

Service Schedule for April 2017

The Preaching Plan

- April 2nd:** Rev. Colin Gordon (Communion)
- April 9th:** Rev. Colin Gordon
- April 14th:** Rev. Colin Gordon (Good Friday)
- April 16th:** Rev. Colin Gordon (Easter Sunday)
- April 23rd:** Ann Clegg
- April 30th:** Multi Media Sermon

Pastoral Care Team

Lorna Nolan,
Nellika Duinkerke,
Willis & Robyn MacGillivray

Minister's Steward:

Mark (not 16 and 23.04)

Wellsford Duty Schedule for April 2017
Duty Stewards

2.04	9.04	16.04	23.04	30.04
E & L Nolan	W & R MacGillivray	S & N Duinkerke	E & L Nolan	J.Daken/ Ann Clegg

Morning Tea

2.04	9.04	16.04	23.04	30.04
J.Daken/ Ann Clegg	E & L Nolan	W & R MacGillivray	S & N Duinkerke	J Daken / Ann Clegg



Parish Council

- Mrs Runa Halfpenny 423 7281
- Mrs Lorna Nolan 431 4965
- Mr Steven Duinkerke 431 5735
- Mr Mark Lorenzen 423 9040

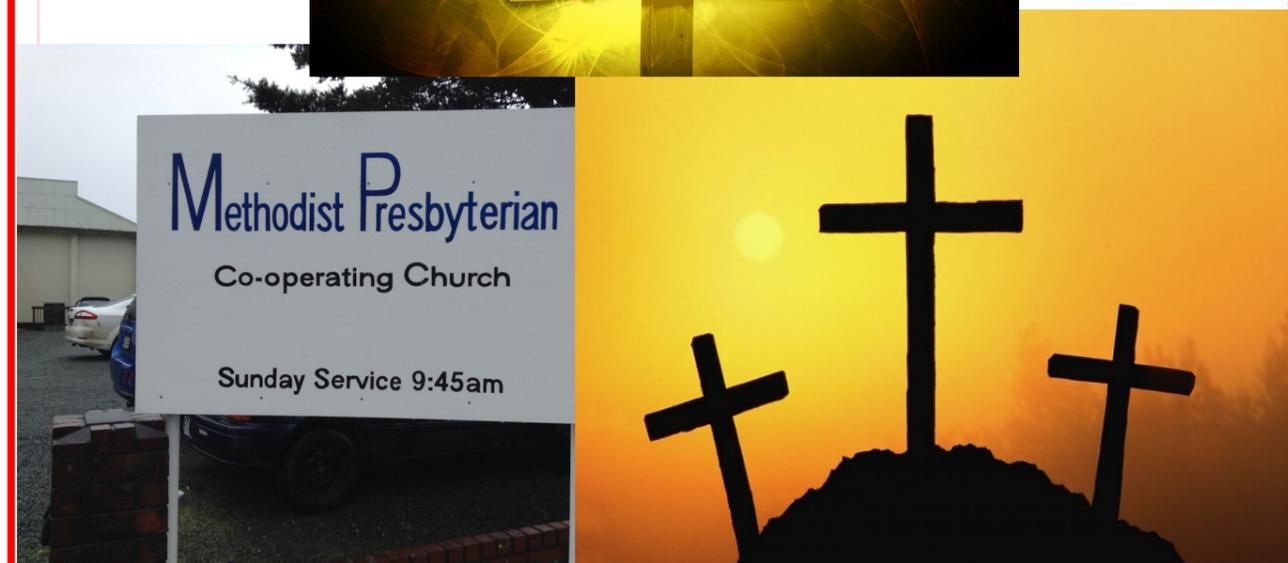
Treasurer

Mr Willis MacGillivray 423 8273

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ALL SERVICES START AT 9.45AM.

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The Monthly Message: April 2017

Easter

Many years ago working with a group of youth, youth by no means associated with the church, I asked them to paint their impressions of Easter. They had a sheet of hard board and paints and brushes each. It was a four-week project spending a couple of hrs each week on the project. They wanted me to tell them the story of Easter and I said, 'nope, no way' I wanted their impressions. They were not being tested, no comments about validity of impressions would be entered into, there were no rights or wrongs, just their impressions. The end result, was insightful. It was a project of great importance to them the young artists, they expressed themselves, all different yet all giving up something of themselves through the process and in the end result itself. It didn't finish there as there were many discussions, on a one to one level conversations ensued.

I wonder, given the same opportunity, what your artistic impressions of Easter would be? I wonder what it would say about you? I wonder, if you were able to sketch on a time line from when you were ten and for every tenth year another sketch, what differences you would observe? I wonder how Easter has evolved for you? Often beliefs 40yrs ago that were important are not so important now. Often our Sunday school faith has developed into an adult faith and the two are vastly different.

Easter is problematic for many people in our day. For some, it has negative associations because it has been part of a fear-based Christianity that emphasized our sinfulness, guilt, unworthiness, and the threat of hell. Precisely because we have been so bad, Jesus had to die for us. More than one person has said to me, "I'm still struggling with Christianity. It has so much baggage."

For others, the issue is puzzlement about Christian language about Jesus. He is both human and divine. What does that mean? He was born of a virgin. Literally? Or if not, what does that mean? Was he able to perform miracles that no human could? If so, was he really one of us? Died in our place for our sins. If so, does that mean that God required his death – that it was God's will? Raised from the dead. Literally? And if not, what does that mean?

Any faith community I belong to and have a part in is a place of conversation, an inclusive community, where sacred cows make for great consumption. Come and join us for Easter. Peace CRG

Colin.

What's Up in April?

Personal:

Please remember to contact the Pastoral Care Team or a member of the Parish Council if you, or others you hear of, are in need of our care.

Women's Fellowship:

This will be on **Tuesday 4th April**, starting with a Co-op Fellowship meeting at **10am** and followed by an Inter-church meeting at **10.30am**.



Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This will be held on **Tuesday 11th April** at **1pm**.

Parish Council:

The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 11th April** at **5pm**.



Shared Lunch:

This will be held after the service on **Sunday 2nd April** at the Duinkerke's home.

