

Encouraging news & letter to us from Shane & Ali Roche this week...

Dear MUP,

Greetings from the UK. We just wanted to drop you a message to wish you all a happy new year and touch base with you. 2023 has been a mixed year for us. We've had some very hard moments and trials emotionally, yet we have also felt so blessed and held firmly in the hands of our Father. God is good! One of our biggest highlights (if not our best) has been connecting with you. We feel we've already made some friends for life.

Ali and I (along with Izzy and Esme) have a great sense of excitement about what 2024 might have in store for our family. I wanted to thank you for your prayers and support as we begin pushing the doors of the place where it seems God may be leading us. It has been so nice and encouraging getting to know some of you over Zoom, and I'm sure we'll connect with more of you over the next few months as we eagerly await our visit to you in March/April.

We'd appreciate your continued prayers and encouragement as we go through the various steps needed to make the long-term switch, some of which are pretty slow and difficult. The good news is - we've made some progress! (*The University letter Ali needs has arrived & NZ Midwifery Council is very helpful*). Please pray for wisdom for us and God's continued guidance and providence. Thank you again to those who have sent financial help. It has been so encouraging to know we have your support and that we're not doing this alone!

Isabelle and Esme are as excited as we are, which has been an amazing answer to prayer. They blow us away with their positivity, and they have been making their own plans for a future in New Zealand.

Love and blessings to you all. Yours in Christ
Shane and Ali



Sunday School Term 1 Help Required - Marilyn is looking for someone to **teach the younger children 4-8yrs, just twice in Term 1**. Please see Marilyn Patrick if you would be interested and can help.

	Today 14th January	Sunday 21st January
Service Leader	Andrew Russell	Dione Russell
Preacher	Stewart Patrick	John Hill
Duty Elder	Stewart Patrick	Al Clement
Greeters	J Dyas, L McAra	J & L Hawksworth
Explorers Crèche	School Hols / Parents	School Hols / Parents
Kidzspace & Matrix	School Holidays	School Holidays
Ministry Team	S Clement	A Clement
Cups of Tea	N Aston, M Smith	N Coffey / M Freeman
AV & Sound	D Russell / N Dunn	R Nelson / N Dunn
Counters	G Stevenson	G Stevenson



14th January 10am: 'Abraham's Triumph of Faith'

Leading: Andrew Russell Preacher / Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

Kids/Youth – A Movie will be on for you in the Blue Room today.

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'By Faith' is the foundation for every Church & believer, and is vital for us in 2024. This morning we look further at this foundation; Genesis 15:6 "And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith." Several promises were made to Abraham; but the chief of all, and which was several times repeated, was that of the blessing through Jesus Christ, to all who believe in Him.

