



17th March 2024 Rev Sandra Warner

Welcome

Ye Servants of God

Prayer

Notices

Offering/Dedication

Be Thou my Vision

Children's Time

The Power of your love

Prayers for Others

Bible Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33

I have decided to follow Jesus

Sermon Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

All to Jesus I surrender

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: John Carter

Sound: Paul Warner

Sunday Security: Janet Freeman

Reader: Erin Stubbs

Intercessory Prayer: Jennifer Day

Night Security: Neville Wilson



THE COMING WEEK (3rd)

Monday

Tuesday 10.00 am Justice of the Peace
3.00 pm **Service at RADIUS MATUA. All welcome**

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

Thursday 9.45am Bible Study in crèche

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

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.

Burkina Faso - Pray that Christian leaders will stand boldly for Christ as they endure persecution.

Roster for 24th March Palm Sunday

Elder on Duty : Janet Freeman and Elizabeth Hockly

Musicians: Joy Smith and Alison Armstrong

Prayers for Others: Romy Morgenrood

Bible Reading: Mary Findlay

Sound: Paul Warner

Door: Alex Kiddie and Romy Morgenrood

Security: Keith Bradbury

Night Watchman - Neville Wilson

Prayer at front duty - Ken Camp

Morning Tea: 17/24th Ruth, Josie, Sally

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.

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

All our lives we make decisions. When we make decisions, we also need to weigh up the consequences of our actions – and sometimes that is not always easy. We are all responsible for the decisions we make, irrespective of how we make them.

Even Jesus had decisions to make.

Sometimes we forget that Jesus had to choose to obey God, and this wasn't always easy for him at all. There were points in his life when he had to decide to continue following the path to the cross.

Now, it is very easy to think that Jesus as the Son of God, was immune from emotions. But he wasn't. He battles with what we all know so well, which is the powerful human instinct to preserve ourselves and avoid pain and conflict.

Being the Son of God did not immunize Jesus against the struggle of sacrifice. He felt the pain of this decision-making acutely.

Remember that Jesus was fully human and fully God, and so He experienced all the emotions, all the temptations, the difficulties we face. He also had to make his own decisions about following his Father's will.

The same applies to us. We need to make the decision to follow Jesus, then after that, we must work out how to live our life of faith in amongst the busyness and challenges of the world.

Then as life crowds in on us, we may have to revisit our commitment to Jesus again, and to reflect and then recommit ourselves to him and his mission in the world. It might well be that over a lifetime we may need to do this several times.

It is a good thing to reflect on our life and faith with Jesus, and to make any adjustments that are necessary for us to keep our focus on him.

And if Jesus, himself, needed to renew his commitment to His Heavenly Father at various points in his life - then how much more will we have to do this too.



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