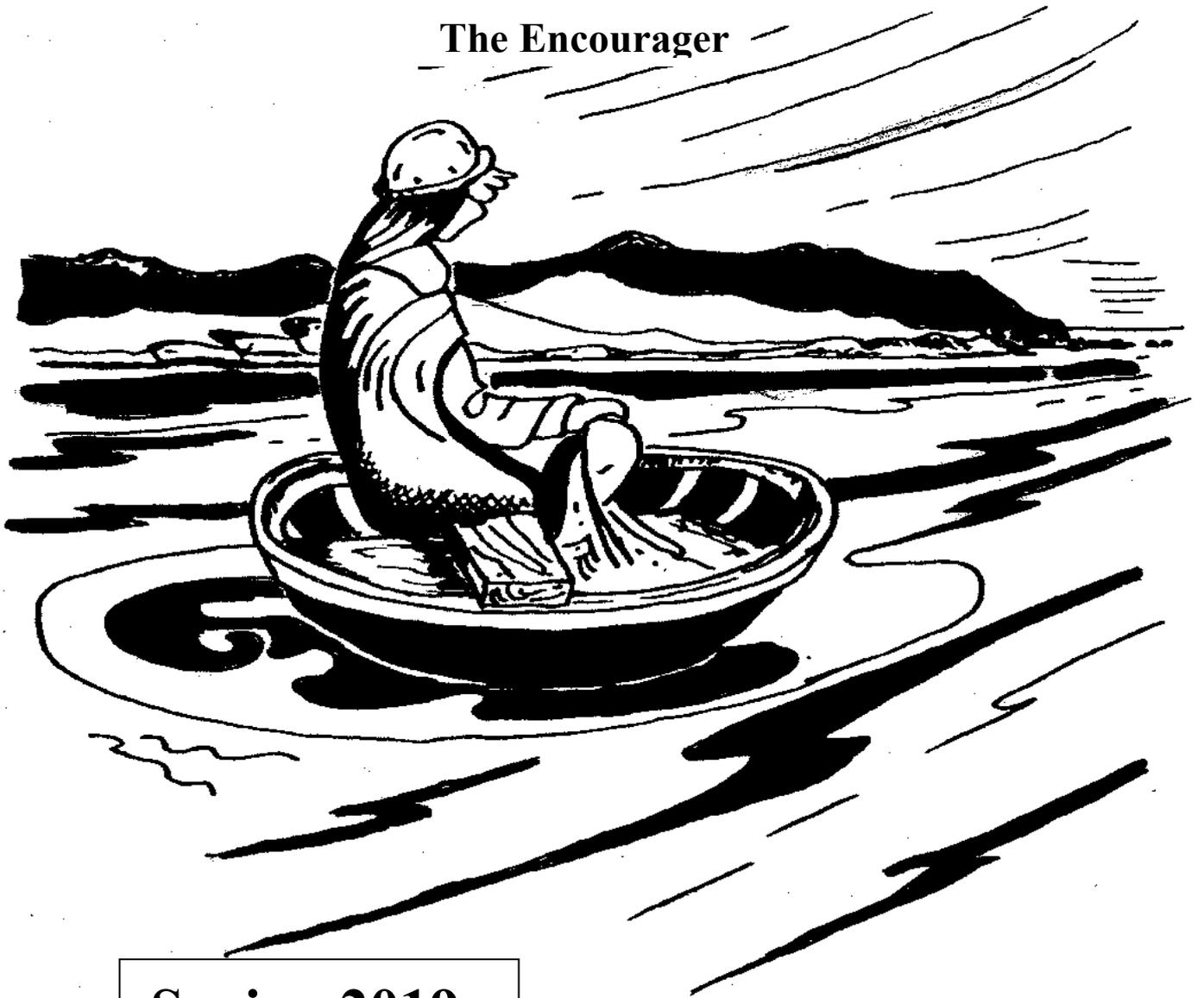


# St. Enoch's Church Community

# Manawa

The Encourager



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

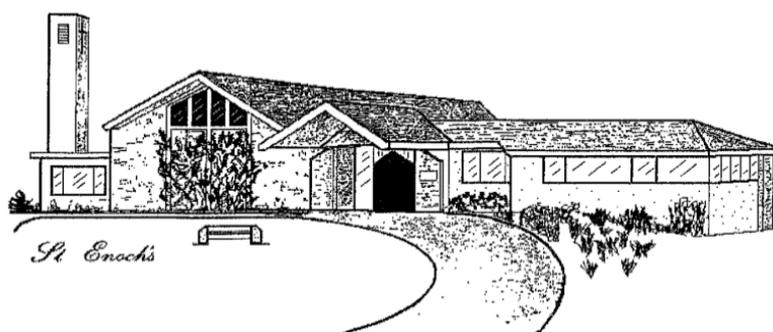
## “Yes, Lord, but.....”

As I am preparing this week’s Sunday School lesson from Exodus 3:1-4:17 I am reminded of God’s greatness and our inadequacies – of which the most significant is our lack of trust in God. God gave Moses an exciting yet daunting task to do. When Moses does not feel up to it, God assures Moses that He will be with him. When Moses retorted with “I do not know who you are!” God patiently responded with “I AM WHO I AM” (the one who was, is and will ever be). “But the people will not believe me!” was met with receiving three powerful signs Moses could perform to prove that he is a messenger from God. Next Moses returned to his feelings of inadequacy: “I cannot speak well. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.” “Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.” God responded. And finally, Moses basically said he did not want to go and asked God to send someone else. It was only at this point that God lost his patience with Moses (Exodus 4:14), but still provided Aaron as support for the mission. God has called each one of us to be part of the St. Enoch’s faith family. And God called us to make his light shine and his love a reality in our community. We can either focus on the challenges we foresee and our inadequacies, or we can trust that God will be with us, equip us, support us and provide the resources we need to be church of Jesus Christ in Tauranga South.



God is at work in us and through us. What an exciting journey!

*Blessings*  
*Jaco*



## SESSION REPORT

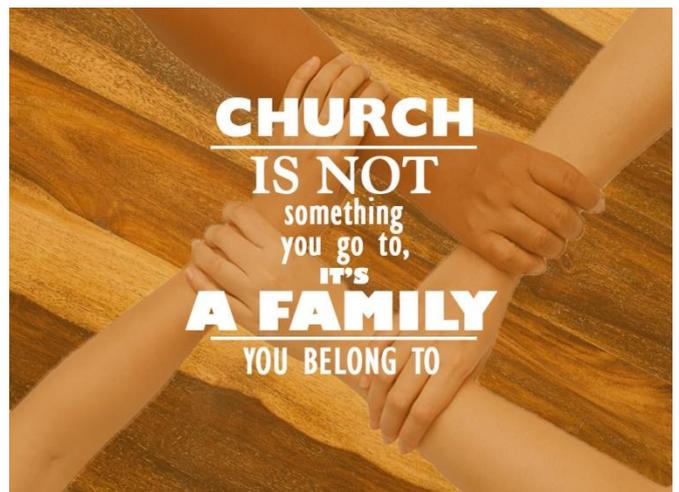
It is an honour to have been elected you Session clerk. I am surrounded by a friendly, God loving family here, which has made the first steps into this position both easy and most enjoyable. Working with Jaco and Marie has been such a pleasure. We are truly blessed to have them! Although your Session continues to fulfil all that is important in the life and work of our church family, it has been with great sadness that two of them are no longer with us. Firstly we lost Barrie Herring, who after a lifetime of dedicated service went home to his Lord. Iris Stockwell, a true, faithful and dedicated worker for God's kingdom, retired from session after nearly fifty years, sixteen as Session clerk. Also Peka Tautali has been made Elder with specific responsibility for the youth and Eli Yoo is on leave of absence. By the time of writing we will have inducted Minette Soekoe and Chris Meyer to the Eldership. We welcome them both and look forward to their special contribution to the life and work of our church family. There are now eight Elders to carry out the callings of our parish. Please pray for them as they seek God's will and leading as they plan and execute the wishes of the parish.



St Enoch's is one parish in over forty comprising the Kaimai Presbytery. With the large geographic area that it covers, it is encouraging to see the number of Elders and Ministers attending their meetings. Of late there has been a real initiative to re-focus our combined efforts in growing Christ's kingdom here in our region. There has been a strong initiative to commit to outreach in local mission and to present the gospel message in all we do.

May our God's rich blessings continue to pour on His family here at St Enoch's

*Philip P Temple*  
*Session Clerk*



## Chris Meyer

I grew up in a small country town in South Africa. I was always fascinated with city life and thought that it would be exciting to one day experience it. After I finished school, I started to work in Johannesburg.



It did not take me long to get into a life of partying and drinking. Soon I realised that the happiness I was looking for, was not to be found there. I eventually got involved with the wrong type of people - doing bad things and started experimenting with drugs. At that stage I was so unhappy that I started thinking that life is not worth living.

One night some people invited me to a church service. After the service an invitation was given. Someone prayed with me and read a Scripture from 1 John 1 verse 9 - "If we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness". At that moment something happened inside me and an indescribable joy and peace filled me. I was walking on air and just wanted to read the Bible as much as I could.

This happened in 1971 and by His mercy and grace, I am still serving Him.



## Minette Soekoe

A few Saturdays ago at 8:04 I arrived at work (I was late). I haven't long been at the music counter when I heard a bird, a little sparrow. Then I saw it. It flew up and down along the roof, looking at the skylights for a place to escape - there was none. I felt anxious and restless and spoke to a few people about what to do. The Warehouse is no small place and it doesn't have a lot of open doors and windows, especially in winter. This bird struggling to get out concerned me to the extent that I



questioned myself about it. I went to the kitchen and got a little saucer with water and put it on a shelf - the bird must be thirsty. I whistled and wished it to come down. One of the customers proposed catching it with a towel. If only it would allow me, I thought, I would carry it to the front door and let it out, but it didn't.

Just after 10am I had a quarter of an hour break, and thought, the only other way is the lunchroom door, but to get the little sparrow there..... By some miracle it did come close to the lunchroom and I opened the sliding door wide so it could feel the breeze from the outside. It chirped, I whistled and it came in the lunchroom. I swiftly closed the door leading to the hallway. The only way was out... and the sparrow finally took it. Why was I so anxious? I value freedom. Often in my life I have felt trapped, frightened out of my wits, not knowing what to do. Often in times like that, I fluttered around wildly, too frightened to trust even God. I tried to create my own solutions and succeeded in making matters much worse.

It took a long time for me to realise that the safest, freest, happiest place was with God, in His hands. Accepting his forgiveness for my multitude of sins and wrongdoings is a process. Understanding that He loves me unconditionally is above and beyond what my mind can understand. All I can do is to take Him on his Word.

What I am most thankful for is that He always perseveres. He is willing to work alongside us, guiding us patiently, taking our imperfect offerings and use it for His all eternal good.



# MID WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

What an amazing evening we were treated to on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

A huge thank you to Philip and Helen who did an amazing amount of work to spoil us all for a night to remember. They thought of everything from the food, drinks, servers, decorations and they even had games for us all to play. It was a great night. A big thank you goes out to all their wonderful helpers who cooked, served on the night, welcomed, cleaned and did a million dishes in the kitchen. Everything went like clockwork.

A profit of \$870 was made which they are donating to our mission's fund.



## Poem for the planet

*Contentment covers me gently, like a cloak,  
repelling calls that scream from papers,  
magazines, and screen*

*YOU WANT  
YOU NEED  
YOU DESERVE these things.*

*Contentment shakes demands of buy,  
and have, and get,  
and shrugs them off.*

*It sees*

*In birds, and flowers,  
and stars, the gifts of life.  
breathes air,  
gives thanks.*

Lesley Ayers 2019

## **STEWV GROUP**

**(St Enoch's Working Women's Group)**

This spiritual growth group get together the first Thursday of each month.

The next one will be 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

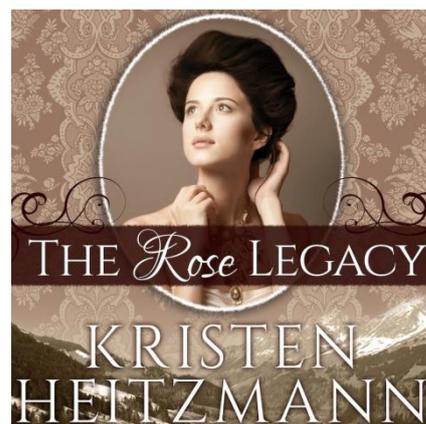
Phone Anel if any women are interested in joining  
phone 544-0644 or 021 2683064



## Library Book reviews

### **The Rose Legacy (Diamond of the Rockies series book 1) by Kristin Heitzmann**

I selected this book to ensure I had something light to read while recovering from my operation. I wasn't even sure if I would read a Christian historical romance (400+ pages) as I limit my fiction reading to recommended books.

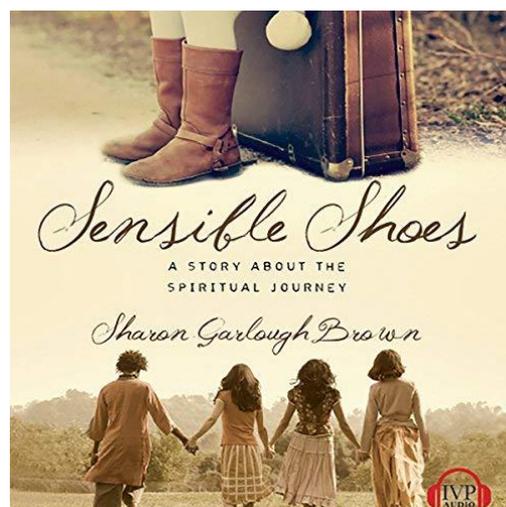


However, I was drawn in and found it didn't have the syrupy Christian jargon I expected. The main character Carina leaves home after her fiancé betrays her and plans a new life in the mining town Crystal, Colorado. She struggles with knowing who to trust, her unforgiveness and has a love/hate relationship with Quillan, the trader.

Characters are realistic and well developed and descriptions vivid. If time is on your hands this is worth a read but not all issues are resolved as there is a sequel, Sweet Boundless, also in the library.

### **Sensible Shoes by SS Sharon G Brown**

I highly recommend this library book, *Sensible Shoes*, and the 3 books that follow on about the lives of 4 women. It is basically fiction but the book doesn't fit into the usual categories. It incorporates many spiritual practices, ways to pray and read the scriptures, that the 4 women learn to use through the events in their lives. The American author, Sharon Garlough Brown, held a retreat here in Tauranga with people coming from as far afield as Perth. Such is the popularity of the book, easy to read but gives teaching and is inspiring, as those of you who have read it know. But let's not leave it on the library shelf. It's not just for women. I know a gentleman who has read all 4 books which are also available on kindle.



*Joan Bryant*



**We don't meet people  
by accident.  
They are meant to  
cross our path  
for a reason.**

# **PEN PORTRAIT of John Brabyn**

**By Iris Stockwell**

There is more to John than just a retired organist. Did you know that John was a “Manse” baby” His father was a Presbyterian Home Missionary which meant moving around the country from parish to parish.

Minister’s children were often seen “as goody goody’ children, and as John admitted to dispel this myth he was often tempted to be the opposite.

There are also 2 other “Manse” babies in our congregation.

Manses were provided in the early days of the Presbyterian Church but, one in particular had only one bedroom so John’s “bedroom” was a tent with a wooden floor. And yes, it was pretty cold in the winter. Naturally there were many moves, Kaikohe, Te Kuiti, Kati Kati, East Coast Bays, Takapuna.

In 1953 in Whakatane John met and married Anne, a school teacher, who had grown up on a farm. They began married life in Auckland before moving on to Tokoroa where they established a electronics, musical and home appliance business, where Ann did the accounts and acted as “labourer” when the need arose.

Tokoroa was at the time growing from a tiny village into a busy county town. John and Ann were involved in helping to build not only St Mark’s church, but assisted with the construction of their pipe organ which he played for the next 20 years. Years later he helped assemble the Wurlitzer organ that is now at Baycourt Tauranga. During this time John established a dance band playing key-board and Ann was busy having 4 daughters, Lesley, Gaye, Joy and Kym who have given them 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. They then moved to Rotorua where they purchased Mike and Shona Giles’ house! For 2 Years John was playing 6 nights a week at various restaurants.

Then 2 years later came a complete change when John went to Whangamata as owner operator of a charter boat, while Ann stayed in Rotorua till Kym finished college and their house was sold. When she shifted to Whangamata she soon kept herself busy helping with the painting and maintenance of the vessel, as well as cutting up squid and baiting the 1000 hooks on the long-line. Theirs truly was a real partnership. For 2 years John was Harbour-master at Whangamata, and for several years convener of the local Search and Rescue organization. Some 7 years later the boats



were sold.

Their next and final move was to Tauranga where John skippered the Mount Ferry and was also on the Matakana /Opureora run. With the opening of the Tauranga Harbour Bridge and subsequent closing of the ferry service John became redundant and he “retired” but it was to become a busy retirement as he began playing the organ for the local undertakers.

Music and musical instruments have played a huge part of John’s life. When they moved to Tauranga Anne became an active member on the Board of Managers at St Enoch’s, joining in 2000, and it was she who played a major role in the upgrading of the inside of St Enoch’s, choosing new colour schemes, carpet etc in the time of the Rev. David Kriel. Sadly not long after this Ann died and John lost his “right hand help mate” He had three great loves in his life -his wife and children, his faith, and trains.

John shared playing the organ at St Enoch’s with Ngaire Guy, who was chief organist and Lois Rout filling in where necessary from 1990. And in 2000, when Ngaire retired, he became chief organist with Lois as standby. John finally retired as organist in 2018 due to health problems after many hours of practice week after week, plus extra practices when playing for funerals and weddings.

Not long ago John underwent a triple bi-pass and an internal heart valve implant, yet even that did not stop him for long because he took his doctors wise word to heart (pun intended) “Keep active” Each week he walks 2 x 5 kilometer walks come rain or shine.

His third love “trains”. In the time of the Rev, Neal Whimp he had a special area set up in the garage at Greerton for the larger trains and if you were very lucky you got to take over the controls. Choir practice was held each week in John’s garage and this was followed by supper. Anne was a gracious hostess and a good cook. ” Now living at Welcome Bay, he is into miniature trains. He has set up his coffee table with a functioning railway line below the glass.

He is now a member of the Board of Managers and cares for the gardens around the church.

I am quite sure when he eventually meets his maker he will be greeted with, Well done good and faithful servant.



*John’s coffee table train set*

# PATIENCE

*For many people life is so terribly busy  
Perhaps it is for you too  
There simply isn't enough time to do everything you would like to do  
Then sickness comes  
And with it comes frustration and irritation  
Because you are no longer the master of your own affairs  
You are simply no longer in control  
You need help*

*Sickness, therefore gives you an opportunity to learn patience  
God Himself sometimes lovingly slows you down a bit from the frenzied  
pace of your normal life*

*He gives you the opportunity to look up  
To look up to Him  
To start talking with Him again  
To take a new look into His word*

*Patience! Don't be so restless!  
Try to make the most of this interruption in your life*

*Learn to wait upon the Lord*

**Ask**

and it will be given to you

**Seek**

and you will find it

**Knock**

and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives,  
he who seeks finds;  
and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

- Matthew 7:7-8

# SOUP OF THE DAY

What a lovely get together we had on the 14<sup>th</sup> July after Church.

People brought along soups representing their own cultures and everyone had a chance to taste all the lovely recipes.

It was such an easy way for people to get together and spend time mixing and mingling with others in the congregation.



Thank you to Session who suggested this and all those who cooked and helped in the kitchen and with clean up on the day.



# Here's what's cool:

1. *Saying "thank you"*
2. *Apologising when you're wrong*
3. *Showing up on time*
4. *Being nice to strangers*
5. *Listening without interrupting*
6. *Admitting you were wrong*
7. *Following your dreams*
8. *Being a mentor*
9. *Learning and using people's names*
10. *Holding doors open for others*



## BOARD OF MANAGERS May - July 2019

A successful bus trip to Mclarens Falls was held in April, organised by Chris and Chrissy Meyer. Thank you Chris and Chrissy.

On 1st May a Newcomers' Lunch was held in the hall. This is an important get-together and encourages the 'Oldies' to mix with, and get to know the newer members.



The pin ball machine from the hall was offered to the 'Homes of Hope' and has been a great success there. Thank you to Robert Brown who donated 73 cups and saucers to the lounge kitchen.

Each Sunday the Bible readings and message are recorded. Richard Wilson then edits these before sending them to Jaco, who uploads them onto our website. Marnel van der Spuy, is doing a great job looking after the website, is also advertising our lounge and hall for hire on it. After a 'medical emergency' during a service recently, it became apparent that not all members are aware that there is an AED (defibrillator) in the Red Cross cupboard in the foyer.

After discussion between Session and Board of Managers a display board for name tags is now set up in the foyer. This enables people to leave their tags at church, pick them up as they arrive for services and replace them on the board afterwards.

John Brabyn continues his good work in the gardens, as well as donating any plants he feels are needed. He also sweeps our paths regularly. Thank you, John.

*Marion Bennett  
& Lois Rout  
on behalf of the Board of Managers*



# 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
<b>Bible Study group</b>	each Thursday	7.00pm

## September 2019

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session (business meeting)
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Spring Concert
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Riverday
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session (study meeting)

## October 2019

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session (business meeting)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	White Sunday
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Riverday

## November 2019

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Communion Service
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session (business meeting)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Board of Managers meeting
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Riverday
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mature and Marvellous service
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Session (study meeting)

My favourite kind of friendship is one where there's a mutual understanding of the fact that we both have our own lives so we won't be able to talk or hang out all the time but when we do talk or hang out like it's like picking up right where we left off



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## SPRING CONCERT

7<sup>th</sup> September @ 2pm

See Jaco if you would like to perform an item

Entry by Koha

Please bring a plate to share

## WHITE SUNDAY

13<sup>TH</sup> October @ 9.30am

Remember to wear white



## MATURE AND MARVELOUS

24th November

*A celebration of our seniors*

*"I dreamed death came the other night and Heaven's gates  
swung wide.*

*With kindly grace an angel ushered me inside.*

*And there to my astonishment stood folks I'd known on earth*

*some I'd judged and labelled 'unfit' or of little worth.*

*Indignant words rose to my lips but never were set free*

*for every face showed stunned surprise -*

*no one expected me!"*

*We are all saved by grace, not works.*

**Written by an unknown poet**



## **Our Mission Responsibility Making Disciples and Caring for Those in Need**

When we share the Good News (Matt 28:19-20) and care for those in need (Matt 25:40), we are responding to God's call to love others and be his body in this world. We care for each other, but we also need to look beyond ourselves and reach out and address the brokenness in the world around us.

Dozens of opportunities to contribute and make a difference present themselves to us in the form of organisations, who passionately in God's name address needs in our society, asking for our support.

Session decided to rather support a smaller number of these organisations more substantially, than spreading it too thin by trying to be involved with many. Currently, we support Homes of Hope, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy.

As mission is part of our calling and reason for existence, it was incorporated into our annual budget alongside all our other responsibilities like ministry, maintenance and administration.

In practice, this means that a mission offering will not be collected once a month at the door as we go out after a service anymore. You can contribute to mission in two ways now: increase your regular giving (whether by envelope or automatic payment) to help cover the increase in budget, or if you feel moved to contribute to a specific organisation, you can put a donation in an envelope and mark the envelope with either just 'Mission' or 'Mission' – and the name of the organisation you want to support (e.g. Mission – Chaplaincy). A once-off electronic payment referenced in the same way will also find its way to our mission partners. Please think and pray about this and make changes to your giving if you feel led to do so.

St Enoch's congregation supports the following mission organisations:

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



## Mission Aviation Fellowship

Mission Aviation Fellowship is doing great work in remote areas of South Sudan and Kenya. Sam Johnston, pilot and Safety Manager in Kenya will be in New Zealand over November and December to talk to churches and prayer groups and we hope to arrange an opportunity for him to speak at our congregation.

Here is a little extract from his latest newsletter: "Although I left South Sudan a few months ago, I still feel 'attached' or involved. It does help that my job is flying and we fly there occasionally, but even relationships formed have kept my thoughts there. I wasn't long in Nairobi when I got a WhatsApp from a young Tanzanian man called Aphro, asking how I was doing. I had flown Aphro out of Maridi (South Sudan) on a medical emergency – he had a badly infected foot after he suffered a laceration to his ankle. I flew him to Juba where he was able to get a commercial flight to Nairobi to get treatment. That was over a year ago. In the message Aphro mentioned he was now living in Nairobi, I replied letting him know I was too. Turns out he is training at a seminary 3km away from my house in Nairobi! We made plans to catch up for lunch on a Saturday, after I was finished flying. As you can see he made a full recovery."



*Sam and Aphro in Nairobi*

Sam is in a 50/50 role as manager and pilot in Kenya and asks that we continue to pray that he will fully settle into this role. He and another pilot recently took a team of supporters to visit the Gethsemane Garden Christian Centre, a school for HIV/AIDS orphans on Mfangano Island, Lake Victoria. The flight lasted 1h 10min and saved the team an eight-hour bus ride, and 45 minute boat ride!

Sam also had to go back to Juba (South Sudan) for a few weeks because there were so many operations and not enough pilots available

Let's continue to pray for Sam and the rest of the MAF-team that do incredible work in remote areas all over the world.

Great news from **Wycliffe Bible Translators NZ!** The final Consultant Check for the Simbiti New Testament was completed on the 10th of July.

SIL International, a faith based non-profit organisation serving

language communities worldwide, held an annual retreat for all missionaries working in Tanzania and Uganda.

This year Kevin and Jillian Connole had the opportunity to meet up with people they met last year as well as colleagues that were out the of the country then.

Since their return to Musoma they have tried to help their guests experience various aspects of local and missionary life. They also managed to fit in a tour of the SIL office, which gave them a better understanding of the roles to support people in the work of Bible Translation.

They would like us to pray for the following:

Praise God for enabling the Simbiti Translators to complete the New Testament! Please pray for the final stages of linguistic checks, type-setting, publication, printing and distribution that will continue over the coming months.

For safe travels as part of their work and for the successful application of renewal for Work Permits for Kevin and Jillian.



*Presbyterian Support*  
Northern

We were privileged to have Ann Overton, PSN-community advocate, talking to us on the 11th of August about the work they do. She especially focussed on the support Family Works provides in communities.



*Anne Overton*



Forever Hope - Ko te tumanako

With financial support more children at Homes of Hope are able to receive the therapeutic care they so badly need. It was possible for the team of social workers to undertake training that supports the very latest therapeutic care. Three of the in-house social workers have won scholarships to compliment the range of current therapeutic tools at their disposal.

From May to July Homes of Hope helped to care for 250 children. Half of all their funds have to be sourced through grants, fundraising and donations.

Homes of Hope will have a market day on the 6th of October from 10am to 2pm at The Historic Village in 17th Avenue. They welcome the donation of new (end of the line) goods that are still in good condition. It would also be lovely if we could support them on the day. For more information, phone 07 5789826.



# CHAPLAINCY<sub>NZ</sub>

## **Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy:**

The Bay of Plenty District Health Board covers both Tauranga and Whakatane Hospitals. There are two full time Ecumenical Chaplains at Tauranga Hospital: Reverend Matiu Best and Pastor Shelley Gilmore. There is one part time Catholic chaplain, Leanne Brooks. In Whakatane Rev. Peter Lander is the full time Ecumenical Chaplain.

The chaplaincy team offers confidential compassionate support in times of stress or loneliness; before and after surgery, for people experiencing loss and bereavement and around matters of faith and illness as well as celebrating the joys of life. They are available for prayer, blessings and

church sacraments. Chaplains also assist patients to contact their own religious community or friends.

An ecumenical communion service is held on Sundays in Tauranga at 10.30am and on Thursdays in Whakatane at 2.30pm.

Chaplains are available for patients, staff and relatives throughout the week. They are on site from 7.30am to 4.30pm from Monday to Friday and on-call for the remainder of the time. There are also Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants who visit wards on a voluntary basis each week. They complement the work of the Chaplain by assisting with the spiritual/pastoral support and care of patients, their families/whanau and hospital staff. There are currently 15 active VCA's in Tauranga and two in Whakatane. Below are photos of the Tauranga Hospital Chaplaincy team.



Shelley Gilmore was ordained by the Kaimai Presbytery for the purposes of chaplaincy in January 2015. Her background is in counselling with a particular emphasis on grief and loss

Rev. Matiu Best joined the chaplaincy team in September 2018 however he was no stranger to many of the longer serving staff as he was himself an enrolled nurse for a number of years in the 80's and 90's. Matiu went on to further his education and completed his Diploma in Nursing as NZRN/Comprehensive.



Leanne Brooks was appointed as Catholic Hospital chaplain in 2016 and works in a part time capacity. Prior to joining the team at Tauranga hospital Leanne worked at both Christchurch and Burwood Hospitals.

### **Make the most of today**

Every sunrise ushers in another day full of potential and opportunity.

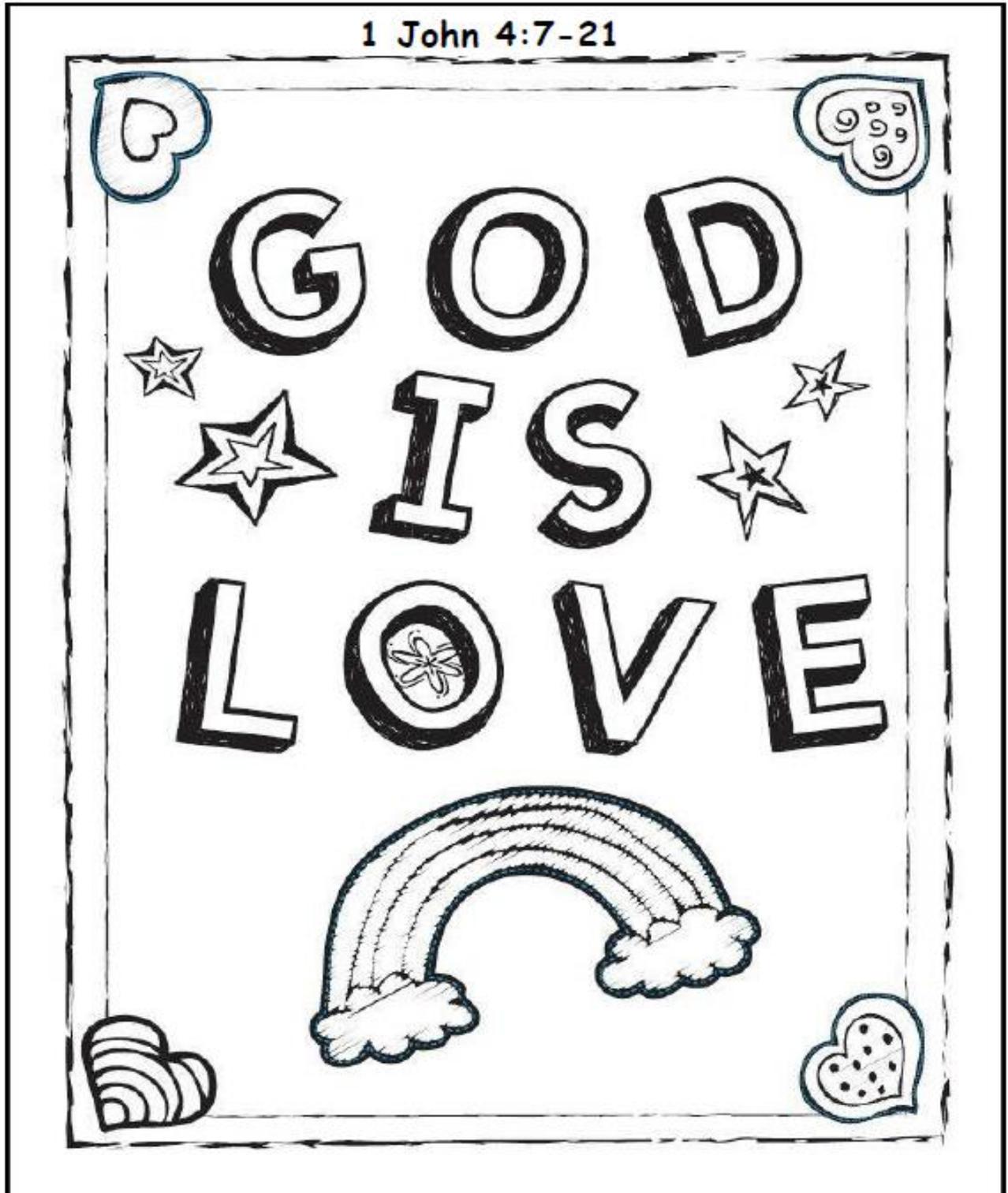
In which way are we going to encounter God today?

How many times are we going to be placed in a situation where we can make a difference or add value to someone's day or the world we live in?



### Something for the younger kids

1. Colour in the picture
2. Bring it to Sunday school before October
3. Go in the draw to win a prize



## Bible Quiz for (older) kids

*See how many answers you can get; look in the bible for answers, ask a parent, ask a friend, or ask Google...Hand your completed sheet in at Sunday school before October and you go in the draw to win a prize.*

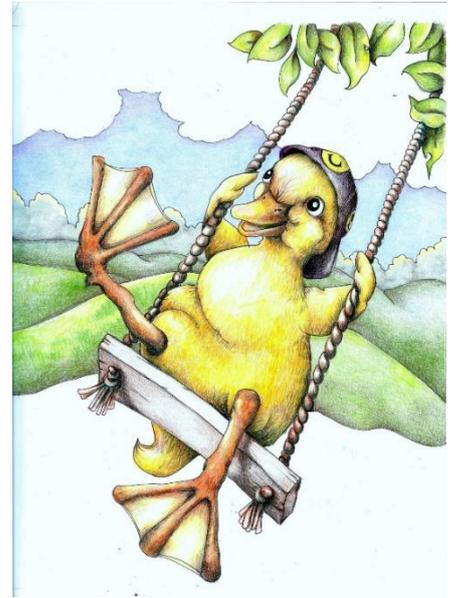
1. True or False: The Bible is the most popular book ever written (by copies sold)
2. What is the last book in the Bible?
3. Which book did Jesus directly write?
4. What is the longest book in the Bible?
5. What is the shortest book in the Bible?
6. How many books are in the Bible?
7. How many books in the Old Testament?
8. How many books in the New Testament?
9. True or False: The Bible was first written in the English language?
10. In what language was most of the Old Testament written?
11. In what language was most of the New Testament written?
12. What day did God create animals?
13. What day did God create man?
14. How many days and nights did it rain when Noah was on the ark?
15. How many people were saved on the ark?
16. When God showed Abram the stars in the sky, what did he promise?
17. Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the last supper. How can we "serve" others?
18. Can your good deeds/good behaviour secure your spot in heaven?
19. Why do Christians do good deeds & obey God's laws?
20. What do you need to do to ensure you have an eternal life with God?



# Sharing

## Dr Jeremy Duck Wisdom

Dr Jeremy had been watching his young friends for some time now. He was amazed at how quickly they were growing up. Each was developing their own personality and showing ways that were special to their own particular breed of animal. As Dr Jeremy's friends were all quite different, it was sometimes hard to teach them the importance of getting on with each other and not trying to be selfish with their toys or what-ever they were playing with. The different animals liked to do different things and so this could lead to some arguments and the odd fight! Ella the elephant was very big and strong. She liked pushing over trees and pulling them out of the ground. Luppy the leopard and Bill the bear liked to climb the trees! Obviously the birds liked the trees too and although Mia the kiwi could not fly. She liked the shade and the worms that were always around the roots. Oliver the owl liked to chase Miranda the mouse and her six children and this frightened Miranda and her family terribly. Hunter the Lion would prowl around all the time looking for someone or something to chase. Unfortunately Porky the pig and Godfrey the giraffe were always hanging about, however, with his extra long neck, Godfrey could see Hunter coming and warn Porky to start running! And so it was with all the animals. There was always someone or something to bother them.



On his morning walk around the park and by the small stream that ran through it, Dr Jeremy thought. He thought about the way the animals still liked each other but as they were growing up, they were starting to get more bossy and less accepting of what the others wanted to do. The animals were not very happy sharing with each other and were beginning to get cross if one of them wanted to join in the game they were playing or play with their toys.

The walk always made Dr Jeremy feel so good! It was a time when he could think without any interruptions to upset what was on his mind. He was walking past Miranda's house when he spotted her six children playing in the front garden. Stopping to watch, he was amazed that although there were boys and girls and they were different ages, they seemed to be playing so well together. At one point, the oldest girl saw Dr Jeremy watching and came over to say hello. This was a perfect opportunity to ask how they managed to play so happily. The answer was

not so surprising to Dr Jeremy. In fact it was exactly what he had been thinking about while he was walking. She said that although they were all different and had different ideas and different toys, they had to learn to share. No one could play with all their toys at one time. It was important to ask nicely if they could play with something that belonged to one of the others. Also, because everyone has their own ideas about things, we have to talk over what we want to do together before we begin to play. By doing this we all have a lot of fun and very few disagreements.

By the time Dr Jeremy got home he had thought out a plan which he hoped would work for all the animals. First he would have to get them all together so he could put the plan into action. A picnic seemed to be the best idea and have it in the park, by the stream so everyone could enjoy the different activities. After listening to the girl tell how the children played so well, Dr Jeremy thought that there were two very important things to remember. These, actually, were simple words that would not upset anyone. They were polite and easy to understand. 'Please may I' was number one and 'Thank you' was number two! Dr Jeremy decided to have the picnic next Saturday and so sent out invitations to all the animals. He asked each animal to bring a different plate of food for the lunch and he would bring the drinks. By the next day they had all said yes and were happy to bring a plate of food.

Saturday arrived and the sun was shining. It was a beautiful day. In fact just what the Doctor ordered! They had all agreed to start the picnic at eleven o'clock in the morning to allow the children to have a little play before lunch at half past twelve. Then after lunch they could go off and play again and maybe have a swim in the stream. Obviously Noah the frog and Emma the duck and her three duckling would enjoy the water. So that is what happened. While most of adult animals set out the picnic rugs and arranged the dishes of food ready for the meal, the children played around the park. There were several disagreements and a few tears when someone didn't get their own way. At half past twelve Dr Jeremy called everyone to lunch. It wasn't long before there were a few squabbles between some of the grown-ups as well as the children. At this point Dr Jeremy decided to tell them about his special words and how, by using them, everyone would not only be much happier but they would learn to put other people first and share nicely. When Dr Jeremy wanted to say something all the animals respected him so much, they went quiet and listened.

This is such a beautiful day and this is such a wonderful park it seems a shame to spoil the day with our disagreements. Sharing nicely what we have with each other is very important if we want to be happy at

home, at school, when we play and when we go about our daily living with our friends and neighbours. When we would like something there are two very important words that we should use. The first word is PLEASE and the second word is THANK YOU. I know if you remember this you will find that you will have a much more enjoyable time and be much more content.

After his little speech all the animals continued with their lunch. Amazingly there were no more arguments. Instead there was a lot of laughter and everyone was happy.

When lunch was finished and the children went off to play, the grown-ups thanked Dr Jeremy for those two words and for his talk about sharing. They realised the difference it would make in their children's lives and also in their own.

Thought for you :- Life should always be fun and we should avoid arguments by being nice and remembering those special words.

So Dr Jeremy's advice to you is: Sharing is so important. PLEASE and THANK YOU are what helps make sharing so easy.

*Grandad*

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There are 4 very  
important words in life:

**LOVE, HONESTY,  
TRUTH, RESPECT.**

Without these in your life,  
you have nothing.



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# DUTY ROSTER – SEPTEMBER

## September 1<sup>st</sup> - COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Joseph Toroa

**Servers:** Lorraine Shirley, Minette Soekoe, Bernice & Geoff Tyrrell,  
Eli Yoo, Anel Reyneke, Cynthia Herring

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

**Door / Offering:** Mike Giles, Louise Hediger

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Joseph Toroa

**Kitchen Duties:** Anel Reyneke, Lorraine Shirley

**Door / Offering:** Minette Soekoe, Philip Temple

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## September 15<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Joseph Toroa

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

**Door / Offering:** Mativa Ropati, Joseph Toara, Danny Atoa

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Joseph Toroa

**Kitchen Duties:** Robyn Dowdle, Verena Brungger

**Door / Offering:** Jean Sutton, Mama Tu

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Minette Soekoe

## September 29<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Joseph Toroa

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

**Door / Offering:** Nesi & Elina Tusa, Gloria Mouatt

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

**THANK YOU**  
*volunteers*

# DUTY ROSTER - OCTOBER

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

**Servers:** Iris Stockwell, John Baxendine, George Bryant,  
Lawson Stewart, Sue Eastman, Sanna Gray, Ruth West

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Kitchen Duties:** Ricki & Angie Gorringer

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

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## October 13<sup>th</sup> – White Sunday

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

**Kitchen Duties:** Gaye Wilson, Geoff Tyrrell

**Door / Offering:** Patricia & Rex Eagle

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

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

**Door / Offering:** Ken & Lyn Hartley

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Minette Soekoe

## October 27<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Philip Temple

**Vestry:** Gail Walker

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

**Door / Offering:** Steve & Elsja Gurney

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant



# DUTY ROSTER - NOVEMBER

## November 3<sup>rd</sup> – COMMUNION

**Preacher:** Rev Jim Wallace

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Servers:** Lyn & Ken Hartley, Ngaire & John Foote,  
Rickie & Angie Gorringer, Nesi Tusa

**Kitchen Duties:** Brian & Gail Walker

**Door / Offering:** Peka Tautali, Margaret Wakefield

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Iris Stockwell

## November 10<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Philip Temple

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Kitchen Duties:** Elenor Blackburn, Norah Miller

**Door / Offering:** Tofia & Monisa Tautali & Pisa Hall

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Gail Walker

## November 17<sup>th</sup>

**Preacher:** Rev George Bryant

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

**Kitchen Duties:** Bernice Tyrrell, Cathrine Broughan

**Door / Offering:** Rena Arnett, David Meek

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Minette Soekoe

## November 24<sup>th</sup> – Mature and Marvelous

**Preacher:** Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke

**Vestry:** Peka Tautali

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

**Door / Offering:** Rob & Barbara Brown

**Healing/Prayer Ministry:** Joan Bryant

## ROSTER DUTIES

### IMPORTANT REQUEST!

If people swap kitchen duties, please let Cynthia Herring know. When Cynthia rings and leaves a message on your phone, please ring her back and let her know if you are available. Phone 544 3053.

PLEASE mark your rostered duties for KITCHEN and DOOR on your calendar as soon as you get your Manawa so you remember them

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