

**Service Schedule for August 2017**

**The Preaching Plan**

**August 6th:** Rev. Colin Gordon (*Communion*)

**August 13th: Brown's Bay Presbyterian Church Group**

**August 20th:** Rev. Colin Gordon (**A.G.M**)

**August 27th:** Ann Clegg

**September 3rd:** Rev. Colin Gordon (*Communion*)

**Pastoral Care Team**

Lorna Nolan,  
Nellika Duinkerke,  
Willis & Robyn MacGillivray

**Minister's Steward:**



**Ann Clegg**

**Wellsford Duty Schedule for August 2017**

**Duty Stewards**

06.08	13.08	20.08	27.08	03.9
S & N Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	A Clegg/ J Daken	A Clegg

**Morning Tea**

06.08	13.08	20.08	27.08	03.9
S & N Duinkerke	W & R MacGillivray	E & L Nolan	A Clegg/ J Daken	K Lennon / Ann Clegg

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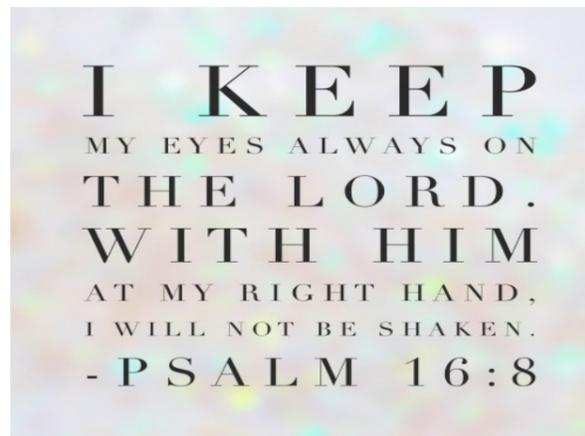
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**August 2017**

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**ALL SERVICES START AT 9.45AM.**

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*If you know of someone who was absent from church today, or who is new to our community, would you kindly take a copy of this bulletin to their letterbox **To Show We Care...** Thanks*

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# What's Up in August?

## PASTORAL:

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who are sick and recovering at this time. If you know of any parishioner who is ill or would particularly appreciate a visit, please contact a member of the pastoral care team.

## Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship meets **Tuesday 1 August** at **10:00am** followed by the inter church Women's Fellowship at **10:30am**. In July we talked about the question "How does your church indigenise your worship?" Is there anything "kiwi" about your services?



## Shared Lunch: (Note the Change of date)



The shared lunch on the **13th August** will be at the home of **Eryl and Lorna Nolan**, where we will also welcome visitors from Brown's Bay.



## Service at the Heritage Rest Home:

This month's service will be held on **Tuesday 8th August** at **10.30am**.

**Programmes for Shine Television** are in the foyer and on the noticeboard.

Thanks to Pat Bennett who supplies the programmes.



All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —  
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;

For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,  
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we're truly blessed.

For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,  
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children's play,  
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,  
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.

For the ways we're blessed with plenty — love and laughter,  
neighbours, friends,  
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,  
For the ones who've gone before us, giving witness to your way  
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.

For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,  
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,  
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill —  
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.

For your presence in our neighbours, for your love that claims and frees.  
For our talents and our labors, for our faith communities.  
For your daily great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found

God, we thank you! Hope still rises, as your gifts of grace abound.

The **TUNE Hymn to Joy / Ode to Joy** you will all have humming away in the back of your heads, I am sure!

Ludwig Van Beethoven was completely deaf when he embarked on his masterpiece the 9th and last Symphony that Included Ode To Joy, and it's a tragedy that he never heard a single note of it except inside his head. At the end of the symphony's first performance the German composer, who had been directing the piece and was consequently facing the orchestra, had to be turned around by the contralto Caroline Unger so that he could see the audience's ecstatic reaction. Beethoven had been unaware of the tumultuous roars of applause behind him.

This is the most requested piece of music on the BBC Radio show, Desert Island Discs, which has been broadcast since 1942. Over 60 guests have chosen this tune.

The Council of Europe and subsequently the European Union chose "*Ode to Joy*" as National Anthem of Europe.

The piece was used in the 1988 film Die Hard, when the crooks crack the safe and get the money.

Michael Jackson's 1993 single "*Will You Be There*," starts with an excerpt from a lesser known portion of the symphony's final movement.

At the 2011 Rugby World Cup Ode to Joy was a theme tune.

Here are some words put to Ode to Joy I hope you can sing it.

**All of Life is Filled With Wonder (Inter faith version)**

**HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")**

**Warm Movie Winter Afternoons:** To all those interested in enjoying the third Sunday relaxing in Matakana, by watching a movie and being around great company, please let Ann Clegg know. This month's movie afternoon (if something is showing) is scheduled for the **20th August.**



**Parish Council:**

The Parish Council will meet at the church centre on **Tuesday 8th August at 5pm.**

**Annual General Meeting (A.G.M):**

This will be held after the morning service on the **20th August.** Please attend if you can The A.G.M reports will be available at the church centre from the **first Sunday** of this month.



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 U V O R A C J I C H R R N E E  
 R C P S W V L A K G O T X M E  
 E S E A X B W N Z I T L Z N H  
 O L B E K A N S U N S E W A S

**FOR THE KIDS:**

Can you find these animals of the Bible?  
 nighthawk - osprey -  
 ostrich - owl - ox -  
 partridge - pelican -  
 porcupine - pygarg -  
 quail - raven - scorpion -  
 sheep - snail -  
 snake - sparrow -  
 spider - sponge -  
 stork - swan - swine  
 - turtle - vulture -  
 weasel - wolf - worm

## The Monthly Message from the Minister

August 2017

Ki ora all, I hope this Newsletter finds you warm and comfortable as we encounter the winter season? Our AGM is as advertised, love to see you all there.



The church is in transition, from where is easy to define, to where is the task ahead. As we reflect on the year gone we need to do this in the context for what we hope, perceive and put in place for the future. When you as a Parish 'called' me you expressed that you wanted leadership and a difference. What I took from that was you wanted a new direction from the old. I recall saying that leadership is collaborative and we have to do things together to make a difference. You wanted 'difference' and I promised that. In the annual report I am using my experience and experiences to highlight who we are and where change needs to occur. Having a vibrant church is not something that happens overnight or in a 5yr time frame particularly after years of decline and old habits. If we are to go anywhere near being a vibrant church, change needs to happen, old habits, old models of being church have to change, otherwise we will get what we have always got and the only change will be eventually closing the doors! I also remember quite clearly giving the promise that we were going to have 'fun'.



My desire and direction for the Parish is one where the wider community sees and experiences us as a generous, inclusive community of faith where people will experience joyful, reflective, sacred and informed experience in worship.

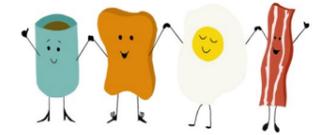
How are we going to achieve this? The fun part will be social events where we can laugh and enjoy each other's company, haven't had too many of those yet, though the invitation to movies 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is under way.



Fun can also be had with projects, such as garage sales or breakfast club or Menz shed, we are not there yet and open to ideas. One input that I spend a lot of time on is Sunday mornings and in amongst the sacred time I have given space for it to be fun, enjoyable, vibrant, thoughtful and provocative.



Theologically / Biblically some elements of the worship services I have introduced, for some people, are outside of your common experience. I know this because some of you have expressed this to me, you have found it confronting and challenging. Yes, what I offer is a little unorthodox but nonetheless faithful to scripture, God, the life of Jesus and the call of the Spirit on peoples lives through the generations. As a father and now a grandfather, I want my family to have Spiritual experience that is authentic and have relevance in the modern world. I am always astounded by how receptive and curious children are to new learning. How huge their capacity is to absorb and adapt to new experience. To watch our children drink up knowledge like water, manage electronic devices with the ease of a man on the flying trapeze, to face questions like climate change and the ecological crisis and ethnic diversity that many of us avoid, all of that is a huge source of hope and celebration. Even when the evidence comes to us in ordinary ways, in bits and pieces, in hints and glimpses children are astounding. This can be and should be true and normative in their relationship with the spiritual and that God is not captured in narrow images, expressions and ways of being; God is diverse, wide ranging, expansive. God says to Moses, tell the people "I am, who I am", and so should be the message to our children.



Come to the AGM I believe as members of the Church we all need to determine the future.

Peace to you all CRG,

Colin.