



## 6th December 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

### **Welcome & Call to worship**

L: All God's people - Women, Men, Boys and Girls

### **C: Come and worship!**

L: Shepherds, Magi, Saints and Angels

### **C: Come and worship!, Come and worship!**

L: All who need the Saviour, all who long for comfort:

### **C: Come and worship, come and worship Christ the newborn King!**

**Songs:** King of my heart

See him lying on a bed of straw

His name is wonderful

### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

### **Announcements and sharing**

### **God Moment:**

### **Advent: Candle Two**

### **Offerings and Dedication**

**Hymn:** Angels we have heard on high

### **Prayers for Others:**

**Readings:** Luke 2, 1-7pg 1590, Philippians

4, 14, 16-20pg 1830 Marilyn Buller

**Hymn:** O Holy night

**DVD:** "Huron Carol"

**Sermon:** Advent conspiracy 2 - Spend less

**Hymn:** Once in Royal Davids' City

**Benediction** Now unto Him

**Elders on Duty for December**  
Neville Wilson and Neville Harris  
**Organist** John Carter  
**Pianist** Rosemary Harris  
**Door Greeting** Erin Stubbs and  
Florence Barnes  
**Security 1st week**  
**Sound** Donald

**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 (2nd)**

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
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

If you are coming to Donald and Christine's farewell please let the office know. Everyone is welcome. Just call or email. 576 6756

We would like to invite you to Rev Donald and Christine's farewell brunch. This will be on the 13th Dec after the Sunday morning Service. It will have a Christmas theme and is wonderfully catered for. This will be a lovely time for memories and best wishes.

Please pencil this into your calendar.

We really would like some photos of Donald and Christine and family. If you have any at all please email them to the office or bring them in to the office asap.

There is a donation envelope in your copy of "the Voice". Please add your number if you would like a receipt.

## **Basement Boutique**

All volunteers are invited to Morning Tea, in the Church Lounge, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am. If you would like to assist us next year please join us for morning tea and meet our friendly, enthusiastic bunch of volunteers.

**Thinking Matters** will be offering a talk by Dr. Shawn Means at Bethlehem Community Church (183 Moffat Rd) on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Break for supper will be held between the two sessions:

Part One: The Rising Tide of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity  
Part Two: Fighting Oppression or Just Another Distraction from Jesus?

No charge. But koha for speaker welcomed. No need for RSVP. Enquiries: [michelle@thinkingmatters.org.nz](mailto:michelle@thinkingmatters.org.nz)

We would like to say a huge thank you to Marjory Henderson for all of the wonderful work cleaning our Church. Marjory is stepping down. Well done good and faithful servant!

## Spend Less

“Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own. Luke 12:15

### 1. Our Gifts ...MEET A Need

When I was in Thessalonica, ... when I was in need.” (v.16).

Great joy in a gift that solves a problem or meets a need

An investment in God’s work

We spend less except when we help others

The church that fails to share remains poor in spirit

### 2: Our GIFTS ... are MEMORABLE

For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again ” v.16

There was something personal that made the gift stand out

It is generosity of spirit that makes Christmas

Memorable gifts are from the heart

### 3: Our Gifts ... are MEANINGFUL

I have received ... the gifts you sent. They are ... pleasing to God. v.18

Yield your bodies as spiritual sacrifices Rom12:1-2

Offer to God a sacrifice of praise Heb 13:15

Spiritual sacrifices that please God. 1Pet 2:5

Gift from heaven

Not all our greeds but our needs.



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## SPEND LESS

Spend less is an ambiguous goal. Spend less than last year? Spend less than my neighbour? The truth is there is no formula. The challenge of this principle is to be willing to ask more questions and then be open to hearing what God says in return.

Is this something I want or something I need?

Why do I want to buy this?

What kind of company am I supporting if I purchase this product?

Can I afford to spend this amount?

How many presents do we actually need?

You see, spending less requires us to plan. Instead of mindlessly shopping online and ordering more than we know what to do with, we take the time to think about each purchase. We strive to thoughtfully evaluate what we support with our spending, and we allow our spending to support products, people, and causes worthy of being supported. By spending a little less on ourselves we are able to more joyfully give to others in need.

**It is not enough to say *no* to the way Christmas is celebrated by many; we need to say *yes* to a different way of celebrating.**

We can give creative, intentional gifts that showcase our love – and perhaps God’s – more clearly than ever before.

Some ideas to help you Spend Less this Christmas:

Make a Christmas budget and then stick to it.

Research companies that are Fair Trade.

Pray for the people on your Christmas list before purchasing anything. Make spending a conscious decision that engages your heart.

Write down five things you’re thankful for.

Set a spending limit as a family. You’ll be surprised at how creative you can be;

Donate old and unused clothes, toys, and books to a local organization.