



7th April 2024 Rev Sandra Warner

Welcome

*I serve a risen Saviour

Prayer

Notices

Offering/Dedication

*Love Divine, all loves excelling

Reflection

*Lord of the Dance

Prayers for Others

Bible Reading John 20:19 - 31; 1 John 1:1 - 4

*In Christ alone

Sermon I doubt it!

*Crown Him with many crowns

Blessing

Benediction Now unto Him

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

Door: Alex and Romy

Pianist: Carla Hetheron

Organist:

Sound: Sam Jang

Sunday Security: Ian Burns

Reader: Avis Parker

Intercessory Prayer: Ted Parker

Night Security: Phil Sinclair

THE COMING WEEK

Monday

Tuesday 10.00 am Justice of the Peace

Wednesday 10.00 am O Team
2.00 pm Home group Neville and Glynnis

Thursday 9.45 am Bible Study in creche

Friday 9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche
10.00 am Cuppa & Chat

Sunday 9.15 am Prayers

Basement Boutique hours Wed/Thurs/Fri 10.00 am—4.00 pm: Saturday 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.

Sandra has the weekend off on the 14th. Rev. Jenny Doyle will be leading worship.

Roster for 14th April with Rev Jenny Doyle

Elder on Duty: Romy Morgenrood and Ken Camp

Musicians: Carla Hetherton and John Carter

Prayers for Others: Elizabeth Hockly

Bible Reading: Janet Freeman

Sound: Sam Jang

Door: Erin Stubbs and Maria West

Security: Ron Buller

Night Watchman: Phil Sinclair

Prayer at front duty: Ken Camp

Morning Tea: 14/21 Marilyn and Ron Buller, Cherie Scott

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

Tauranga Society of Artists are holding an Art Exhibition at the Tauranga Boys College Gymnasium

18 -21 April

9.30 - 5pm

Sunday 9.30 - 3pm

There will be over 500 artworks from local artists including Ruth Kenyon-Slade

All artwork is for sale, cards will also be for sale.

Live music and live art taking place during the exhibition.

There's a chance to win a painting when you vote for your favourite painting.

Gold coin entry.

Tax Receipts will be ready in 2 weeks.

Holy Communion

After much thought and prayer, Session has agreed that we will celebrate Holy Communion monthly, on the third Sunday of each month, commencing on Sunday 19 May 2024.



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.

I Doubt It!

Today's gospel reading brings us the story of Thomas. He was one of Jesus' twelve chosen disciples and, based on today's reading, he is commonly known as "doubting Thomas".

In the story, Thomas was being very honest, and in doing so, he made himself vulnerable in front of the other disciples.

It would have been much easier for Thomas not to voice his doubts and draw attention to his questions. But he did, and through this he experienced the risen Christ in a powerful way which changed his life.

Doubt is often presented as being the opposite of faith. But it is often through doubts that our faith grows. It is not sinful to have honest doubts about things. On the contrary our questions and doubts can form the pathway to renewed faith.

This story about Thomas encourages us to ask God the hard questions. It reminds us that it is important for all of us to have a personal relationship with Jesus - not just follow what someone else has told us. It also reminds us that Jesus is with us always and knows our questions and our doubts – and loves us just the same!

So, what doubts do you have?

Don't be afraid of them.

Bring them to Jesus and allow Him to give you the answers.



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