



Our Mission:  
To Know, Enjoy and Share Christ

St Columba Presbyterian Church

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**24th March 2024 Rev Sandra Warner**

## Welcome

\*Ride on, Ride on in majesty

## Prayer

## Notices

## Offering/Dedication

## Reflection

\*Hosanna in the highest

\*You are the King of glory

## Prayers for Others

**Choir** In the April Evening

**Bible Reading** Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

\*All glory, laud and honour

**Sermon** Expectations

\*Rejoice the Lord is King

## Blessing

**Benediction** May God's blessings surround you

There is prayer available at the front, after the service - Maslin



Door: Alex and Romy

Pianist: Joy Smith

Organist: Alison Armstrong

Sound: Paul Warner

Sunday Security: Keith

Reader: Mary F

Intercessory Prayer: Romy

Night Security: Neville Wilson



## THE COMING WEEK

Monday

Tuesday 10.00 am Justice of the Peace

Wednesday 1.30 pm Lent Study in creche  
2.00 pm Home group Neville and Glynnis

Thursday 9.45am Bible Study in creche  
7.00pm Maundy Service

Friday 9.30 am Good Friday Service - OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday 7.00 am Beach Road Service  
9.15 am Prayers  
9.30 am Celebration Sunday

Basement Boutique hours Wed/Thurs/Fri 10.00 am—4.00 pm: Sa 10.00am-1.00pm

**Prayer Chain** : We are available to pray for you, your friends and families in your joys and concerns. Please contact Glynnis Wilson (576 4814) or the office.

**Brunei** - Pray that seekers and new believers will be protected from persecutors among the country's leaders.

**Tauranga Civic Choir** is performing 13th April Faure Requiem. Tickets from Ruth. See noticeboard.

## Roster for 31st March

Elder on Duty : Janet Freeman and Elizabeth Hockly

Musicians: Joy Smith and Alison Armstrong

Prayers for Others: Neville Wilson

Bible Reading: James Alexander

Sound: Paul Warner

Door: Alex Kiddie and Romy Morgenrood

Security: Mary Findlay

Night Watchman - Neville Wilson

Prayer at front duty - Ken Camp

Morning Tea: 31/7th David, Rita, Jill

*If you can't do your duty, please let the office know. Thank you.*

## St Columba Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday 28th Service 7pm**

**Good Friday Service 9.30am**

**Sunday 31st Beach Service 7am bring a chair**

**Celebration Sunday 9.30am**



**ST COLUMBA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

St Columba Presbyterian Church  
502 Otumoetai Road.  
Rev. Sandra Warner

**SERVICES FOR EASTER**  
Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm  
Good Friday at 9.30am • Easter Sunday at 9.30am

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

### Holy Communion.

After much thought and prayer, Session has agreed that we have Holy Communion monthly, on the third Sunday of each month, commencing on Sunday 19th May 2024. The reason for having it on the third Sunday is so that it is not on the Sunday immediately following the monthly Wednesday Communion Service.

Holy Communion is a very special part of the Christian Church, and we have had a number of our parishioners asking for more regular services.

### Hope booklets

You will have received one with your newsletter this week. Please have a read and pass it on. Keep it in you handbag or pocket - ready for that God - Given opportunity where you can give it to someone placed in front of you.

#### Love Gifts for Cherrywood

We are now collecting little foil wrapped easter eggs for our love gifts.

Deadline is 25th March

Please leave in admin office in box

Thank you



Please consider leaving St Columba a gift in your will so as to enable us to continue spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and all His benefits.

## Expectations

When we look at the events from Palm Sunday to Good Friday it's an absolute mixed bag of experiences and emotions for Jesus.

The sad truth is that the same people who shouted "Hosanna" shouted, "Crucify him," just five days later. So, we see in the Palm Sunday event, that there were many agendas and expectations at work.

Certainly, lots of people did shout for joy because they loved Jesus, but not all of them really cared for him above their own dreams.

In just a few days many of the same ones who welcomed Jesus with praises, shouted with anger to have Jesus crucified. The disciples ran away and the crowd who loved Jesus one minute, cursed him the next.

Like the crowds of old – criticism comes easy to us when we don't get our own way, or when we feel uncomfortable. Some find it easier to yell rather than to take the time to understand.

Like the religious leadership – when Jesus' teaching challenges us we may not want to listen. The history of humanity is littered with those who walk away from God when they discover that He doesn't support their views.

Like the disciples, sometimes our own preoccupation with what we think Jesus should do, blinds us to what Jesus has come to do. Our agendas and expectations can get in the way of understanding God's purposes.

Throughout the Palm Sunday story, it was Jesus who kept the faith in the face of overwhelming difficulty and suffering. The rest picked and chose how they responded depending upon their own hopes and desires.

As we enter holy week and journey towards Easter may we reflect upon and consider our own expectations and responses to Jesus.



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