



23rd August 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Welcome and announcements

Call to worship

Songs: Come bless the Lord SP 140

Alleluia! Alleluia Give thanks

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God Moment

Offerings and Dedication

Hymn This is my Father's world

Prayers for Others Christine Hegan

Readings Genesis 1:1-10, pg 1, John 1:1-14 pg 1645

Mary Findlay

Hymn Morning has broken WOV91

Sermon Faith for Today: Evidence for God from Science

Solo: (Tom Oates) His Eye is on the sparrow

Hymn Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee

Elders on Duty for August John Rentz and Elizabeth Hockly

Organist John Carter

Pianist Rosemary Harris

Door Greeting June Welten
and Rona Green

Security 4th Week Graham
Jamieson

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 (4th)

Monday	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	9 am– 9.25 am:	Staff Meeting, Donald's office
	10.30 am	Preschool Playgroup in the lounge
Wednesday	9.30 am	
Thursday	10.00 am	Bible Study
Friday	9.00 am	Prayer meeting in crèche
	10.00 am	Cuppa & Chat in lounge
Sunday	8.45 am	Prayers
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm:	Basement Boutique

Extra Notice for Communion—first Wed of month

Notice of Motion for AGM

"THAT, after the retirement of the Rev. Donald Hegan, the congregation of St Columba seek to call a full-time National Ordained Minister on the standard terms of call as adopted in Kaimai Presbytery with the provision of a manse OR a housing allowance in lieu of a manse. (Special provision also exists for a low interest loan).

Eldership: 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 are 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.

Thank you: To Revs Neville Harris and Bob Maslin for their pastoral care during Donald's absence. Also to our preachers Ken Camp, Brian Carr and John Rentz. Your service for the Lord is very much appreciated.

Food Bank Food Bank are pleased to have goods other than food. Things that are every day items eg; toiletries, sanitary items, soap products. Food Bank also has a mobility scooter for sale. If you are interested please speak to Mary Findlay.

Faith for Today: Evidence for God from Science II

Famous Atheist Now Believes in God! The Associated Press, December 2004

1. The Earth had a beginning

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1

Big Bang: *universe started with a small singularity*

- a. Beginning, suggests a beginner
- b. Biblical account nothing material existed before creation
- c. Eternity is a dimension outside of time. God exists without beginning and end

The best data we have is exactly what I would have predicted had I nothing to go on but the five books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Bible as a whole.

Robert Wilson

2. A finely-tuned universe

Through him all things were made; John 1:3

Anthropic Principle superfine tuning of the universe.

The more I examine the universe and the details of its architecture, the more evidence I find that the universe in some sense must have known we were coming. Freeman Dyson

Suggestion of multiverse or multiple universes is not science but speculation

3. The rationality of the universe

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible. Einstein

A superior mind reveals itself in the world of experience." Einstein

The material world is an expression of the creative mind of God

Alert Level 3 Today!

Alan Vink wrote the following reflection to 600 other pastors and Christian leaders the day Auckland went back to level 3. He writes out of concern that many people are talking and writing about Government over-reach and that this is all part of a big plan by the Government. When we are anxious we tend to say things we wouldn't normally but in anxiety ridden times let us be kind and gracious in our words! We need to pray against division and hatred and for God's peace in our land. May God defend New Zealand!



Here is a quote from Alan's reflections:

- 1. We here in NZ have been COVID free for 102 days because of the policy of 'going hard and going early' in March.*
- 2. We here in NZ have had the lowest mortality rate from COVID in the world.*
- 3. We are living on the door step of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. They took 5 weeks to take the action our Government took last night.*
- 4. We are in the midst of a Global Pandemic raging around the world.*
- 5. Most independent health experts here in NZ are in total support of the Government's actions.*
- 6. Academic research and studies conclude if you deal to the virus, you minimise 'pain' and hardship for both lives AND livelihood.*
- 7. Our PM has consistently shown throughout this whole ordeal that a) she genuinely cares about the health of all NZ'ers and b) she is listening very carefully to her chief medical and public health advisor, Dr Ashleigh Bloomfield.*
- 8. With 36 days to go to the elections no Government wants to have to take the action they have had taken.*
- 9. There is no evidence that Government or anyone else is unfairly targeting Christian churches or any religious groups for that matter.*
- 10. It is unfortunate that COVID19 continues to be politicised. A health crisis of this magnitude should not become a political football. It needs bi-partisan action and support.*

And finally, please go and get tested if you have any symptoms at all. Together 'Team 5million' can win against this horrible and deadly virus once again. And when all is said and done let us Pray.

Blessings Alan