

18th April 2021 Rev Denis Gordon

Welcome & Call to worship

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded WOV 465

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

God Moment:

Announcements and sharing:

Offerings and Dedication:

For the Young@Heart: A Brother's Song

Hymn: I worship you Almighty God MP 864

Thank you God for sending Jesus MP 638

Readings: Acts 2:22-36 pg 1693 Pam Brown

Prayers for Others: Elizabeth Hockly

Sermon: Peter: Amazing Transformation Part 2/4

Hymn: I'm not ashamed to own my Lord WOV 470

Benediction: The Grace

Choral Blessing: Now unto Him

Elders on Duty for April Ken Camp and John Rentz

Organist

Pianist Rosemary Harris

Door Greeting Maria West and Erin Stubbs

Security Ron Buller

Sound Andrew Clow

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, 3.00 pm Service at Radius Matua. All welcome
Wednesday	10.00 am O Team meets in crèche
Thursday	9.45am Unfinished Story 500a Otumoetai Road 2.30pm Unfinished Story Radius Matua 7.30pm Unfinished Story 18 Apollo St
Friday	9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche 10.00 am Cuppa & Chat in lounge
Sunday	8.45 am Prayers 11am Unfinished Story in downstairs lounge
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm: Basement Boutique

Please be aware of any visitors that ask for money - refer to Neville Wilson

The **Voice** article collection - I am collecting articles for the upcoming edition of the Voice - if you would like to contribute a short testimony or snippet of life - please email the office or hand it in to Ron or Ruth.



Len's 90th birthday celebrations; Len and Elizabeth invite you to their open home on the 1st May from 10-4pm 68 Pembroke Drive, Bethlehem.

 The **Pink Ribbon** morning tea for 2021 is on May 1st at 10am at Bethlehem Community Church - \$10 per ticket - available from Ruth in the office.

Basement Boutique - - Wanted Cheerful and Friendly Volunteers

We are hoping to extend the hours that the Basement Boutique is open and therefore we will require more staff. The proposal is to open on a Saturday morning 10am - 1pm as this will give us a new customer base. Mon-Fri is when we are now open. Please contact Ruth in the Church office by phone or email if you, your neighbours or family members would like to become part of St Columba's outreach to the local community.

Unfinished Story

- Sundays beginning April 11th in St Columba Lounge, at 11am
- Thursday at 9:45am on April 15th at 500A Otumoetai Road
- Thursday at 2.30pm at Radius Matua
- Thursday at 7:30pm on April 15th at 18 Apollo Street

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In brief....

Alexander the Great, born Macedonia 356BC. Died Babylon 323BC.

Chief sources of information: Arrian86/89-160AD.

Plutarch 46-120AD.

See the problem?

Peter, the transformed apostle, now not only a leader/encourager of early Christian communities, but one of the great defenders of the new faith in an environment overflowing with competing religions. **How did he deal with the problem? He drew on the testimony of contemporary witnesses.**

1. Personal eyewitness to Jesus' life.

Acts 3:15 "We are witnesses of this...."

Acts 10:39 "we are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem"

Acts 10:41 "he was seen by us....who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."

Notice Peter does not say "I," or "me," but "we," "us." Combined reports of multiple eyewitnesses are a powerful statement of authenticity.

2. Experiences of Peter listeners. Acts 2:22, 10:36-37.

"you know..." "You know..." "You know...." Peter says "you people can confirm what I'm saying about Jesus, because you saw and heard Him as well." and nobody could deny it.

Hang on a minute! That's OK for people who were around then. What about us who live two thousand years later and have not seen or heard Jesus in the flesh? What do **we** say when talking to friends and neighbours?" Good Point!

If you have to, direct them to the individual written testimonies of the primary eyewitnesses **who would not change a word of them on pain of death.** And die they did - Matt, Mk, Jn, Paul, Pet, Jam, Jn, Jude... (Luke/Acts, one author, written only after intense research) To these, simply add the testimony of your own life.

Roster for 25th April 2021

Elders on Duty - John Rentz and Neville Wilson

Preaching - Rev Denis Gordon

Bible Reading - Fae Oates

Intercessory Prayer - Ted Parker

Sound - Andrew Clow

Door - Erin Stubbs and Maria West

Security - Graham Jamieson

Piano - Rosemary Harris

Organ - John Carter

Night Watchman - Neville Wilson

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



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Pray that all church members
will grow in faith.



St Columba has an online giving option. If you would like to give 'online' please use the account number below and add your tithing number into the **reference**. If you do not have a **tithing number** please contact the office.

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