

PRAYER -Several opportunities to be involved through the week...

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

'Prayer 4 U'– Mondays in the Church Library, 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Tuesday, 'Prayer For the Nation' - 11am -12pm in the Church Prayer Room.

'Friday Revival Prayer'– Meets every Friday evening 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Church auditorium, or if that is being used, we meet in the Church House. All welcome. Enquiries to Stewart Patrick contact 0210470795.



FOODBANK... Thankyou for your faithful giving to this ministry.

At present we have large supplies of Jams, Pasta and baked beans/spaghetti **but the following are the things we would love help with: Flour, sugar (smallest bags), toothpastes, soap, cereals, rice,**

noodles, margarines, pasta sauce, washing powder. We realise some aren't food items but they are essential to living a healthy clean life.

Focus on Servanthood– Many thanks to our Home & Small Group Leaders. Your input in cementing connections in our church is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

TOSS Garage Sale - The next TOSS Day will be on Thursday 23rd March. Please drop off any things that you no longer need but please, no books or clothes.

Church Directory - If you would like to buy an updated copy of the Church Directory please place your name on the order sheet on the back table in Church. The **correct printing cost is \$5.00 for a coloured copy, black & white copies are FREE.**

'Christian Life' Magazine – This free monthly magazine is proving to be quite popular so consequently more copies have been requested. In the meantime, if you have a copy at home which is still in good order, could you please return it to the back table in Church so that other church folk can enjoy reading it too.



Friday 17th March
6.30pm – 9pm 'COUCH RACE!!!!'
Meet at Waikanae (end of Grey St)
– Finish at 32 MacDonald St
\$3 & Running shoes



Sunday 12 March 2017

10am: Family Service - 'The Two Crosses'

Leading: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

6.30pm: "The Agape Road" Part 2
'The Human Dilemma'

(New 8-part video & study series by Bob Mumford)



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'Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4 yrs.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children and 'Matrix' Intermediates remain in for the Family Service today.

	<i>Today 12 March 2017</i>	<i>Next Week 19 March 2017</i>
Greeters	<i>K Barwick, L Frampton</i>	<i>N,C,S Hawkins</i>
Explorers crèche	<i>H Churton</i>	<i>R Theobald</i>
Ministry Team	<i>P Burrows</i>	<i>J McHardy</i>
Cups of Tea	<i>P&D Viljoen, B Corlett</i>	<i>P&A Walker, Moira Smith</i>
Flowers	<i>Debbie Dobbie</i>	<i>Barbara Bowis</i>
AV & Sound	<i>Cody Hall / Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
Counters	<i>A McLean</i>	<i>R Nelson</i>

Stewart writes... We are in the season of 'Lent' in the Church Calendar, the 40 day period before Easter. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. In our Family Service today, we are remembering the fact that there are actually 'two crosses' that are absolutely central to our Christian life of faith.

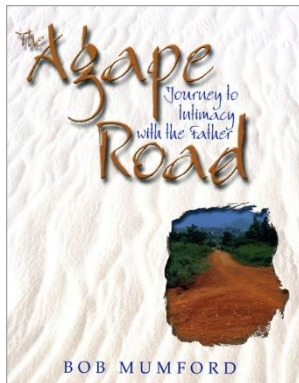
1. **The Cross of Calvary** which Jesus Christ went to and was crucified, and where He took my 'old life' and crucified it with Himself.
2. **My Daily Cross of Luke 9:23** – "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Ah, now there's a cross that we can pause at and give some definition to.



Marilyn & I arrived back home from Australia on Wednesday night and many thanks to Mary Lou who looked after our home and dog while we were away. **The NEWlife Advanced Seminar** that Leigh & Stewart attended was great and the connections that are developed through this discipleship counselling ministry, are amazing. 'Edge Church' in Melbourne and Adelaide; 'Generosity Church', in 9 rural locations through NSW and a vision for the rural towns, and many others in Australia & NZ. We are all connected now online, in a Network of discipleship counsellors using this model, and can share materials and encourage each other.

6:30pm Sunday evening – 'The Agape Road' Journey to Intimacy with The Father. Session 2: 'The Human Dilemma' Part 2 of an 8-week series, by Bob Mumford.

The road believers travel is broken with twists, turns and detours into worldliness and man-made religion. Thankfully, God uses that broken road to draw us back toward the destination our heart longs for – intimacy with Him. In "The Agape Road: Journey to Intimacy with the Father," Bob illustrates how to avoid taking detours by abiding in Jesus. Experiencing God's unconditional Agape love gives us the security, identity and belonging which we can only get from our Heavenly Father. This eight session, video driven study will guide new believers and those who have been walking with the Lord to a deeper relationship with God. Session 1: God the Father **Session 2: The Human Dilemma** Session 3: The Eros Prison Session 4: A Word from God Session 5: The Healing Power of Agape Session 6: Learning to Abide Session 7: Focusing on the Father Session 8: Becoming a Father-Pleaser

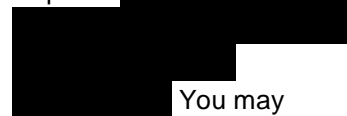


There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

For Prayer & Praise this week...

- **Pray for Debbie Dobbie & Family** – Debbie's father in the UK, passed away peacefully last Saturday. Debbie is leaving this Saturday for the UK to be with her mum and family, and may be away several weeks as her mum has now found she has to have a fairly major operation and Debbie will stay on to help her recover. Our prayers go with you Debbie, and of course with William, Mahalia & Heather back home, Ben & Jono, in Christchurch.
- **Prayer for Adam Murton** – Callum & Rebecca Murton new born baby has received heart surgery this past week, amazing, and now a long recovery process for this wee fella. Grandparents of course are Claire & Keith Murton & Denise & Donald Bugden (Paekakariki).

Remember our Missionaries, Dr's Ken & Alison McFarlane, in Loi Tai Leng – On the Missions Board, we have placed their comprehensive 'Shan Healthcare Training Project Report'.



You may remember Alison sharing back in January about their work with the group 'Radical Grace' and an HIV course they ran. Here is a picture of the group with Alison on the right, Ken on the left.

Thanks for a great Family Camp, Tolaga Bay – Perfect weather once again for this year Church Family Camp at Tolaga Bay last weekend. Thank to those who took part and organised events and gatherings there. There were fish caught and here's proof from Callum Hawkins! Well done.



'ALPHA' COURSE TRAINING & IDEAS EVENING, with Jonathan Hesp, 7pm Tuesday



Jonathan Hesp from Alpha NZ is coming down on Tuesday, to do an 'ALPHA Training Evening' with us, as we really want to make this outreach available in all kinds of small group ways. There is **No Charge** for this night, open to all. Jonathan will be sharing and training us on using the new resource from Alpha, being the



'ALPHA FILM SERIES', as well as other series such as 'ALPHA YOUTH'

Nicola's CAPtion - I continue to be fully booked with new clients who are mostly following through with their first appointment. People seem to like

the CAP process but are often slow to access the paperwork required to get a budget and pathway out of debt. Please pray we are appropriately helping motivate and support people through this task.