



**4th October 2020 Rev Donald Hegan**

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**Pre-Service:** John Carter and Peter Cranson

**Welcome:**

**Opening Hymn:** To God be the glory WOV 85  
O Praise Ye the Lord WOV 83

**Hymn:** Let us sing to the God of salvation WOV 115

**Announcements and sharing**

**Offerings and Dedication**

**Hymn:** Tell out my soul WOV 109

**Meditation:** (Faye Oates) One Solitary life

**Hymn:** Love Divine WOV 148 plus video clip

**Prayers for Others:** Neville Wilson

**Hymn:** Lord Jesus Christ WOV 451

**Solo:** Tom Oates He looked beyond

**Hymn:** Just as I am (1,4,5,6) WOV 497 remain seated

**Readings:** Psalm 92: 8-15, pg931, Luke 2: 36-40 pg1592

Christine Whitehead

**Hymn:** Thine be the glory WOV 303

**Benediction:** Three fold AMEN

**Elders on Duty for October** Ken Camp and Ian Burns

**Organist** John Carter **Trumpeter** Peter Cranson

**Pianist** Joy Smith

**Door Greeting** Lesley Jamieson and Alex Kiddie

**Security 1st Week** Brian Carr

**Midweek Communion - Wednesday 7th October**

## THE COMING WEEK (1st)

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 1.30 pm Session—crèche
Wednesday	9.30 am Care & Craft in hall <b>RESTARTS 14th Oct</b> 10.00 am <b>Midweek Communion in the Chapel</b>
Friday	9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche 10.00 am Cuppa & Chat
Saturday	8.00 am WOW breakfast
Sunday	8.45 am Prayers
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm: Basement Boutique

**The lost property has 2x glasses and a magnifying glass in it.**

**WOW breakfast.** The speaker has been confirmed: it is Michelle Plydell speaking about Dress for Success. Saturday 10 October at 8 am (note time). All ladies and their friends are welcome. RSVP Wednesday 7 October. Write your name on the clipboard in the foyer or email the church .

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**Thursday morning Bible Study/home-group** will not meet during the school holidays, recommencing on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## **In Transit - Sunday 1st November 9.30am**

A great Christian band! They are coming for the 4th time to St Columba. You will not be disappointed! Come and be uplifted. In Transit bring an inspiring gospel message through music and scripture. Enjoyment Plus!

## **Sheep Trail**

For the Sheep Trail this year we would like 3 more sheep knitted please - any takers? The pattern is on the table in the foyer. Please let Janet or Sally know if you are able to do this.

## Thank you to all our older people

I am writing to express great appreciation of our 'older persons', our most senior members. We acknowledge the support and help that our older people give to churches. They have led, toiled, served, and stood firm in their faith communities. They have sacrificed and offered the best years, in fact, all of their lives for our churches, for their faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The ideal perfect community is where we have all ages, from babies and infants to the most senior - 70, 80, 90 even 100 years. Parishes that do have all generations are blessed. For me, it is the most significant sign of a healthy community. A church of all ages, where each is valued and treasured, relevant and significant. The life of these communities is...the people, the people, the people...he tangata, he tangata, he tangata, says the Maori proverb about what is most important.

As we face the challenges of 2020, it may not seem it but we are in a better position in Church life than at any other time in regards to our people, buildings, assets, finance, and investments (land, property, and people skill sets). Our senior folk have committed themselves and set up well the next generation for whatever the future holds. They have been through many hard experiences that will help our walk of life.

*"Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old" - Job 12:12.*

Over time, age and longevity in years has been seen and expressed by our senior peoples as true wisdom. My favourite learning in life is at the feet of older people; whatever the event, occasion, discipline, field, ie Bible Study, prayers, fellowships, fishing, gardening, in fact in any area of life. I liken learning and being enlightened by older folks as to drawing on or being filled from the oasis of God's abundance of knowledge and grace. Senior people have experienced goodness of, and a longer relationship with God than we have experienced. Thank you, our mighty warriors for Jesus Christ. Lead on.

I offer a word of encouragement for our senior people. C.S Lewis wrote, "You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream". Continue to live life to the full. This is also inspiring and real motivation for the next generations to look up to. Old age is a blessing from the Lord. We should never be afraid of aging. One sure certainty in life, with the blessing of God, and we pray good health too, most will each reach senior life. How exciting. I can't wait...oh, I'm nearly there! It's going to be something wonderful with the blessings of my family, church and community.

God bless each and every one of our dear and beloved older persons. You are amazing. Your inspiration and example are precious to us all. Please share this message with all the beloved older people in your church and community.

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**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.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of Him. (1 John 5: 14,15)



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