

Church Office Hours: 9am -12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

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

Tuesday 'Prayer For the Nation'-11am–12noon in Church prayer room.

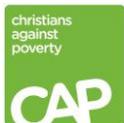
Wednesday, 'Mens Breakfast'- meets every Wednesday morning 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Friday Revival Prayer'– every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.



FOODBANK... Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry, whereby 8 food parcels have been issued so far this month. We would greatly appreciate help with the following items: **UHT milk, sugar, rice, pasta sauce, canned veges, kids toothbrushes and laundry powder.**

PB Horticultural Society - This is an invitation for your flower arrangers to enter the Church Flowers section at our upcoming Show on Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 August. If you would like to enter or like more info, contact Anita Hall on 027 223 6781.



CAPtion – This time of year tends to be very quiet for new people booking. I have seen no one new since June. Please pray God draws people to our service - Nicola.



Youth Group Small Group 'Prayer Course'

Session 2 of 6: Thursday 30th August from 7pm – 8:15pm - YG Home Group 'Prayer Study' sessions are being held once a fortnight in the church house lounge. The focus of the 6 session study series is to learn about talking with God and praying for each other.

Youth Group Next Week:

Friday 24 August: 7pm - 9pm @ Church
'Old SKWL Games'

Check YG Facebook page for more details



	Today 19 August 2018	Next Sunday 26 August 2018
Greeters	J Phin, V Judd	N Hawkins, L McAra
Explorers crèche	R Theobald	V Judd
Ministry Team	J Newman	E Oates
Cups of Tea	E & B Bowis, M Smith	B & A Hall, A Alder
Flowers	A Lewis	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	D Russell, G O'Neil	P Oram, P Cosson
Counters	D Welch	N Coffey



Sunday 19 August 2018

10am: "The Matthew 25 Challenge"

Leading: Paula Levy Preaching: Presbyterian Support
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering

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Elders Team

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'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.
'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house

Paula writes... Have you had a chance to read Matthew 25 this week? It's not an easy passage to read and I think it would be unusual if it didn't make us uncomfortable or uneasy!

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

John Stott says this: "We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behaviour." That is what it means to live under God's word.

My heart is as we look at this passage this week, read the stories, and are invited to participate in the activities, we would be a little disturbed: but disturbed for good. I pray our hearts would be touched, our compassion grow and God may creatively inspire each of us as to how we can be good news to the poor, hospitable to the stranger and genuinely love our neighbour. I know many of you already give generously and live out this passage in many ways – and this is not about guilt or pressure. It is about asking God to change our hearts more and more – so they break for the things God's heart breaks for, and so that we never become hardened to genuine suffering and need – but long to respond.

I pray too as you take part in each of the challenges, God speaks to you and that you will share with each other your learnings and experiences. Let's do this together and see what God can do.

Also this morning we want to warmly welcome a team from Presbyterian Support East Coast.

- PSEC Board Chair Maitland Manning (and his wife Helen Manning)
- Tairawhiti Social Services Manager Alica Richardson-Marr
- PSEC Philanthropy Manager Sylvie Gibbins
- PSEC Board Member Colleen Skuse

PSEC delivers \$12 million worth of vital social services throughout the East Coast region, with the help of more than 250 staff and over 400 volunteers. As a social arm of the Presbyterian Church, PSEC provides counselling, social work and parenting programmes for children and families subjected to poverty and family violence through its Family Works service; as well as an array of programmes to elderly and disabled people who need assistance to live a more fulfilling life through its Enliven service.

Let's hear their stories, pray for them in their work and consider how we may support and work with them in their work, right in our neighbourhoods.



Bless you all with courage and compassion as you take on the challenges of the week, Paula.

PS: If you have any difficulty accessing the Matthew 25 challenges or receiving the texts, please contact Paul Madsen on 027 511-4769.

THE MATTHEW 25 CHALLENGE
19-26 AUGUST 2018

Experience God's Word in community through a week-long daily text challenge.

Live sacrificially through these challenges based on Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV) this week:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	WEEKEND SERVICES
<input type="checkbox"/> Skip lunch, and have a simple meal tonight, like plain rice and beans. "I was hungry"	<input type="checkbox"/> Give up all drinks except water. "I was thirsty"	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep on the floor tonight. "I was a stranger"	<input type="checkbox"/> Wear the same clothes you wore yesterday. "I needed clothes"	<input type="checkbox"/> Reach out to someone going through a difficult time. "I was sick ... I was in prison"	<input type="checkbox"/> Take a 30-minute prayer walk. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."	<input type="checkbox"/> Come back to church to celebrate together!

Coming Up in September.....

- **Sunday 2nd September: Shared Lunch after Morning Service** - At the conclusion of our Family Service on Sunday 2nd September, there will be a shared lunch for those who can stay and enjoy some extended time of connection.



- **Women's Get Together(S) on September 5th 10am or 7pm**

Come along, at one of these times, and enjoy connecting with other Christian women. There will be time to chat over food, followed by a Teaching DVD from the Sista's conference and discussion. The DVD examines 4 things that if present in our life, keep us in bondage. Being aware is often the first step to change in ourselves or to developing empathy for others. So come along, be blessed by others and be a blessing to others!



NB: Older high school students are welcome and you may invite other Christian women.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.