should not and addressing social injustices.

Living one day at a time and enjoying one moment at a time is so crucial. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present." (Bill Keane) Don't let regrets about and hurt from the past or worry about the future prevent you from fully living in the present.

Until our Lord returns the broken world with all its challenges and pain is our pathway to peace. We can with confidence and joy accept the things we cannot change, change the things we should and know the journey we are on ends in glory and supreme happiness. We can fully trust God for that.

*Jaco*



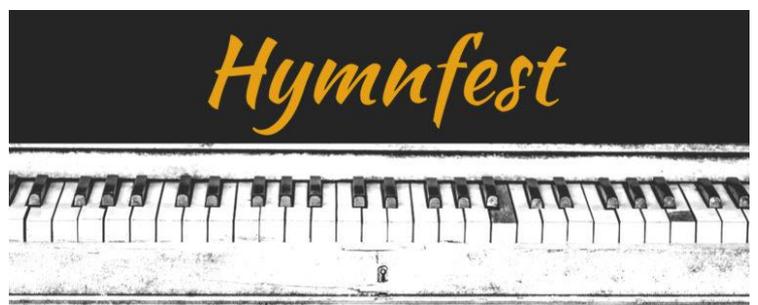
## SESSION REPORT

Some months ago, our Prime minister said of the then current situation, that we were still coming round the bend but the finish line was not yet in sight. In many respects, a profound statement. For many countries in our world, they are still getting round the first bend! We, here in N.Z., should realise just how blessed we are in managing to contain this deadly virus but it doesn't mean we can drop our guard. While we are now able to enjoy the warmth of greeting each other personally, we must remember those many N.Z. families who are struggling to make ends meet both financially and mentally. You can be grateful that the St Enoch's family has stayed faithful, united and focused on the love and generosity of our Heavenly Father. Your Session has had two face-to-face meetings and in each we have been blessed with the guidance and love of the Holy Spirit. We have addressed all matters arising, both personal and general, from the effects of the lock-down. We have been delighted to welcome six new folk to our congregation, while sadly recognising four who have, for personal reasons, had to leave our fellowship. There are plans afoot for us all to participate in outings and fun activities during the remaining four months of this year. This will continue to enhance the fellowship of our faith family. Already we have had a happy outing to the Te Puna quarry and then in August a Hymn Fest at which we enjoyed some combined singing of old favourites and a memorable solo by Eli. September the 5th and we join in a church dinner 'The Taste of Italy'. This will be another wonderful evening of fun, friendship and good food. If you haven't got your ticket yet, be quick or you will miss out!



We want to acknowledge the recent publication of books written by Joan & George Bryant. They each contribute so much to our congregational well-being and we are truly blessed to have them as part of our family. It goes without saying. The Session are here to help you, so if there is way we can assist, please let one of us know.

God bless  
*Philip*  
Session clerk



## Pastoral Care:

Our deepest condolences to the Reyneke Family after the recent passing of Anel's mum, Kobie. May you experience God's consolation during this time. A memorial service was held at St. Enoch's on the evening of Sunday the 9th of August.

I have received only positive feedback about the Friday shared lunches for pastoral groups. Great connections are being made and it is a lovely opportunity to get to know each other better.

Also, a huge thank you again from Gail to everyone for their support of each other over the Covid-time and after. "We are fortunate with our church family and with all Jaco has done to keep everyone in contact with each other."

The prayer chain is supporting those with high needs and Gail give thanks for all the pray-ers and their time and we thank the Lord for His answers.

The prayer group Sunday mornings before church is also doing well and we thank everybody who joins in. If you have not attended yet, we would like to welcome you to do so.

As a loving congregation, let us do as Jesus commands and continue to love each other as He loves us. (John 15:12)

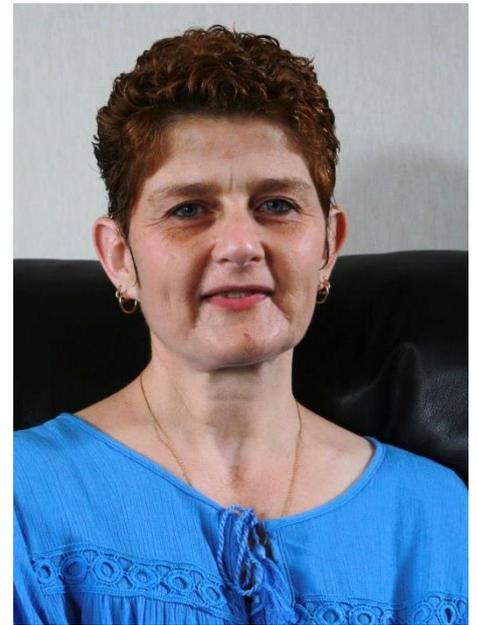
*Minette Soekoe (on behalf of the team)*



*Gail Walker*



*Joan Bryant*



*Minette Soekoe*

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

In the last Manawa we talked about how the pandemic of COVID 19 was having a big impact financially on Churches and businesses. It was thought St Enoch's may take a while to recover and perhaps we could assist by adding a little extra to our church giving.



So, in response you did. June was a booming month for Tithing. The best month ever. For the months of April and May where the church received no cash and only a little of envelope giving you certainly made up for that loss in June. So much so that where we expected to make a Loss of around \$8000 for the year ended June 30th we now only have a Loss of \$323 and if you take into account the Covid wage and salary subsidy the church received we are in the money. THANK YOU.

Although the effects of Covid will be lingering the church is in a good position to help members of our congregation should the need arise.

In the meantime, it is business as usual. Please keep up the good work and give generously.

And once again please consider giving by automatic bank payments. This method of tithing saves a lot of administration and does reduce oversights.

**The church bank details are**  
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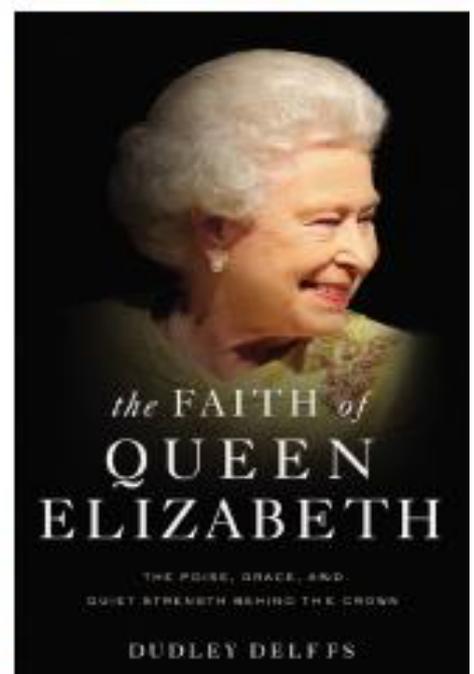
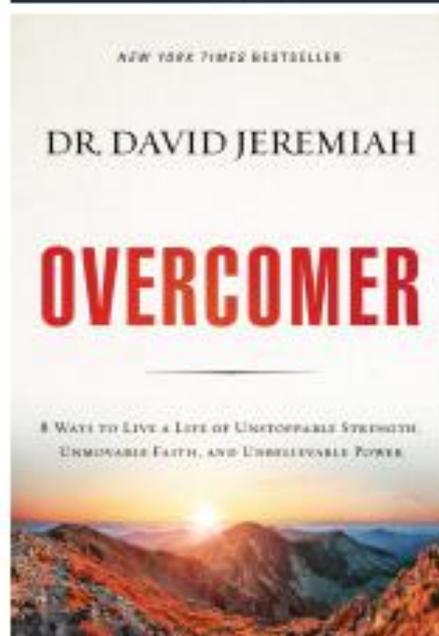
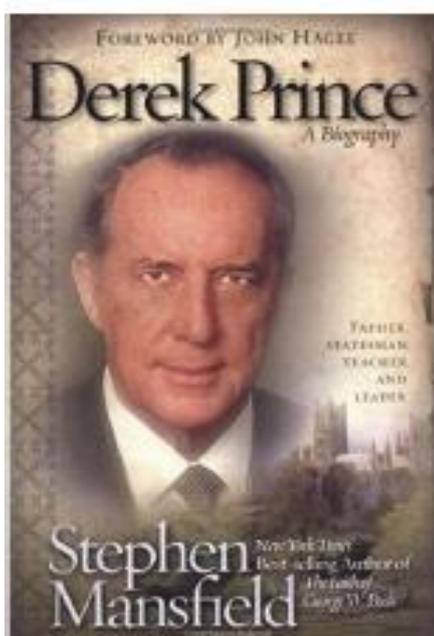
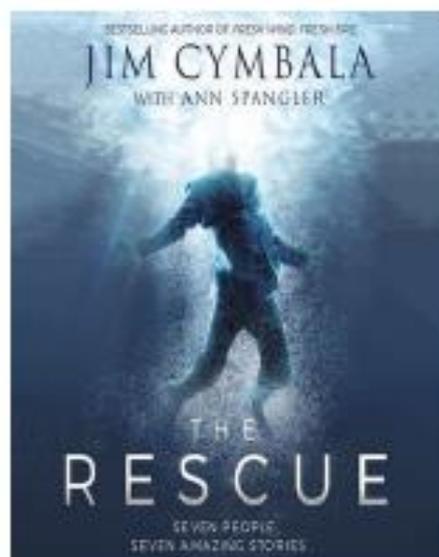
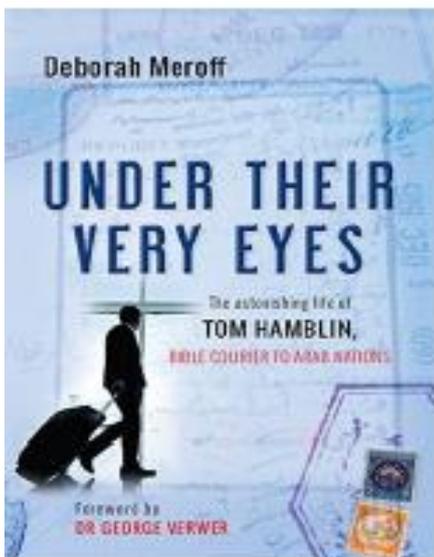
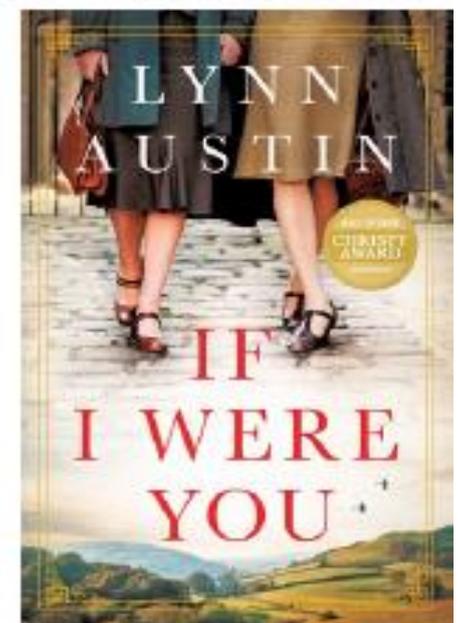
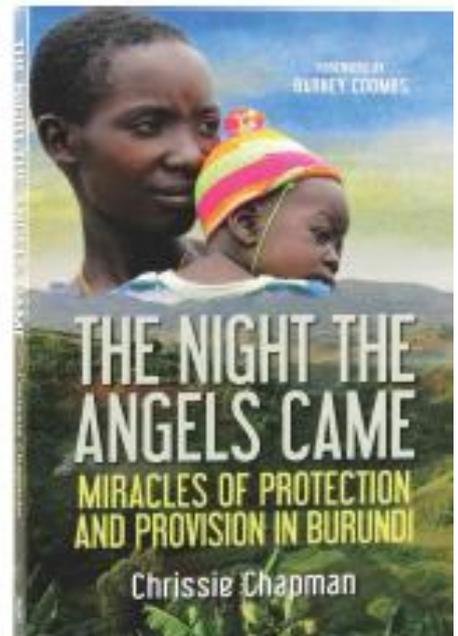
*Ken Hartley*  
*Treasurer*



# NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

St Enoch's Library has purchased 9 new titles for the library. They include biographies, fiction and Christian Living titles. These are your books. Please check them out. If you want to reserve any let Joan Bryant or Betty Cronin know.

- *If I Were You* Lyn Austin
- *The Night The Angels Came* Chrissie Chapman
- *Under Their Very Eyes* D. Meroff
- *Faith Of Queen Elizabeth* D. Delffs
- *Overcomer* Dr David Jeremiah
- *Daring To Hope* Katie Majors (sequel to *Katie*)
- *The Rescue, Seven People Seven Amazing Stories*  
Jim Cymbala



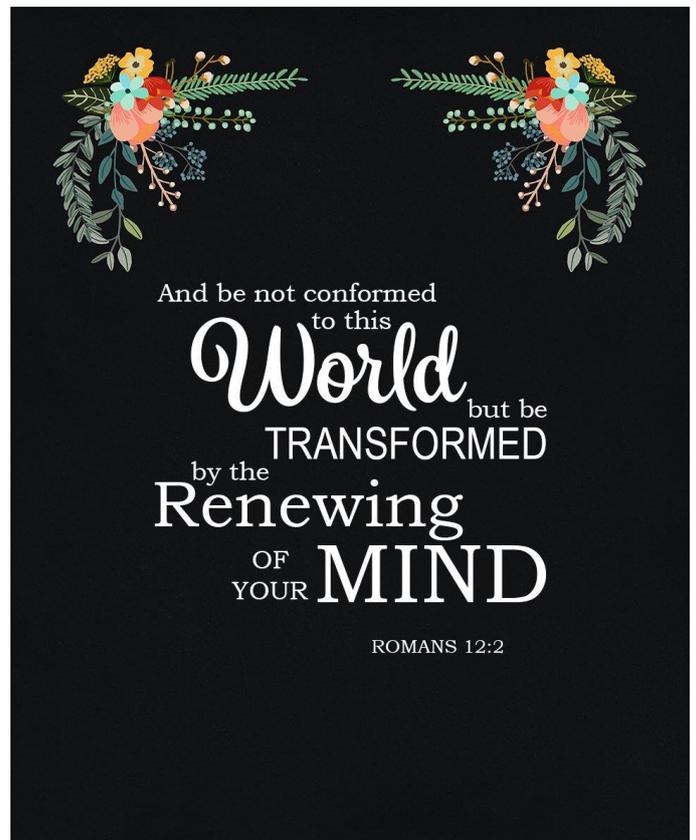
# SHAPELY CHRISTIANS

Now that I have got your attention. I ask this question – since Christians come in all shapes and sizes etc, what shape should we be? Indeed, is there a Christian ideal? Well Jesus modelled much of practical Christian living and behold He has set a simple pattern for us, believe it or not!

As Luke tells us of Jesus, we learn much about the prelude to His coming and then His actual arrival. A little is told of Him as an eight-day old baby being presented at the Temple in Jerusalem and later as a twelve-year-old having a seminar with religious teachers also in Jerusalem's Temple. Eventually He got back home to Nazareth and we are told no more of Him till eighteen years later when He finds John the Baptist for a baptism to begin His ministry, or do we? Those missing eighteen years are called the Hidden Years. We know nothing of Jesus through them. Or do we?

The last verse of Luke 2 (verse 52) tells us of His development through those years to ready him for His public ministry. That development was a fourfold “growth in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and men”. And there is our model. Jesus was a four-square Christian!

Jesus grew in wisdom which is matured and tested knowledge which points to mental energies and a practical understanding of the world and it's people including what we today call common sense. Our minds are as much part of our Christian life and experience as the soul. We are not mindless Christians. Romans 12:2 tells of minds transformed by renewal, that is turning them to God's word, and being focussed on God. Then we learn that Jesus grew in stature. Well, He was a carpenter in Nazareth (Mark 6: 3). No doubt He heaved baulks of timber around in making cattle yokes and other agricultural gear. Such work made Him strong in body. Only thus could He have endured



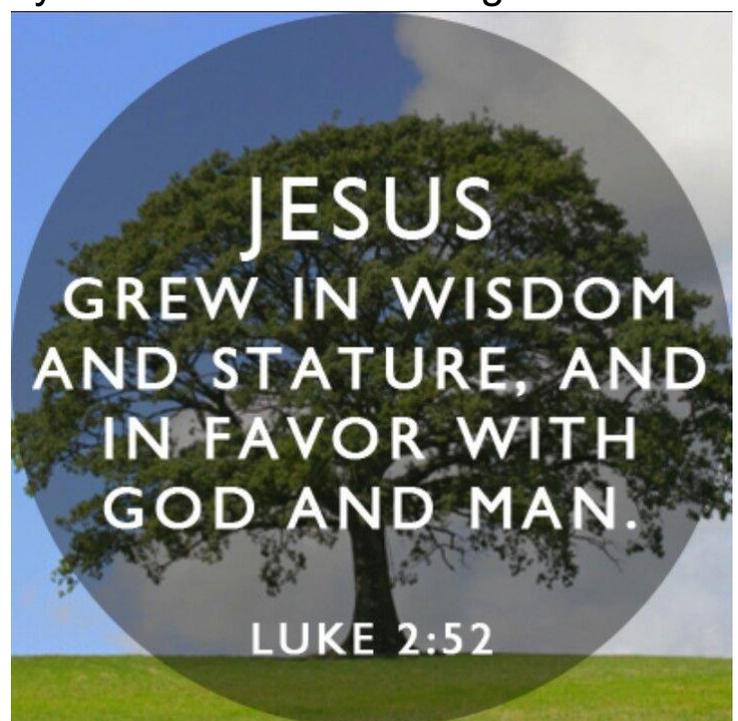
during His ministry and all that the four Gospel writers tell us. More especially He was able to cope with the various aspects of His Passion. This suggests Christians should look after their physical bodies too. After all in 1 Corinthians 6:19 the apostle Paul tells us our bodies are a “temple for the Holy spirit”. So, we need to look after ourselves so that we are worthy residences for the Holy Spirit’s indwelling presence. Then Luke draws attention to Jesus spiritual life – ‘in favour with God’. Even though Jesus was God incarnate nevertheless He maintained a living fellowship with God through regular private prayer and worship in Synagogue and Temple. Thus, the spiritual side was developed and maintained and prepared Him for the Cross. So we too must keep our spiritual life alert and alive functioning and flourishing through prayer and worship and a consistent intake of the word of God.

Finally, Jesus also grew in favour with people. This is the social side of His life and ministry. People were attracted to Him. He never turned people away. His living concern for the needy is told on almost every page of the Gospels. Surely in order for us to be salt and light in our day to day world we must mix and mingle with people, even having nonbelievers among our circle so as to bear witness to them of our faith and Saviour Jesus.

So, for us the working model of the Christian life is presented in the flat pack of Luke 2:52. We have unpacked it and found it is a four-square lifestyle. So let us develop that and shape our lives. We can do no better than to emulate Jesus’ Lifestyle in the practical example and model He gives us. That will resound to the glory of God and for us bring winsome pleasure and joy in being one of God’s family. So, the silent call of Luke 2:52 shouts to us to be a four-square Christian just like Jesus.

(P.S. This sermonette was NOT sponsored by a well-known national grocery chain!)

*Rev Warren Wilson*



# PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

## BERYL GOODGER

Why wait till a friend's funeral to tell them how much you appreciate what they have meant to you?

Beryl Goodger was born in Cape Town South Africa where she had been part of the Youth for Christ movement. She came to New Zealand in her early 20's where she met and married Bob. They came to Tauranga on their honeymoon and "fell in love" with the place, so returned to stay, raising 4 children all of whom attended Sunday School and Bible Class. Bob met Rev. Ivan Muir during a stay in hospital and that was the beginning of their long association with St Enoch's, and a very active association it has been. Bobs talents were woodwork and he made a special trophy to be presented at the annual "Wheelbarrow race".



Beryl's involvement was with Friendly Circle, A.P.W. (Association of Presbyterian Women) Have-a-go, Mission Birthday Donations writing on a in regular basis to overseas missionaries, Katherine Hollister Jones and Katherine McDaniels.

Beryl's special gift was "words" and when St Enoch's held a concert she decided to put her own words to the well-known Fred Dagg song "If it weren't for your gumboots where would you be? Each time it was performed she would add a new verse to suit the changes taking place around St Enoch's at the time.

The following are just some of these verses.

*(For the Friendly Circle 25th Anniversary)*

*A quarter of a century has passed, how time does fly.*

*We're all getting older but there's no need to cry.  
We're all just in the prime of life and there's no reason why  
We can't kick up our heels – in our gumboots.*

*("When we built the new lounge in 1986:-")  
We've got a brand new building, it's really rather posh.  
It's even got a kitchen for serving up the nosh.  
It's got a fine new carpet a-covering the floor  
Where we didna, hadna ought to wear our gumboots.*

*(For the church 48th birthday party 1999)  
St Enoch's has a birthday, we're turning 48,  
We're all getting older but don't be downcast mate.  
As long as we can move our legs, and sometimes stay out  
late,  
We'll be hopping round in our gumboots.*

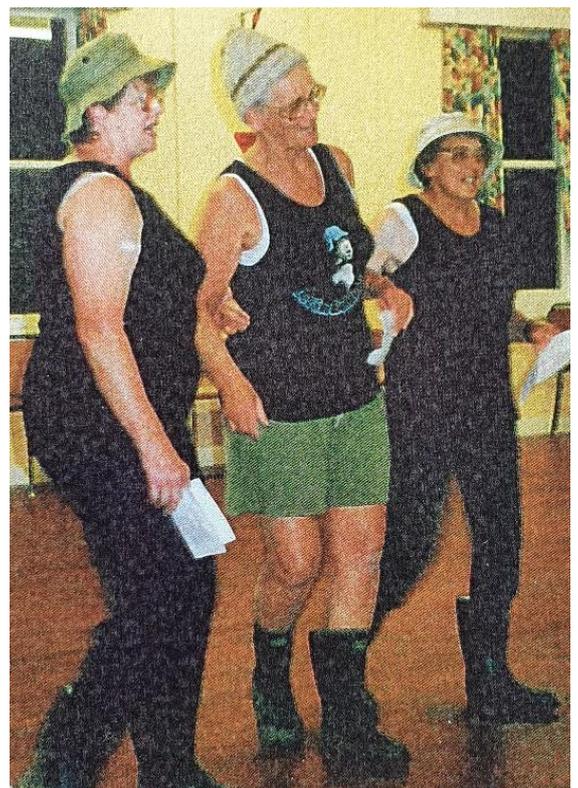
*(Always's finishing with -)  
Now when we get to Heaven, the saints around I'll see.  
St Peter will be there for sure – and Enoch – well maybe!  
But the bloke I'll be matey with, for all eternity  
Will be Noah! – and we'll both have on our gumboots!*

Beryl now lives in Hodgson House and remains in touch, taking an interest in what is happening here at St Enoch's.

We give thanks to God for what she has contributed over the years.

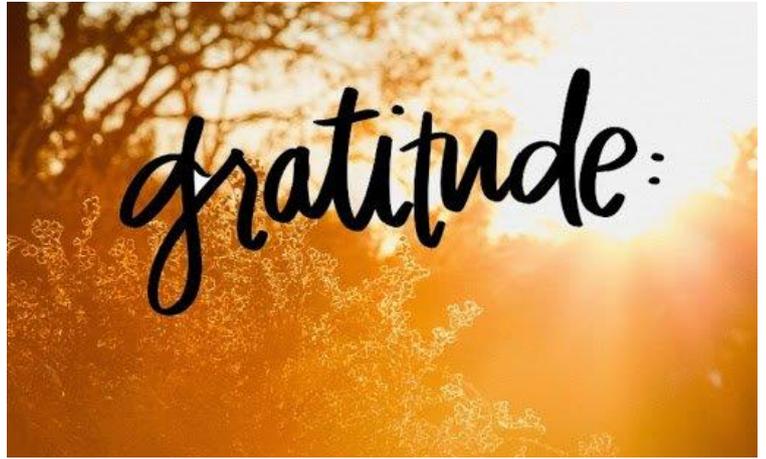
If you have time pop in and see her please do so as she loves visitors.

*Pen portrait by Iris Stockwell*



## Gratitude... YES!!

I had been doing some errands at the Mount and was walking back to my car. That's when I saw a small cafe called "Gratitude". What a wonderful and positive choice of name. I couldn't resist going in there (and the coffee was great)



It got me thinking about gratitude in this time of Covid19.

The other day I hopped on the bus to go downtown. There, I was able to browse my favourite bookstore, and visit the Art gallery to see amazing works created by Bay of Plenty artists. There was time for the library too, followed by ... yes...coffee, at a pleasant cafe!

These are such simple pleasures, yet my dear friends overseas would truly feel that they had arrived in paradise if they could have an outing like this. Where they live the threat of infection looms like a dark cloud. We cannot take this time of freedom from Covid19 for granted, but for now we are so fortunate.

Yet I already see something akin to the response of the people of Israel after being led out of Egypt. They were given a wonderful deliverance from hardships, but all too soon they started grumbling. Perhaps, for us, a daily quick glance at world news can be a good reality check and a reminder of how fortunate we are.

I feel proud when I read in the global news that our small country's approach to the pandemic is being recognised as world leading. It reminds me of the way kiwis have been able to lead the field in so many ways such as sport, science, literature.

I feel gratitude that, as a nation, we have been encouraged to work together as a team of 5 million, to be kind to each other and to do this for the common good of our nation. Neighbours checked on neighbours, people thought of others, and there were kind and selfless actions all over New Zealand. The result is the freedom we currently enjoy.

It seems very much like what we are encouraged to do all the time as Christians. Paul writes in Philippians 2 v1-4. " If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded , having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

So, while I continue to be very grateful for being able to enjoy simple pleasures, I am aware that there will still be many difficulties for all of us around the world to face in this time of Covid19. I pray that as a country and as a church we will continue to remember that being willing to think of others and putting our own needs aside for the common good, can make a huge difference. It can be life changing and lifesaving!

*Lesley Ayers*



# Board of Managers May – June 2020

While in lockdown, there were a number of motions which were passed by email, and the first face to face meeting was held on 20th May.

There was discussion about the fact that the St.Enoch's offering income would reduce, as would other areas of income, e.g. rent for the manse, (it was agreed that this would be reduced by 20%) and hiring out of the complex.

A subsidy for the minister's stipend and the administrator's wages was applied for and received.

A safety plan was prepared by Richard Wilson and Robyn Dowdle for those groups starting to use the complex again.

A technology empowerment group has been set up with Lester Grey, Joseph Taora, and Ngaire and John Foote, to help people connect with their families and the community.

A QR code has been applied for and received and is on display in the foyer of the church and the hall. We very much hope this does not need to be used.

Funding from the Acorn Foundation has been received for the painting of the soffits and fascia around the church and for repairing the tower louvre vent.

I am resigning from the Board of Managers as from the AGM on 13th September. A person will need to be found to oversee the hall kitchen.

Thank you to John Brabyn who continues to keep our grounds and gardens weed free and colourful.

As the church's 70th birthday will be on 2nd May next year it has been decided to have a cake and then have a BIG celebration for our 75th birthday in 2006.

*Marion Bennett*





## ***Good morning, Lord!***

Thank You for a new day. Thank You that Your compassion is renewed every morning. Great is Your faithfulness and Your steadfast love, O Lord!

I don't know what all is going to happen today, and how much I'll get done, but You do. So I give this day to You.

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, Father. Energize me for Your work, because You know how tired these bones are. Awaken me to the wonder of Your salvation, and quicken my spirit to the reality of Your work in my life.

Lord, my mind is filled with creative ideas, but they're all jumbled. Holy Spirit, come and hover over my mind like You hovered over the waters at creation and speak order out of the chaos! Help me to cease striving and to trust that You will give me all I need today to do the work You've given me to do.

You will be faithful to complete the good work You've started, and as I step out into my day, I declare Your sovereignty over every area of my life. I entrust myself to You and ask that You use me however You see fit.

This day is Yours. My body is Yours. My mind is Yours. Everything I am is Yours. May You be pleased with me today. Amen.

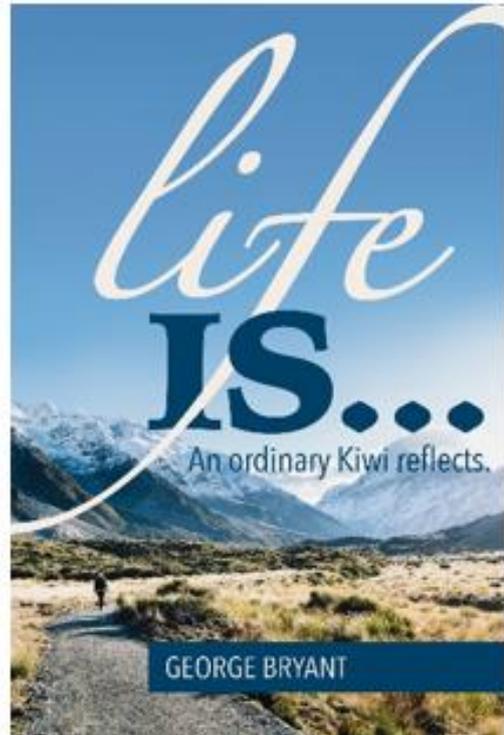
( <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/why-pray-in-the-morning-prayers-to-begin-each-day.html> )



# Two New Books From George and Joan



Great story of Joan's progress through life, with 28 pics



High accolades from those who've read the script – “thoughtful” “challenging”...

Available to St Enoch's members for the launch price of only \$25. Retail prices are \$26.95 and \$27.95.

**GOD IS WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO.**

This poem was a favourite of Anne Gray who had a long connection with St Enoch's. It was used at her funeral and she donated a framed copy of this poem which sat on the lounge wall for many years with her photo on.

## **IF GOD WENT ON STRIKE**

*It's just a good thing God above  
Has never gone on strike  
Because He wasn't treated fair  
Or for things he didn't like  
If He had ever once sat down  
And said, "That's it I'm through  
I've had enough of those on earth  
So this is what I'll do*

*I'll give my orders to the sun  
"Cut off your heat supply  
And to the moon give no more light  
and run the oceans dry  
Then, just to make it really tough  
And put the pressure on  
Turn off the air and oxygen  
Till every breath is gone*

*Do you know, He'd be justified  
If fairness was the game  
For no-one has been more abused  
Or treated with disdain  
Than God - and yet He carries on  
supplying you and me  
With all the favours of His grace  
And everything for free*

*Men say they want a better deal  
And so on strike they go  
But what a deal we've given God  
To whom everything we owe  
We don't care whom we hurt or harm  
To gain the things we like  
But what a mess we'd all be in  
If God should go on strike.*

# WHAT'S ON AT ST ENOCH'S

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

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

## September 2020

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Taste of Italy dinner
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Annual General Meeting
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Riverday

## October 2020

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Riverday

## November 2020

Sunday 1st	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Session meeting
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 20th	9.00am	Riverday

## ST ENOCH'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 11am**

You are all invited to join us for the  
St Enoch's AGM

All reports will be handed out 2 weeks prior  
Come along and have your say.



*That's Amore!*

Please join us for a  
**Taste of Italy**  
**Dinner Party**

**Saturday 5 September**

**5.30pm**

**St Enoch's Hall**

**Cost \$30.00**

Come and enjoy a Taste of Italy, fun and fellowship with wonderful people, music and a night to remember at St Enoch's

Entry by pre-paid ticket only

Tickets from Helen Temple  
(Cash, cheque or Bank Transfer)

**BYO Wine**

If you would like to attend but need transport please let it be known when purchasing your ticket and this can be arranged.



# LISTEN

*The earth whispered but you did not hear  
The earth spoke but you did not listen  
The earth screamed but you turned her off  
And so, I was born*

*I was not born to punish you*

*I was born to awaken you*

*The earth cried out for help*

*Massive flooding. But you didn't listen*

*Burning fires. But you didn't listen*

*Strong hurricanes. But you didn't listen*

*Terrifying Tornadoes. But you didn't listen*

*You still don't listen to the earth when creatures of the ocean  
are dying due to pollutants in the waters*

*Glaciers melting at an alarming rate*

*Severe drought*

*You don't listen to how much negativity the earth is receiving.*

*Non-stop wars.*

*Non-stop greed*

*You just kept going on with your life*

*No matter how much hate there was*

*No matter how many killings daily*

*It was more important to get that latest iPhone than worry  
about what the earth was trying to tell you*

*But now I am here*

*And I've made the world stop on its tracks*

*I've made YOU finally listen*

*I've made you take refuge*

*I've made you stop thinking about materialistic things*

*Now you are like the earth*

*You are only worried about YOUR survival*

*How does that feel?*

*I give you fever... as the fires burn on earth*

*I give you respiratory issues... as pollution fills the earth's air  
I give you weakness as the earth weakens every day  
I took away your comforts  
Your outings  
The things you would use to forget about the planet and its pain  
And I made the world stop*

***And now***

*China has better air quality  
Skies are clear blue because factories are not spewing pollution  
into the earth's air*

*The water in Venice is clean and dolphins are being seen,  
because the boats that pollute the water are not being used  
YOU have to take time to reflect on what is important in your life.*

*Again I am not here to punish you*

*I am here to awaken you*

*When all this is over and I am gone*

*Please remember these moments*

*Listen to the earth*

*Listen to your soul*

*Stop polluting the earth*

*Stop fighting among each other*

*Stop caring about materialistic things*

*And start loving your neighbours*

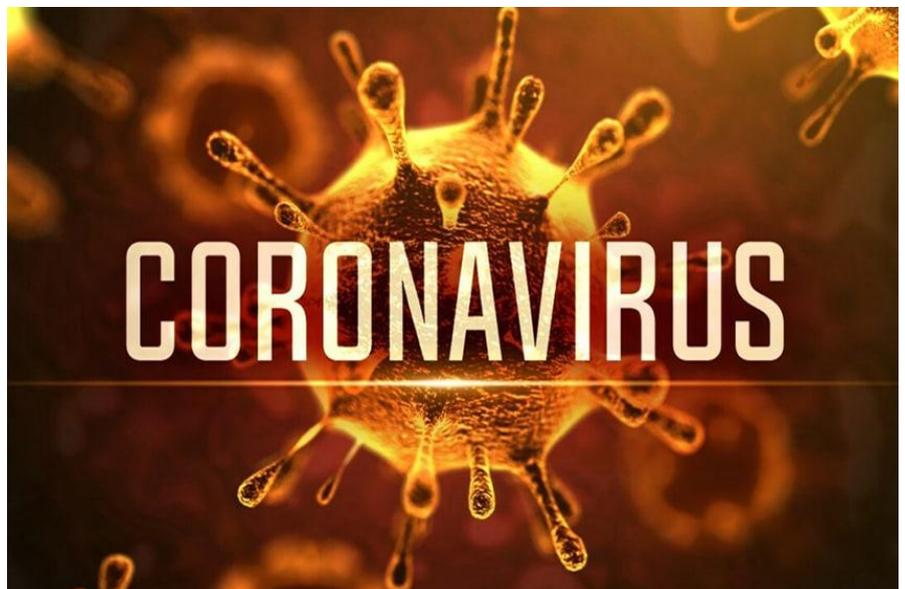
*Start caring about the earth and all its creatures*

*Start believing in a*

*Creator*

*Because next time I  
may come back even  
stronger*

*Signed Coronavirus*

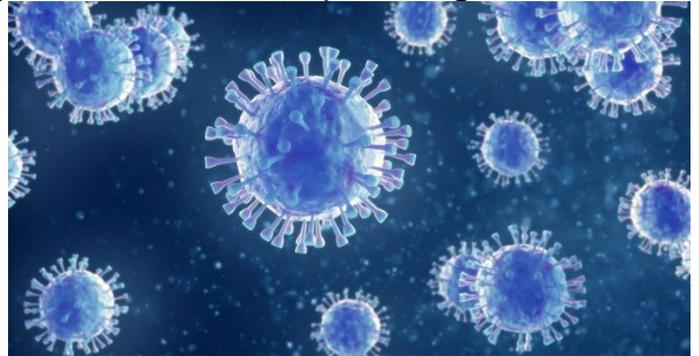


# CORONAVIRUS

We all had different ways of coping during lockdown. Jaco asked for volunteers to talk to the congregation about how Covid-19 had affected them. This is what they said



**Peka Tautali:** If you think about Covid-19, there are some good moments and great opportunities with family through lockdown. First, I want to talk about family time. I know we are all busy with work and other things that time may eat up, but we may be missing out on family time. When Covid-19 came about, there had been a massive difference to what life had been like normally. People were unsettled, scared, worrying and to be honest, most people weren't thinking right. But there were many things to be thankful for. Sometimes we have to leave everything behind and spend time with family as much as we can. This is a good reminder for all of us because God wants our time to talk and connect with him. We are all busy doing other things when really, we should be spending more time with God. During the lockdown we have all maybe experienced sadness, frustration, fear and even anger when we weren't allowed to go outside, but when we are all at a low point, God is always there. He is always there, and he will never leave us. His love is never-ending.



What is something good you have got from Covid-19?

I have experienced quite a few things from covid-19 that have been very good such as, being more prepared, being respected/respectful, following rules, exercising with my family, baking with my kids and teaching them how to cook. I am very thankful that I have had these opportunities and I am very thankful. God is the answer to everything and without God I am nothing. I am nothing without God. God is in control. In the holy name of the lord, God almighty, Amen.

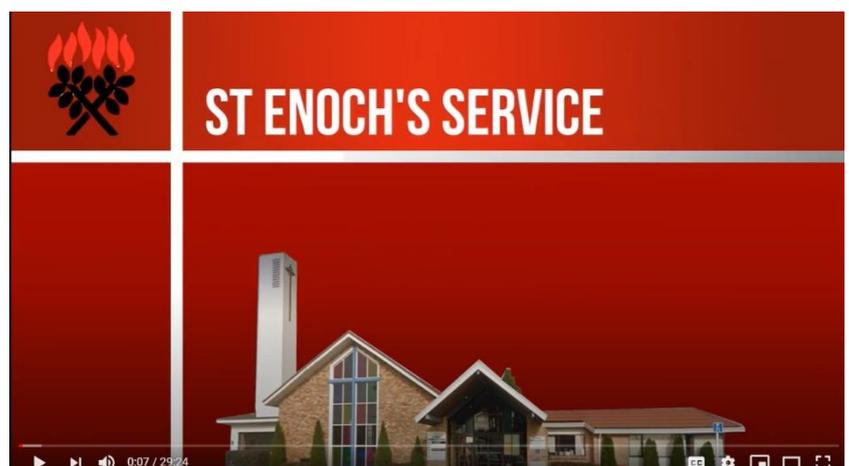
**Danny Atoa:** Good morning St Enoch's, I'd like to thank the lord for another day added in our lives and thanks to our minister Jaco for giving this opportunity to speak out to you all about my experience during the lockdown. 25th of March, Lockdown has started, the world shaken by this epidemic virus called Coronavirus also known as Covid-19. People

panicking and losing faith in themselves, parents on a rampage to find food, drinks and especially toilet paper, but ever since the lockdown started families throughout the world have struggled to find their own food, resources, shelter and protection towards this contagious virus. This lockdown has given the children an opportunity to stay home safe and help the parents. Personally, from my experience it was always quiet, no one on the roads, no one going to school nor playing outside, one of the scariest things I had to face throughout lockdown was when my mum had to take night shifts. Every night I'd stay up until she leaves work to kiss goodbye, worrying about the fact that "what if my mum catches it", what if she won't make it home, so many thoughts have passed my head. Every night I'd pray to the lord, to protect us, my family and other families. It has always been a blessing to see my mum come back home safe in the morning and I thank God for that. It was good to have a lockdown because it has saved many lives, even though some other families already lost their loved ones. The Covid-19 has given us a hell of a shock and a wakeup call for everyone. Now to finish of this speech I would like to end it off with a quote "It's really nice to wake up in the morning realizing that God has given me another day to live" I thank you all for listening and may our good lord give us strength, his love and protection among us all, Amen.

**Chris Meyer:** During the lockdown we were forced to stay in isolation at home without any contact with people outside your bubble. This created the opportunity to focus on my spiritual life. The Holy Spirit showed me generally when I pray, it is always about myself - what is important in my life, my needs and how I feel. He also showed me that I should be praying for and reaching out to others. Putting other people's needs before my own. That is after all the main purpose why He called me and made me His child.

We had very moving times watching the online services. The first communion we experienced such a presence of God while sharing the wine and bread.

As God promise in Romans 8:28, He let everything work together for the good for Chrissie and I.





# MISSIONS UPDATE



**Wycliffe**  
BIBLE TRANSLATORS NZ  
*Te Kupu Whai Ora a te Atua*

John Rentz from Wycliffe Bible Translators visited our congregation on Sunday 28 June this year.

John and his wife, Rosalie, have been serving together with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 1984, initially working as translation advisors for the Reef Islanders in the Solomon Islands. John (from Georgia, in the USA) and Rosalie (from Thames) met while studying in Dallas. God blessed them with two daughters, one son-in-law and two grandchildren, who live nearby in Otumoetai.

After working in the Solomon's for eight years, John and Rosalie returned to NZ for two years of health leave in the mid-nineties, then began serving in Wycliffe NZ's home office in Auckland, where John served as Associate Director for ten years.

After completing their assignments with Wycliffe NZ, John recommenced work with the Reef Islanders in 2018, working remotely from NZ. He returned from his most recent trip to the Solomon's at the end of February, prior to the self-isolation requirement.

During his visit to our congregation, John spoke about what the organisation does and how people can get involved. Wycliffe was founded in 1942 and works with an international association of organizations in language development, literacy and Scripture translation.

The organisation aspires to see a Bible translation in progress in every language still needing one by 2025.

As a congregation we pray for people involved, make donations and create awareness. By doing so we help people connect with God's message of love as they hear it in their own language.

A warm thank you to our congregation for supporting this organisation so enthusiastically.

*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**

# ***Don't be Afraid***

***I will Help You!***

***"I am your God***

***I will strengthen you***

***I will help you***

***I will uphold you" Is 41: 10***

Keep God's promises

Close your heart and the truth will set you FREE!

For the Lord, Jesus Christ will guide you

He will uphold you if you carry on in His name

Then don't be afraid to go forward

Don't become weary in doing good

***"I am with you***

***I will strengthen you***

***I will help you"***

## ***Don't Be Afraid!***

"TRUSTING Psalm 4:8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety"

## **HAVE A LAUGH**

(Extracts from Church Newsletters)

- Don't let worry kill you – let the church help.
- Thursday Night – Pot Luck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

# KID'S CORNER



BibleWise

## OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

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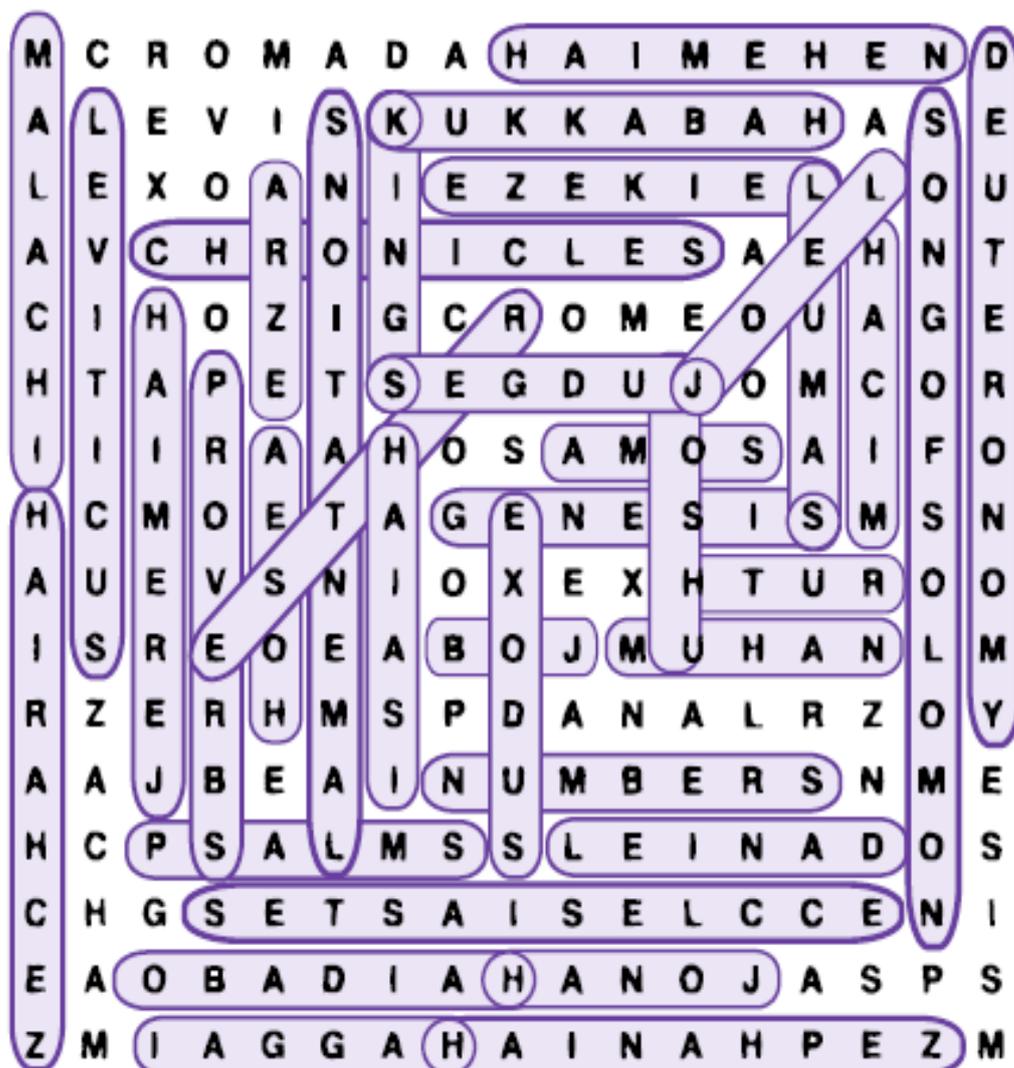
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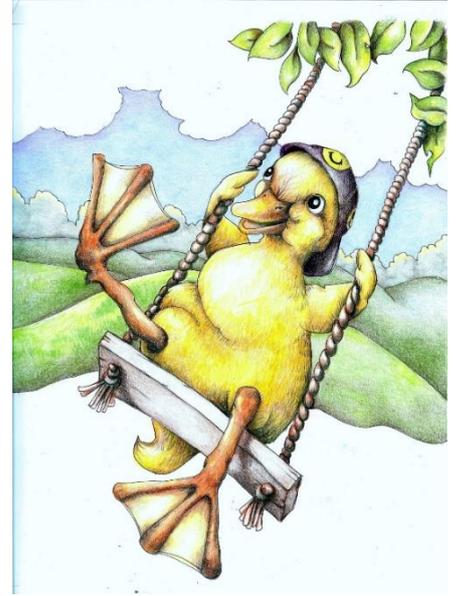


# Acceptance of others

## Let's be kind!

Dr. Jeremy Duck Wisdom

Jeremy Duck had lived in the little village all his life. It was a nice village with happy neighbours and the animals all seemed so friendly. They often had picnics together and went on outings to visit lovely gardens. There was a contented atmosphere with everyone getting on so well.



It came as a shock when, one morning, Jeremy opened his front door and found Ernie the elephant standing there. He was in a very upset state. Jeremy immediately asked what the matter was and to his surprise Ernie started to cry! What! An elephant crying! There must be something really wrong!

Ernie dried his tears and started to tell Jeremy the problem. Ernie had a new neighbour! But what was wrong with that Jeremy asked. Well, replied Ernie, it was not just having a new neighbour that was the problem, it was who it was. You see, Ernie is a very big animal and, because of his size, he lived by himself just at the edge of the village in a lovely, quiet stand of trees. Overnight Mick the monkey had moved in to the trees as he thought they would be just great for jumping from branch to branch, swinging by his tail and generally having lots of fun.

Ernie had woken up that morning to the loud noise of Mick jumping, swinging and making a great din as he played happily in the trees. Up till then, of course, they had been Ernie's trees, quiet and restful. Now all of a sudden Mick had moved in and OOOH the racket!

Well now that was a problem!

Jeremy asked Ernie in to his house and made him a cup of tea. While he was doing this, he pondered on a possible answer to Ernie's situation. What could the solution be?

After he had made the tea, Jeremy sat down with Ernie and began by asking if he had had a talk to Morris. No said Ernie. I was too upset and didn't know what to say or do. Jeremy asked

another question. Now that you have had time to think about things, what would you like to say and do? Well said Ernie, I could just go back to the trees, rap my trunk around each one and give them all a big shake. That would make Mick very uncomfortable and maybe he would leave.

Jeremy thought about this answer, but decided there was a better solution. So he shared it with Ernie.

I would like to suggest that you go back to your home and invite Mick down for a cup of tea and a muffin. You can then talk about the noise that Mick is making. By making friends with Mick you are much more likely to be able to reach a happy agreement. For example, you may suggest that when you go for your daily walk in the morning, Mick can have the trees to himself to play in to his heart's content. Just because you are bigger or older or stronger does not mean that you can get rough with people when you are upset with them.

As we get older we are going to find situations and people we do not like or we think we cannot get on with. We would rather not have to face them. We should remember that God made everything and everyone. We must be kind and tolerant with the people we meet and the things we say and do. God made us and we are all different so we must learn to accept each other as they are.

Ernie was happy! He smiled and thanked Jeremy so much. As he left the house Jeremy handed him some muffins for the morning tea.

P.S. All went very well as Ernie entertained Mick for morning tea. The matter of the noise was resolved, and the two animals began a long and happy friendship.

**A thought for you:** Jeremy began his talk with Ernie by asking questions. That way he was able to understand what Ernie was thinking before he offered any advice. We often rush to make decisions without first understanding all the facts.

**So Jeremy's advice to you is**

Ask, Think, Act.

*Grandad*

# DOOR DUTY

We are trialling the door duty roster of ONE person (unless you are a couple)

When you are rostered on the door you can ask someone else to assist you on the morning but remember YOU are the person responsible for:



- *Putting water in the pulpit for the minister*
- *Giving out the collection bags to 3 people to help you take up the offering during the service (you are responsible for asking these 3 people)*
- *Sit close to the door during the service to welcome late comers*
- *Remove the rubbish left in the pews after the service*

It is also very important to find a replacement if you are unable to attend on the Sunday you are rostered for - please ring Robyn Magowan with any roster changes - phone 572-2152.

## NEW DENTURES

It seems there was this minister who just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made.

The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes.

The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes.

But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes.

When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk.

The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot.

The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!



# DUTY ROSTER – SEPTEMBER

## Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Servers:** Brian Walker, Joan and George Bryant, Lawson Stewart, Anel Reyneke, Minette Soekoe, Philip Temple

**Kitchen Duties:** Anua Abbot, Bev Hayman

**Door / Offering:** Jean Sutton, Joseph Toara

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Kitchen Duties:** Steve & Elsja Gurney

**Door / Offering:** John & Ngaire Foote

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Kitchen Duties:** Geoff & Bernice Tyrrell

**Door / Offering:** Mama Tu

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. George Bryant

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Kitchen Duties:** Jeanette Stewart, Jean Whiteman

**Door / Offering:** Juliet, Hazra, Marliza Syed

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## 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 - OCTOBER

## Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Servers:** Barbara and Rob Brown, Marie Nilson, Philip Temple,  
Ruth West, Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan

**Vestry:** Robyn Dowdle

**Kitchen Duties:** John & Gayle Marchbank

**Door / Offering:** Louise Hediger

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Robyn Dowdle

**Kitchen Duties:** Judith Thomas & Pat Collins

**Door / Offering:** Mama Tu

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Robyn Dowdle

**Kitchen Duties:** Ken & Lyn Hartley

**Door / Offering:** Margaret Wakefield

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Robyn Dowdle

**Kitchen Duties:** Norah Miller, Robyn Dowdle

**Door / Offering:** Mativa Ropati

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

# DUTY ROSTER - NOVEMBER

## Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev George Bryant

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Servers:** Gloria Mouatt, Louise & Marcel Hediger,  
Sanna & Lester Gray, Iris Stockwell, Chrissy Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Shona Giles, Cynthia Herring

**Door / Offering:** Mike Giles

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Jim Wallace

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Richard Wilson, Robyn Magowan

**Door / Offering:** Minette Soekoe

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Tricia Brown, Tofi Atoa

**Door / Offering:** Peka Tautali

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Cynthia Herring, Mama Tu

**Door / Offering:** Peter Tautali

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Chris Meyer

**Kitchen Duties:** Mary Woods, Molly Reid

**Door / Offering:** Tofia Tautali

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

*Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie.  
Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.*

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