

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), long-life milk, 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– Today we acknowledge and thank those who pray in our Prayer Ministry Teams both on Sunday mornings and during the week. Thank you also to the folks who serve in Prayer 4U on Monday afternoons.

School Holidays Craft Mornings - If your child is interested in doing crafts and is of primary or intermediate school age, Marilyn will be holding two morning craft sessions in the next school holidays. They will be on Wednesday 19 April and Wednesday 26 April, 9am – 12 noon, in the blue Kidzspace room. Kids, you could make mum something for Mother's Day! Please register your interest in participating or helping, by filling in the form available from the back table. Please return the forms to Marilyn or the office.



BWL Women!! Our next women's night will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 7pm, so save this date! More details to follow in due course.



Friday 24th March
6.30pm – 9pm 'Starry, Starry Night'
Meet at Te Kuri Walkway (end of Shelly Rd)
Come with \$3, a headlamp, walking shoes
& a water bottle



	Today 19 March 2017	Next Week 26 March 2017
Greeters	N,C,S Hawkins	H.Paenga, S.Tulia
Explorers crèche	R Theobald	J.Hill
Ministry Team	J McHardy	Jan Newman
Cups of Tea	P&A Walker, Moira Smith	J Dyas, Anna Alder, G Shanks
Flowers	Barbara Bowis	Elaine Oates
AV & Sound	Volunteers	Cody Hall / Volunteer
Counters	R Nelson	R Nelson



*Our motivating vision is...
 'To be His Love, Light and Life'*

Sunday 19 March 2017

10am: 'Against all hope - HOPE LIVES!'

Leading: Dione Russell Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

**6.30pm: "The Agape Road" Part 3
 'The Eros Prison' Session**

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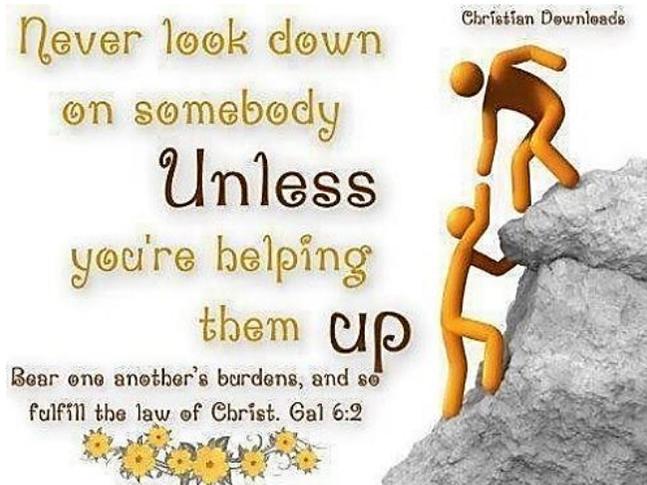
Elders Team

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

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

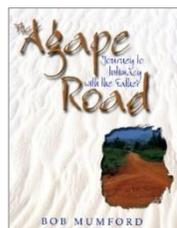
Stewart writes... This morning we pick up on giving further definition to 'Our Daily Cross' from last weeks Family Service, and in this **being careful to define 'burdens' from our 'sufferings'**. Thank you for the feedback received this week on the two illustrations I used last Sunday for the 'Two Crosses' central to our faith. I am utterly convinced that the 'One Faith' we share is for the most simple amongst us, and I must never teach anything that the least of us cannot do.



Alpha Course Training last Tuesday night with Jonathan Hesp, Executive Director of Alpha NZ, went really well and was so appreciated by the 15 folk who attended. We had 3 leaders from Church of Christ attend too, who intend running the Alpha course. Jonathan was a great trainer and encourager, and one thing that stuck with me was in regards to inviting someone to an Alpha course, *"We are not good at 'invitation'. If we get turned down, we feel a failure, but we need to see it this way; it is our job just to invite, it is God's job to bring them."*...*"No matter whether it's Alpha or anything else, we want to encourage your churches to build a culture of invitation, and that it becomes natural. Ask God, "Who do you want me to invite?" Write it down somewhere so that you're accountable."* **If you are interested in being a part of a small team to run a New Alpha Course, please speak with Stewart about this.**



6:30pm Sunday evening – 'The Agape Road' Journey to Intimacy with The Father. Session 3: 'The Eros Prison' by Bob Mumford. Those attending on Sunday evenings, are really enjoying this new series. Here are two simple truths Bob shared on 'The Human Dilemma'...



- **'Linear'** is life as God intended. It makes progress →
- **'Cyclical'** is life as God has not intended. When God wants to resist us, He sends us in circles, but note this; *God resisting us is always a manifestation of His LOVE.* ○
- **'Eros' love** is illustrated by a bent arrow ↪. This kind of love is always self-referential. Eros love seeks to Possess, Acquire, Control.
- **'Agape' love**, God's love, is a straight arrow → God loves without a self-referential bent. *"God so loved the world"* (John 3:16) Amen!

Preachers & Service Leaders – Training meeting this Wednesday 22 March 7pm at the Church House. We will review and share insights from Malcolm Gordon's Worship Seminar, and tips for Preachers preparation.

For Prayer & Praise this week...

- **Pray for the New Church Leader Selection Team Members** – Andrew Russell will share more with you this Sunday morning on this, but he would like to hear recommendations from church folk, of who would serve on this Team.
- **Debbie Dobbie** – Back in the UK now for her Father's funeral and supporting her mum who will have a major operation shortly. Remember William and family back home here. Ben & Jono in Christchurch.
- **Pray for Prayer for Ravi Jairam (Anne & David Russell's grandchild).** Ravi is having a lot of seizures so will be going back to Starship Hospital in a couple of weeks' time for more surgery.
- **Adam Murton** – Callum & Rebecca Murton's new born baby has progressed after satisfactorily after his heart surgery and is now back home in Wellington.

Mission News in the Philippines (from Janice Langford, Missions Co-ord.)



John and Angela Paton return to the RUEL Orphanage in the Philippines at the end of May. They welcome anyone who would like to join them to spend some time at Ruel during the three months they will be there. Contact Angela if this sounds like something you'd like to do or to find out more. If you know of anyone who would like to rent John and Angela's house while they are away, please get in touch with Angela.



RUEL FIJI John & Lyn Hawksworth began the work RUEL Fiji over 10 years ago, coordinating free surgery & treatment for many Fiji children with clefts of the lip and palate. John & Lyn found most of these children in the 332 islands of Fiji were going undetected and many of those who are detected are unable to meet the costs of receiving available treatment. Since that time hundreds of children have been treated

by Ruel and Mangapapa Church has been one of those helping fund the work. Though John and Lyn are still involved, much of the day to day administration is carried out by Ruel Foundation NZ in conjunction with local government and health services in Fiji to create a sustainable programme to address cleft lip issues in Fiji. This week Mangapapa Church is pleased to be able to pass on a \$1,250 grant that we received for assisting Ruel work.



Nicola's CAPtion - I had my first experience with the new CAP computer document this week. Although there were teething issues, I was able to get around these with the client's help. Another client has successfully gathered their paperwork ready to get a budget and pathway out of debt. *(Yippee!! Editor.)*