



16th August 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Welcome and announcements

Call to worship

Give thanks unto the Lord (Psalm of Thanks)

Cornerstone (My hope is built)

Let the weak say I am strong

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God Moment

Offerings and Dedication

Hymn The Lord is King lift up your Voice WOV 64

Prayers for Others Pam Brown

Readings Psalm 42:1-5, v6 ,v8, Pg 881

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 Pg 1798 Ken Camp

Hymn As Pant the hart for cooling streams WOV 29

Sermon Faith for today - Is This World All There Is?

Hymn How Great Thou Art LP 173

Benediction Go now in peace

Elders on Duty for August John Rentz and Elizabeth Hockly

Organist Len Hockly

Pianist Rosemary Harris

Door Greeting June Welten
and Rona Green

Security 3rd week Ron
Buller

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



THE COMING WEEK (3rd)

Monday	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	9.00 am– 9.25 am:	Staff Meeting, Donald's office
	10.30 am	Preschool Playgroup in the lounge
	3.00 pm	Service at Radius Matua. Cancelled this week
Wednesday	9.30 am	Care & Craft in hall
	10.00 am	O Team meets in crèche
	2.00 pm	Mitchell Court service Cancelled this week
Thursday	10.00 am	Conversation Café in the hall - on hold indefinitely
	11.00 am	Bob Owen's Service Cancelled this week
Friday	9.00 am	Prayer meeting in crèche
	10.00 am	Cuppa & Chat in lounge
Sunday	8.45 am	Prayers

Session is nominating Mr Ken Camp for Eldership and this will proceed if there are no objections on the 30th August 2020. Any objections must be submitted to the Session Clerk by the 30th.

AGM The AGM has been set for 30 August.

St Columba Tauranga Charitable Trust Inc

The 13th AGM of the Trust will be held on the 30th August 2020 prior to Church AGM and following the 9.30am service. The three year term of existing Trustees Jennifer Day and Avis Parker expire at this AGM. Both ladies have available for a further 3 year term. If a Church member wishes to nominate an alternative trustee this should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Trust prior to the AGM with the written consent of the person nominated and a seconder. Similarly if a Church member wishes to have a matter included in the agenda for the Trust AGM please let the Secretary, David Owen know in writing 7 days prior to the AGM. Thank you. Copies of the 2020 annual report are available in the church foyer.

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Sign Posts of the Eternal?

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy"? Shakespeare

1. Our response to nature

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, Romans 1:20

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God" Gerard Manley Hopkins

2. The impact of music and art

But now bring me a harpist. While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came on Elisha. 2 Kings 3:15

Many people find a spiritual, other-worldly experience in music.

"What if there is a Reality behind the reality we know? What if there is a Stage behind the stage of our life?" Makoto Fujimura

3. Sexuality and romantic love

Your love delights me, my treasure, my bride. Your love is better than wine, your perfume more fragrant than spices. Song of Songs 4:10 (NLT2)

Sex is the mysticism of materialism and the only possible religion in a materialistic society. Malcolm Muggeridge

We move beyond our selfishness and begin to live for another person

4. Our desire to worship

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? Psalm 42:1-2

The desire to worship is one of the most powerful, tenacious and universal of human instincts

Percentage of people attached to the world's four biggest religions has grown from 67 per cent in 1900 to 73 per cent in 2005. **God is Back**

Religion is natural. It characterizes Homo sapiens. The same cannot be said for atheism. Conor Cunningham

Alert Level 3 Today!

To hear we were going back into level two and Auckland level three sparked anger, anxiety and uncertainty into many of us. So here is some helpful advice from Dr Sutherland *who says it's also normal to start second-guessing what's going to happen next, but that's not a particularly useful thing to do. "What your brain's probably trying to do there ... is get you to be active in coping. And the most active thing you can do in coping is actually focus on the things that are controllable for you. Things that you can do ... what appointments can you cancel? What's going to happen with the kids?"*



One of the practical things to do is think about what you can do for other people now – your neighbours, the elderly, someone who may be immune compromised. "We know that generally there's a boost in positive emotions when you do something positive for somebody else," he says.

It's also really good to be mindful of the way we think about it and the language we use around it. "If we think of things as being 'devastating' and 'ripped apart' and 'horrendous' and 'all backwards' then unsurprisingly we might feel quite anxious and upset about that. If we think about things and use language and wording like, 'it's a disappointment, it's frustrating, it's annoying', and 'we've done it before and we can do it again', that's a much more balanced way of thinking about it. "It really pinpoints the importance of being aware of what words you're saying to yourself in your head, and the conversations that you're having with other people because we tend to get into a bit of a self-fulfilling prophecy really." Isn't that good?*

My son-in-law was rung by distraught family members after hearing conspiracy theories about Covid. He asked how they were feeling and suggested as they were losing God's peace they needed to reject this type of thinking and trust God. Finding God's peace has always been a philosophy Christine and I have believed in since the time she had her cancer diagnosis. When we lose God's peace we must ask why? So do pray and seek God's peace. My favourite verse on this is. Philippians 4:6-7 Have no anxiety Look it up and yes it as daily medicine to take. Another good verse is Isaiah 26:3

When all is said and done let us Pray!

God bless you all

Donald

* RNZ: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/the-detail/story/2018759132/the-fear-of-going-back>