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ST COLUMBA'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TARADALE

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*'When you welcome one of these children because of me, you welcome me.'*

Matthew 18:5

## Kool Kidz

Richard Nicholson

Sunday 9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m.

Phone 844 9556

## Kids Friendly Care

Peter Wooten 843 7770

After School Care

School Holiday Programme



## Youth

Mark Seek 027 478 9404

Friday: **Contact** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday:

**Pimp My Ride** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## Mainly Music

Wednesday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.

Margaret de la Haye 843 2272

Thursday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.

Karen Jensen 843 9447

## What about the 'Oldies'?

## What about the 'Oldies' indeed'?

While we have featured the 'Youngsters' above, we also care very much about the 'Oldies'.

House Groups, Prayer Groups, Pastoral Care, Evening Fellowship, Missionary Guild (100 years old this year), Music Group, Worship Band, Church Services including a mid-week Communion Service at 11.30 a.m. on the Wednesday following the Sunday Communion Service.

### Q. Who does all the work?

### A. Volunteers mostly

*'And if you want to be first, you must be everyone's slave'.* Mark 10:44

Door welcomers, Bulletin door duty, Morning tea helpers, Opportunity Shop helpers, Flower arrangement roster, Church cleaning, Maintenance Helpers, Bible Readers, Bed Pushers for Hawke's Bay Hospital two Sundays a year.

**More volunteers for these positions are always welcome.**

Material for March Halo in by 11 a.m. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 please

# *From the Minister*

## **The hard work of listening**

While I was on holiday I met a girl who opened up and told me about her struggles including her struggle with singleness. After the first conversation, I thought of a few things I could have said, so spoke with her the next day. After a while she told me that if I want to be a better listener I should watch my facial expressions – because when she had told me she was 31 I had showed surprise. She hadn't liked that because she had interpreted my look to be surprise that she was “31 and unmarried”, whereas I was just surprised that she was 31 (I thought she was 22). She had interpreted my look to be a reinforcement of her own negative view of her age and marital status.

I hate getting blamed for things I didn't actually say or mean as people project their fears or anxieties onto me.

I guess I should not be surprised as sometimes people come up to me and say they loved the sermon and especially when I said XYZ.. and I am thinking - did I say that? - but obviously something I said triggered a chain of thoughts they found helpful, or they reinterpreted my words into their context in a positive way. I don't mind this if they feel loved, encouraged or understood or closer to God. Yet I know its the same process that sometimes leads to people to feel condemned or further from God as they interpret what I said negatively.

It reminds me that listening is an active process. The speaker brings all their experiences and thoughts and tries to find words and gestures etc that will communicate some idea, yet knowing that it will be filtered by the listener's experiences and thoughts so that in the end hopefully there is common ground – a common understanding - and communication will have occurred.

In one sense this means that written communication is even harder because you cannot listen to the tone of the words or look for those other signs which help you interpret spoken words, and you don't have the opportunity to ask questions or reflect back what you heard to ensure that you have picked up with the person meant.

So what does this mean for us?

1. We need to be active listeners “We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.” “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” (James 1:19).
2. We need to value the power of words “Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing” (Proverbs 12:18).
3. It is better to be open and honest, to say what you want rather than hide your thoughts or worse still tell them to third parties but not the person concerned. “Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses” (Proverbs 27:5, 6). see also Matthew 18:15-17

We need to make sure that we speak in order to build people up. “Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ” (Ephesians 4:15-16).

This year I am hoping that we will be able to run some active listening and communication courses so that we can develop our general conversation skills as well as our pastoral caring skills. I am also keen for us to learn how to pray for others so that we learn to listen to peoples hurts and hopes and then offer those to God. Such prayer is speaking but also listening that we might hear a whisper of what God is doing or wants to do in a persons life.

May 2011 be a year in which you feel heard and take the time to listen to others.

May God bless us all

*Brett*

**Hi Kids,**

Kool Kid's starts again on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Hope you have had a great holiday and this week back at school goes well.

We have new teachers, new class rooms and a new year - hope its all good for you!

We have an exciting programme planned for Kool Kids and we hope you can all come as we begin our new term.

This year we are having three classes: 4 - 7year olds run by Pam, Sheila and Cynthia-Louise, 8 -10 year olds run by Richard, Jean or Jim (fill in), 11 - 13 year olds run by Mark and Steve.

As you can see, we have lots of people helping this year which is great. Pam and Richard's teams are going be 'celebrating children' while Mark and Steve are being very secretive about their programme so you will have to come and find out for yourselves.

God Bless you and we look forward to seeing you this year.

*Pam, Richard, Mark and Steve*

## Kids Friendly Care (KFC) and Af Care

The January holidays are the busiest period of the year for KFC with three weeks of holidays and 30-45 children per day. We had a great mix of children ranging from those who attend Christian Schools to those who wouldn't know who Jesus is (although we soon saw to that!). Our aim is to have plenty of fun in a safe environment while at the same time providing an opportunity for the children to learn more about the Bible and the love of God.

These holidays represented a 'first' for KFC with Pam Thrupp standing down from years of service running the Junior Christian Programme (5-8 years) and Mark and Jenni Seek taking over the reins. Mark and Jenni ensured there was plenty of fun to be had with arts and crafts, games, hut building and other activities interspersed with a Christian story or theme.

The Senior Christian Programme (9-13 years) was organised and run by Erin Combrink (soon to be travelling to South Africa for four months so we wish her well) with an overall theme of 'Giving and Heroes'. So we worked on an orchard, went to the Masonic Rest Home in Taradale, helped out at the Salvation Army Store on Faraday Street and visited the Napier Police Station and Fire Brigade. In addition we looked at stories of giving and heroism from the Bible to see how Jesus wants us to be. So in these terms I would like to thank everyone who freely gave their time to support the Holiday Programme in terms of time, food and energy.

Throw on top of this trips to Splash Planet, Onekawa Pools, the river and movies and we had a great time.

But things don't stop here as the Before and After School Programmes begin with up to 40 children attending in the afternoons. For these children it is all about fun and playing as that is exactly what we did when we were their age and school was out. On a Tuesday we hold the AWANA Club ('Approved Workmen are not Afraid' from II Timothy) with a mix of activities and free play for the rest of the week.

*Thank you Peter Wooten*

### Reading and Prayer

**Reading:** "Decide today whom you will serve. As for my family and me, we will serve the Lord." **Joshua 24:15**

**Prayer:** Thank you God, you have given me to be a being with free choice. Help me understand the implications of this so that I might make right choices in the future. In Jesus' name, Amen

# New Beginnings

CRASH, BANG, the boy on the skates hit the wall and then ended up in the middle of the road just as a car came around the corner at high speed.

A wind was moving the trees gently so the lovely yellow and brown leaves zigzagged their way to the garden below.

Now those are two different beginnings. Which one do you like? Would you like a story to start with a crash, bang, or with yellow and brown leaves gently falling to a garden? Well that is your choice. Some of you may like one and some will like the other. Possibly boys would like the crash bang, while girls would like the other. It does not matter, but when a writer sits down to write a story the beginning is the most important thing. If you want a story full of crashing and banging then you would like the first beginning. If a storyteller were writing for a person who likes crash, bang stories then he would start with that beginning. A crash bang person would not like the second beginning so a crash bang storyteller would not start his story that way. If he were writing for a person who liked a gentle story then he would use the second beginning.

So, you see, beginnings are very important.

Many people consider a New Year as a new beginning. They make lists of things that they want to do. So, this is a new beginning for you. It is a new school and Sunday school year. What would you like put on your list?, I know; eat more lollies, not have to make your bed, not to have to go to bed early. What do you think your Mum and Dad's list would be? Maybe it would have something like, get the children to eat good food and not lollies, have them make their beds in the morning, not have to yell at them at bedtime. Well, it is up to you and your Mum and Dad.

You will find that people who go to Church, and you at Sunday school, will have 'New Beginnings' at another time. That time is when you say to Jesus that you love him and want to be like him. At that time, adults change from being possibly bad or naughty into people who are loving and caring. A new beginning happens to them.

I hope a new beginning happens to you. I pray to God that it will.

*by Jim Payton*

## A POEM FOR THE CHILDREN

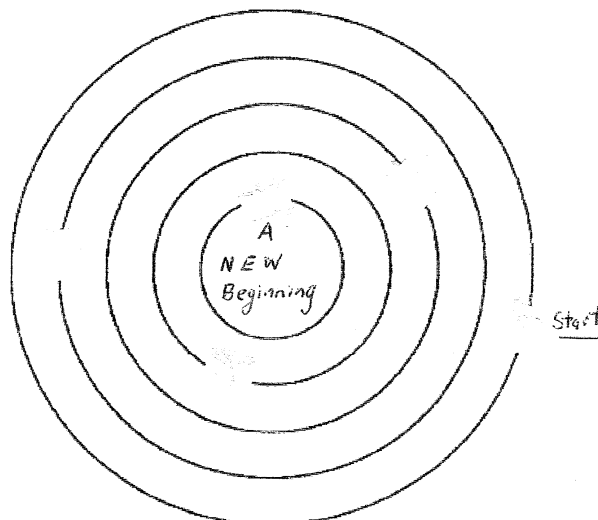
This is a New Year, a new beginning  
 Maybe we can start winning  
 Stop being naughty  
 Bring out love, fun and not sinning.

## MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 7:7.

This verse tells you how you will find God.  
*Ask and you will receive.*  
*Search and you will find.*  
*Knock and the door will be opened for you.*

Find your way to the New Beginning at the centre of this ring.



# Youth Groups

The youth groups are being well attended. There are two evenings devoted to youth, Wednesday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday night 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with one Friday being a 'big' event night. The Friday night times this year will be spent focused on various activities in a series of workshops. There have been up to 55 youngsters on a Friday night and with such a number Mark has decided to break them into three or four groups to better manage them. Ten new guitars have been purchased to facilitate the music tendencies of the groups. There is a desire to form a band which could participate in the monthly creative service.

The Wednesday night group has been renamed 'Pimp My Life'. It covers fine-tuning of life to make it fuller and better. Fifteen to twenty attend normally with eight continuing on during the Christmas holidays. Mark correctly says that mentoring is a must if we wish any of the youth to proceed further in our faith and become 'Disciple-Making Disciples'.

Mark believes that the Taradale Youth require, and demonstrate, a need for identity. He believes there is a need for them to ascertain, or find out, who and where they belong. To that end tee shirts will identify the group. With the shirts, when they are at an event or in the market place they will be identifiable. Mark also feels there is a need to make the Church web site more 'eye-catching' (?) to teenagers.

Daniel has been a tremendous help to Mark and advanced greatly in his Christian life as a result.

A separate occasional Sunday 11 a.m. service may be in the future.

As far as Parachute is concerned, about eight of our youth group attended, not counting any adults.

*Mark and I talked about the above over the telephone so if there are mistakes the blame is entirely with me. What a truly gifted couple we have in Mark and Jenni. Keep the prayers coming. (Editor)*

## Shirl and Detta Butler

*We are in receipt of the following letter which was received before Christmas but too late to be in the December Halo.*

### **SEASONS GREETINGS**

I hope this letter finds you having a great summer!

We so enjoyed the summer we were there a few years ago.

I am so sorry to write you that Shirl died on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the Veteran's Centre where he had been living since February 2010. He had Parkinson's and died of heart failure at age 85. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Some of our fondest memories of travel are of New Zealand and you, our friends, we made while living there. Shirl would tell people of the church and how great it was to preach in, that he could see everyone.

Some of you may remember the surprise birthday I was given on my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010 I will celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. My daughter and son are giving me a party but it isn't a surprise. My son lives in Florida and my daughter lives in Texas.

Many God's blessings be with you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely

*Detta Butler*

## 6 **Top 10 Most-Searched Bible Verses: What's Missing?**

*By Collin Hansen Author, Editorial Director for The Gospel Coalition*

After watching many National Football League games growing up, I finally grew curious enough to walk into my parents' office and pick up the family Bible. It seemed every football broadcast included shots of someone standing in the end zone, behind and between the goal posts, holding up a simple sign: **JOHN 3:16**. I knew enough about the Bible to locate the Book of John in the New Testament. When I read **JOHN 3:16**, I wasn't impressed. Turns out the verse was familiar, thanks to Sunday School. I guess I expected to read some sort of decoded message that would unlock a valuable secret. In some sense that's exactly what I read, but I didn't yet have the eyes of faith to behold the beauty of what God has done in Jesus Christ.

You probably won't be surprised to learn that **JOHN 3:16** is the most-searched Bible verse, according to statistical analysis provided by the folks at Bible Gateway. They reviewed the behaviour of some of the eight million visitors who stop by their site each month, many of them chasing results provided by Google. I was intrigued to review the top ten results, which I've listed in reverse order.

- 10) **Matthew 28:19**: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- 9) **Philippians 4:6**: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
- 8) **Romans 12:2**: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."
- 7) **Proverbs 3:6**: "In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
- 6) **Proverbs 3:5**: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
- 5) **Genesis 1:1**: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
- 4) **Philippians 4:13**: "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
- 3) **Romans 8:28**: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
- 2) **Jeremiah 29:11**: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"
- 1) **John 3:16**: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Four verses come from the Old Testament. Two more come from the Gospels, and four may be found in the Pauline epistles. You've seen many of these verses on bumper stickers, bookmarks, plaques, and various other knickknacks you can buy in a Christian bookstore. Tim Tebow wrote some of them on his eye black, knowing cameras would zoom in on it during his days as Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback at the University of Florida. In fact, when Tebow's Gators won the national championship in 2009, John 3:16 topped Google's list of hottest searches.

Overall, the list represents a nice cross-section of Scripture and tells an uplifting story of God's work in the world. He created it (Gen. 1:1); calls us to trust and submit to him, not conform to it (Prov. 3:5-6; Rom. 12:2); loves it enough to save it (John 3:16); and commissions us to traverse all of it making disciples (Matt. 28:19). From this list, we learn that when most people turn to Scripture, they're often looking for encouragement. They cling to these verses trusting that God is working for their good (Rom. 8:28), giving them strength (Phil. 4:13), planning their hopeful future (Jer. 29:11), and calming their .../

anxieties by answering their requests (Phil. 4:6). If nothing else, these results help those of us who regularly preach and teach the Bible understand how many Christians and even non-Christians use the Bible.

Let me mention an omission. Maybe you caught it, too. Knowing the whole Bible and not just the most-searched passages, you realize that the absence is glaring. You won't learn from this list why God needs to redeem the world he created. You won't learn why his love is so significant. You won't find any warning of what's to come if you don't believe. In short, you won't read about our sin and God's wrath. Actually, you need to follow the list all the way down to #19 and #20 to find sin. At #19, **1 John 1:9** says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." And #20 reads, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (**Romans 3:23**).

If we neglect sin and the Lord's righteous wrath, then we haven't understood even the basics of Scripture and God's true character. D. A. Carson writes in *The Gagging of God: Christianity Confronts Pluralism*:

The point that cannot be escaped is that God's wrath is not some minor and easily dismissed peripheral element to the Bible's plot-line. Theologically, God's wrath is not inseparable from what it means to be God. Rather, his wrath is a function of his holiness as he confronts sin. But insofar as holiness is an attribute of God, and sin is the endemic condition of this world, this side of the Fall divine wrath cannot be ignored or evaded. It is not going too far to say that the Bible would not have a plot-line at all if there were no wrath.

The danger of popping into Scripture from Google is that we miss **the story** for the verses. Each one of these top 10 most-searched Bible verses is a beautiful, moving testament to God's loving faithfulness. We should memorize them, sing them, copy them, and remind one another of them. But without knowing the whole story, we don't know why we should care that God loved the world enough to give his one and only Son. Unless we know about **our sin**, we will surely perish in it.

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Thanks to crosswalk.com for this from Christianity.com – (Editor)

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## Life

**Life** is an opportunity—benefit from it

**Life** is beauty—admire it

**Life** is bliss—taste it

**Life** is a challenge—meet it

**Life** is a duty—complete it

**Life** is a game—play it

**Life** is costly—care for it

**Life** is wealth—keep it

**Life** is a promise—fulfil it

**Life** is sorrow—overcome it

**Life** is a song—sing it

**Life** is a struggle—accept it

**Life** is a tragedy—confront it

**Life** is an adventure—dare it

**Life** is luck—make it

**Life** is life—fight for it

## *Read This Slowly*

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often? When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror. The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand.

Bob? Bob from Church. Jack sunk farther into his trench coat. This was worse than the coming ticket. A cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow.

Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, A man he'd never seen in uniform 'Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this.'

'Hello, Jack.' No smile.

'Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids.'

'Yeah, I guess.'

Bob seemed uncertain. Good.

'I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit - just this once.' Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement. 'Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean?'

'I know what you mean, I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct.'

Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to change tactics.

'What'd you clock me at?'

'Seventy. Would you sit back in your car please?'

'Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging 65'. The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.

'Please, Jack, in the car'.

Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard. He was in no rush to open the window. The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad.

Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license? Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again.

A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand. Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip.

'Thanks'. Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice.

Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke? Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read:

'Dear Jack, Once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it - a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters, all three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again. A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left.'

'Bob'

Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived. Life is precious. Handle with care.

This is an important message; please pass it along to your friends. Drive safely and carefully. Remember, cars are not the only things recalled by their maker.

I am sure this would never be a member of St. Columba's congregation (Editor)

*Thank You Deborah Bonasich.*

## View From Under the Pew By Church Mouse

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It's been great with the holiday programmes going. I am of a 'certain' size now and, frankly, am having difficulty fitting into my little hidey-hole. Wouldn't Mr Latter love to know where it is. The food left over from the holiday programme was most delicious. Mind you, I recognised the taste of several of the offerings. Thanks to the St Columba's ladies.

Lately I have been biding my time towards the rear of the congregation on Sundays as some of the children have very sharp eyes and I am afraid of being seen. I come from a long line of shy mice. The disadvantage of being at the back is that the sound system is not very good. I struggle to hear from those big speakers. The sound seems to only cover half the congregation. Does anyone else feel the same? I think a couple of small speakers at the back would be quite beneficial.

On another point, don't our volunteer people do a great job. I don't mean my cousins, although they do help with the cleaning, but the humans. And as for those Sunday school, KFC, Afcare and Youth people, what great Disciples they are, Disciple-making Disciples doing God's work.

I do wonder why you do not open the service with the Bible being carried in by the Duty Elder leading the Minister in. There are an awful lot of powerful statements being made in such an act.

Oops, there are a couple of crumbs dropping from that handbag over there. Thank goodness for ladies' handbags and men's pockets.

## The U, In JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,  
God stuck U in the name of His Son  
And each time U pray, U'll see it's true,  
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.  
You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
For U, He was born; that's why He came  
And His great love for U is the reason He died. It even takes U to spell crUcified  
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?  
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,  
And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.  
When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,  
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.  
"Go into the world and tell them it's true  
That I love them all - Just like I love U."  
So many great people are spelled with a U,  
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?  
It all depends now on what U will do,  
He'd like them to know,  
But it all starts with U.

*Thank you Anne Tristram*

## *Isn't it strange*

### **Isn't it strange**

how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church,  
but such a small amount when you go shopping?

### **Isn't it strange**

how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church,  
and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

### **Isn't it strange**

that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but..  
you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

### **Isn't it strange**

how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but  
how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

### **Isn't it strange**

how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but  
they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

### **Isn't it strange**

how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks  
before the day so we can include it in our agenda,  
but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

### **Isn't it strange**

how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others;  
but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

### **Isn't it strange**

how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but....  
We question the words in the Bible.

### **Isn't it strange**

How everyone wants a place in heaven but ..  
They don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there

## *It's Strange, isn't it?*

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord* Psalm 33:12

*Thank you Anne Tristram*

### **EDITORIAL COMMENT**

After much discussion, the Communications Committee has decided that Halo will be much stricter concerning what is and what is not published. We have no wish to censor any articles submitted to us but will, in future, direct them to the appropriate forum. All families have disagreements and I believe that is healthy, (although I wish Yvonne agreed with my disagreements a bit more often).

Please do not stop writing letters but be aware that if considered borderline, by me, I will contact you to discuss them in the first instance.

*Jim Payton*

# Church and Family News

**CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS** Please note that the church email address has changed. It is now [office@stcolumba-taradale.org.nz](mailto:office@stcolumba-taradale.org.nz) However, any mail sent to the old address will be forwarded to the new mailbox.

**ANNUAL FAIR** Remember the Fair is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. It's the jam season, so if you are making jams etc, make some more for the Jam Stall. And any sowing of seeds or potting up for the Plant Stall needs to be done NOW so that the plants get well established. We also need to borrow a large barbeque for the Sausage Sizzle. And someone to cook the sausages would be great too! Ring Annette on 844-9960 [or see me] if you can help. Thanks.

## TWENTY YEARS SERVICE TO TWO-FOLD

Louise Elvey is leaving the Two-Fold family and we are sad. When the shop opened at St. Columba's, Louise was the Convenor for two years and has always been a calming influence when, at times, things get a bit heated! We will all miss her and her beautiful smile. She has promised to still visit us from time to time and we will make sure she does. Louise – dear lady – we wish you and Bill lots of happiness and good health. May the Peace of God be with you at all times. *Verna Gillum* (Convenor).

If you have a problem or a concern about something that's happening at church, or relating to the Church Family, there are **ISSUE OF CONCERN** forms in one of the pigeonholes in the foyer and you are invited to fill one in and express your concerns. Completed forms go in the Session Clerk's pigeonhole.

## What's on in February

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 p.m.	Kool Kids begins for the year
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 a.m.	Mainly Music begins
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 a.m.	Mainly Music begins
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	3.00 p.m.	Halo volunteers afternoon tea
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30 p.m.	Board of Managers monthly meeting in the lounge
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	1.45 p.m.	Missionary Guild
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Presbytery Elders Training Day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	7.30 p.m..	Women's Evening Fellowship
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	10.30 a.m.	Monthly Mid Week Service
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30 p.m.	Session meeting
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 p.m.	Quarterly Communion

## Regular events

Mondays	House Group 7.00 p.m. (fortnightly) Contact: Pam Thrupp 835 5785
Tuesdays	Op Shop open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 Prayer Group 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Contact: Marjory Yelverton 843 5331 House Group 7.30 - 9 p.m. Contacts: Wim & Inger Slooten 844 9070 Women's Fellowship meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month
Wednesdays	Mainly Music 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Contact: Margaret de la Haye 843 2272 Op Shop open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 Youth - 'Pimp My Ride' 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Contact: Mark Seek 027 478 9404 Board of Managers meet at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge on the third Wednesday
Thursdays	Mainly Music 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Contact: Karen Jensen 843 9447 Op Shop open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 Missionary Guild meets on the third Thursday of the month Session meet at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge on the fourth Thursday
Fridays	Youth - 'Contact' 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Contact: Mark Seek 027 478 9404

Church Office Phone and Fax 844-5004 Monday—Friday 9.30am—12.00pm  
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**Services** – Sunday 9.30 am morning worship

**Communion** is celebrated on the first Sunday of March, September and December and the second Sunday of June, plus Easter and World Communion Day. On the Wednesday following, a Communion service will be held at 11.30 a.m., followed by lunch.



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