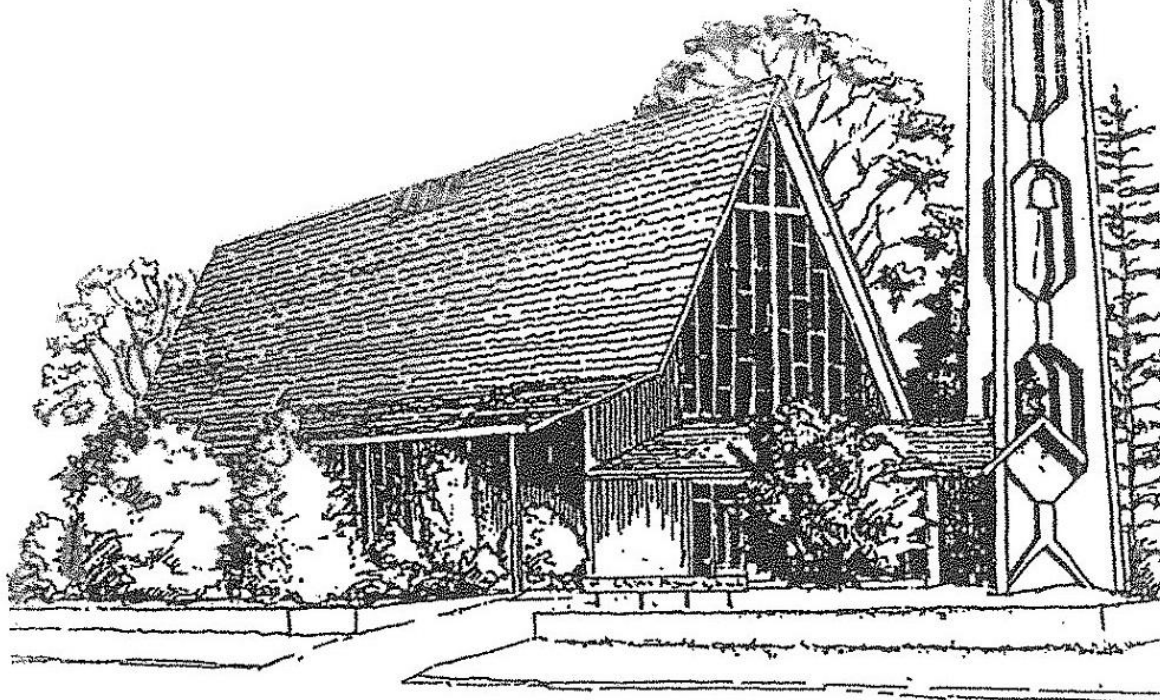


**St Columba's Havelock North  
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand**

# **Columba News**

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*R. McKend.*

# **ST COLUMBA'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAVELOCK NORTH**

**SUNDAY      10.00am      MORNING SERVICE**

**followed by morning tea in the foyer**

**KIDS ON SUNDAY** (Children's Programme) each Sunday (except January) (crèche available)  
**8 AM COMMUNION** - 2nd Sunday monthly except for January

**Mission Statement—The people of St Columba's seek through worship and loving service to offer the good news of Jesus Christ to all people.**

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## **Hours**

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Our Bank Account Number is 03-0658-0005625-000, if you wish to make a direct payment or set up an automatic payment, payable to:  
 St Columba's Presbyterian Parish Havelock North.

## ***FROM THE MINISTER***

### **Pentecost, Come Holy Spirit, Come.**

Pentecost Sunday is a significant day in Christianity. It marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus, as described in Acts 2. This event is considered the birth of the Christian Church, as it empowered the disciples to spread the gospel to people of all nations.

The name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth," as it occurs 50 days after Easter. The dramatic events of Pentecost include a mighty rushing wind, tongues of fire, and the apostles speaking in different languages, allowing them to communicate with people from various regions. This moment reinforced the idea that the gospel was meant for all people, regardless of language or background.

Today, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated in churches worldwide, often emphasizing themes of renewal, empowerment, and the mission of spreading faith. It remains a powerful reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence and the unity of believers across cultures and generations.

One of the things I have enjoyed about life in the Church is that it is made up of people of many different cultures and races – whole populations have at some time, been blessed by the coming of the Holy Spirit revealing Christ to them. He comes as a Christ who speaks your language and knows your joys and your challenges no matter where you come from.

Just as we see the image of God (Imago Dei) in every person (if we look hard enough) – the image of God is in the goodness in every culture - especially those influenced by the Gospel.

I remember visiting Turkey in 2008 and looking for a church to worship in on Sunday. My wife and I finally found a Catholic Church hidden behind a high wall. We could hardly understand the African preacher, but we felt at home in the familiar architecture and the familiar liturgy of a Christian Church - especially in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the preaching of The Word.

I'm a bit of a 'Foodie'. I like tasting food of different cultures. I believe that the risen Jesus in us enjoys Italian food as much as South African, or Indian food, although the universal food that He offers all of us, is bread and wine, symbolising his own body and blood. Symbolizing His love and his life given for us. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-

control. (*Galatians 5: 22*). If we are blessed by the Holy Spirit, we will experience these fruits in our lives.

Long may we taste these fruits.

This year we will be holding an Ecumenical Pentecost service at 4pm on Sunday 08 June. We hope as many St Columba's people as possible will be there for that local service.

Every blessing as we head into winter. May the Holy Spirit warm us, body mind and Spirit.

*Wayne*

## ***ELDERS' UPDATE: HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT MEETINGS***

Here are a few key updates from recent meetings:

### Worship and Special Services

Iona College Founders Day Service (23 March) was hosted at St Columba's and received warm feedback from both our parish and the Iona school community. It was a vibrant expression of ecumenical partnership and shared faith.

Earth Day Service (27 April), led by SCHNEG in collaboration with Rev. Mo Morgan from A Rocha, was deeply meaningful. The service was followed by a fruitful meeting with Mo. As a result, the suggestion was made to consider a special Matariki celebration in the future.

Easter Services were well attended. Highlights included the Maundy Thursday service, the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, and a joyful Easter Sunday communion. The Easter Monday Special Market, coordinated by Kevin Rose and the White Elephant team, was a success.

Rev. Wayne Toleafoa has experienced two recent family bereavements.

Pastoral Care Discussion: A suggestion was made to establish a dedicated Pastoral Care Group. While the idea was noted, the meeting reaffirmed that pastoral care remains a vital and ongoing responsibility of the Elders, forming a core part of their ministry within the church.

### Outreach and Community Engagement

The ANZAC Day BBQ, hosted by the Focus Group following the Havelock North service, raised \$270 for the Hastings RSA. Plans are already in motion to build on this success in 2026.

Welcome Packs for new parishioners are nearly ready for distribution—a warm gesture to help newcomers feel at home.

### Environmental Focus

SCHNEG's presence continues to be a quiet yet powerful influence within the congregation. Their commitment to stewardship and justice is shaping attitudes through steady, thoughtful engagement.

### Church Leadership and Administration

No nominations were received for Moderator Designate at this time.

Sally Russell has stepped down from Church Council due to ill health. Her contributions were acknowledged with appreciation.

The HB Pressie meeting held on 30 April was successfully hosted at St Columba's, with positive feedback and a renewed focus on identifying future areas for growth.

Thank you to all Elders, volunteers, and parishioners who continue to serve faithfully and contribute to the vibrant life of our church.

*Elma Pienaar*  
Secretary

## ***NOURISHED FOR NIL***

It's always a good feeling when we drop off food collected from St Columba's folk to Nourished for Nil. This food, as mentioned previously, help to contribute to food parcels picked up by families in need. These families have been referred by an agency who are working with the family.

In April 127 food parcels were collected, and records show that this provided food for 456 people. The need is great – your response is needed. Keep filling the basket in the foyer each Sunday please.

Thank you for your support.

*Dianne and John Taylor*

## ***FINANCIAL UPDATE (APRIL 2025)***

As we reflect on the financial health of our parish in April 2025, we are both encouraged and cautious. Encouraged, because your generous response to the call for increased offerings has made a tangible difference. Cautious, because while we appear in a solid financial position, we face steadily rising costs and several significant upcoming expenses.

In April alone, our total income was \$16,360, with offerings making up the largest share. Market revenue and the Book Shop also contributed well. However, our monthly expenses reached \$26,443—resulting in a net deficit of \$10,084 for the month.

### **Rising Costs**

Several essential costs have notably increased:

- **Power and utilities** cost \$783 in April, a marked increase from the same month last year.
- **Insurance** for both the church and the manse totalled \$1,731 for the month and expected to rise in the coming year.
- **Repairs and maintenance** came to over \$11,000, largely due to urgent plumbing work at the manse.

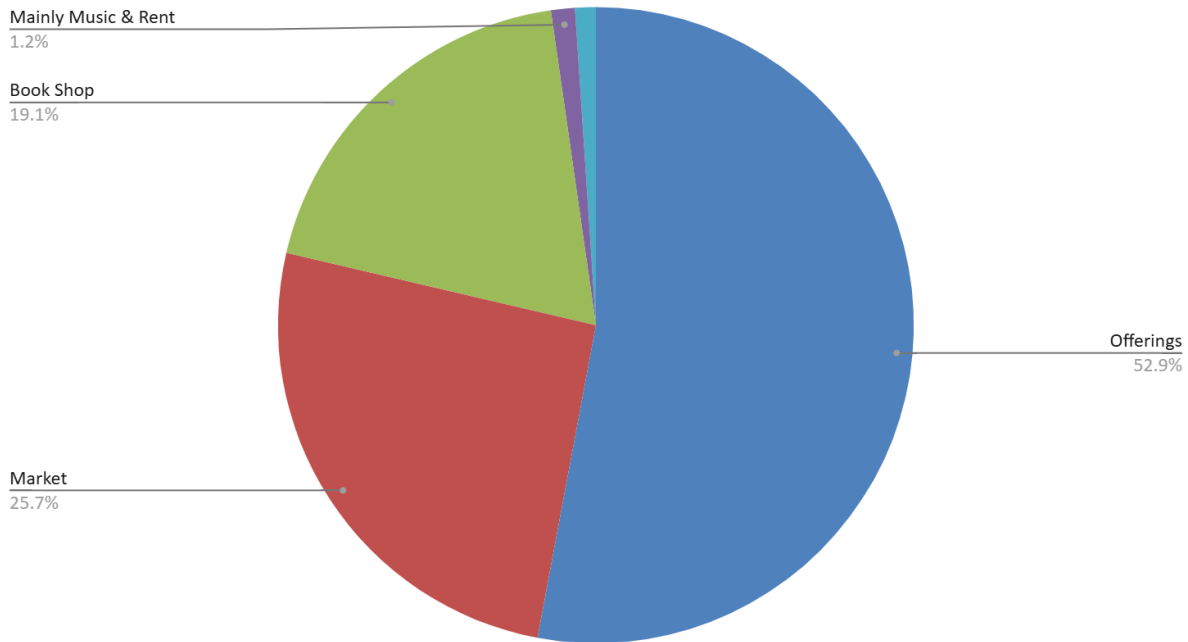
These increasing expenses reflect broader trends in the cost of living and maintaining church facilities. While we have been able to draw from investment reserves to meet urgent needs (including a recent \$15,000 withdrawal), this is not a sustainable strategy in the long term.

### **Income Trends**

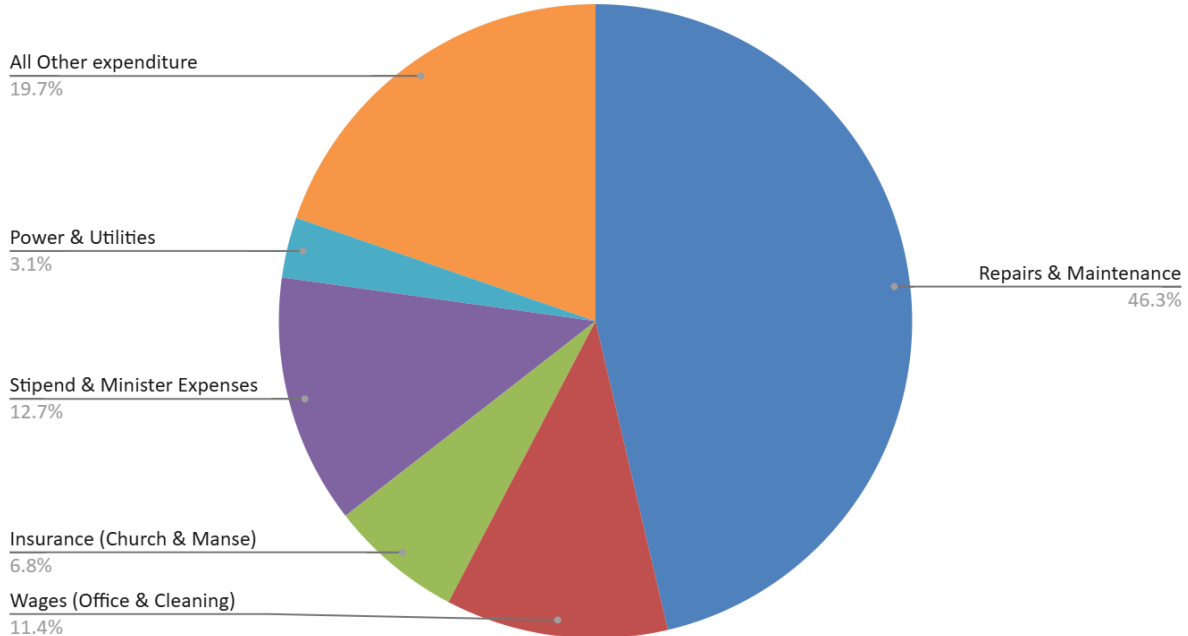
We are grateful to report that year-to-date income from offerings is up over 37% compared to this time last year—an encouraging sign of our community's commitment. Additional income from mini markets, room hire, and programme activities also supports our mission.

Below are visual representations of our April income and expenses:

### Church Income April 2025



### Church Expenditure April 2025



### The Road Ahead

Despite our positive trajectory, we must prepare for ongoing pressures:

- Further **building maintenance** and infrastructure updates are expected.
- **Utilities and insurance** costs are projected to continue rising.

- We want to ensure we can sustain ministry activities and community outreach without reductions.

We encourage parishioners who are able to consider a small increase in their regular offerings. Every contribution helps us to maintain and grow the work of the church in Havelock North. Thank you once again for your continued generosity and prayerful support.

*Sophie Duggan*  
Church Treasurer

## **BLOKES BREAKFAST**

With four blokes organising speakers this year, an interesting line up of people have given presentations so far. This month a couple spoke of there experiences visiting Antarctica. Previous to that, our own Rev Wayne spoke about deployment with the Defence Force in Timor Esté as part of a peacekeeping force.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month at the Havelock North Function Centre. Breakfast is at 8.00am at the cost of \$23.00. Let Elma in the office know if you want to be added to the attendance list. We look forward to adding you to our numbers.

*John Taylor*  
027 3498576

## **MINI MARKET**

The 2024/25 season wrapped up with another fantastic effort on 3 May. We celebrated with dinner at the Rose and Shamrock, although the service was unfortunately a little underwhelming.

Thanks to the extra Easter market and Di Taylor's initiative to run a virtual mini market in place of our usual second December market, we averaged over \$2,000 per market this season. This is a vital contribution—covering running costs and allowing us to continue our outreach efforts.

The AGM for the upcoming 2025/26 season will take place in late July or early August. The new season will begin on 6 September 2025.

In the meantime, please keep baking, knitting, planting, and jam-making. If you need financial resources for supplies, speak with John Heesterman.



To keep mini market information in our notices over winter, please connect with Elma Pienaar.

If you're able to assist, please get in touch with the relevant convenors:

Free coffee/tea and scones – Dorothy Thawley

Raffle – Sophie Duggan

*Spring raffle in September 2025*

*Christmas raffle in December 2025*

Jam & Pickles – Janet Browne

Baking – Elma Pienaar, Ailsa Rewcastle

Crafts – Annette Broadley, Dorothy Thawley, Lois Churchill

White Elephant/Jewellery – Janice Hopkinson, Kevin Rose, Anne Vermunt

*There is a need for good quality stuff, also jewellery and China.*

Plants – John Heesterman

Produce – Arthur Peake, Jos Vermunt

Sweets – Jill Thomsen

Dishwashing liquid etc from Environmental Centre - Walter Breustedt

BBQ – Wayne Rewcastle, Mike Earle, John Heesterman

Have a well-deserved winter break—and thank you for your incredible efforts this season!

### **Easter Monday Market**

Due to a generous amount of donations—and limited storage—Kevin Rose initiated a special Easter Monday market. A huge thank you to Kevin and all the volunteers who kindly agreed to assist on the day. We had a great turnout, and the results were very encouraging. Thank you also to those who donated high-quality items. There are already exciting ideas to improve if we decide to host another Easter Monday market next year!

### **Virtual Fundraiser**

In December 2024, Dianne Taylor launched a virtual mini market, which received a generous response from parishioners who donated funds in lieu of a second December market. This gave our hardworking volunteers a much-needed break. If we repeat this initiative, we aim to expand our advertising beyond the parish to the wider community for even greater impact.

### **Deli Products – Still Available!**

Although we're on a winter break, a great selection of deli products (jams, chutneys, relishes, etc.) is still available through the parish office and the bookshop. There's also a display in the foyer with an honesty box. Your support is appreciated—feel free to spread the word to friends and family!

*The committee (Phil Carter, Kevin Rose & John Heesterman)*

### ***WOMEN'S COFFEE CLUB***

As I write this note, both of my “offsiders” are in “recovery mode: Both Ailsa and Janet have had a stint in hospital. Ailsa coming home with a new hip. We wish them both a happy recovery, and for life to return to normal for them both.

Our group was lucky enough to hear Elma's story last month. Thank you for sharing with us!

Our next two gatherings will be on 11 June and 9 July.

For 11 June, please bring along a childhood photo of yourself – named and in an envelope. We will use these at the July meeting.

10.00am, every second Wednesday of the month, in the church foyer – for good company and morning tea. All we ask is a gold coin donation. Please bring a friend.

As I write this, both of my wonderful “offsiders” are in recovery mode—Ailsa and Janet have each had a stint in hospital, with Ailsa returning home sporting a brand-new hip! We send our warmest wishes to both for a smooth and restful recovery, and hope that life soon returns to normal for them.

At our last gathering, we had the pleasure of hearing Elma's story—thank you, Elma, for sharing so openly with us!

Looking ahead, our next two meetings are scheduled for 11 June and 9 July.

For the 11 June gathering, please bring a childhood photo of yourself, named and placed in an envelope. We'll use these for a bit of fun at our July meeting!

We meet at 10:00am on the second Wednesday of each month in the church foyer. Come along for friendly conversation, morning tea, and a relaxed atmosphere. A gold coin donation is appreciated. Bring a friend—we'd love to see you there!

*Dianne Taylor*

## IN MEMORIAM



### OUR FUNERAL POLICY

We understand the importance of supporting families during times of loss, and we aim to ensure that our funeral arrangements reflect both care and clarity. Please take note of the following guidelines:



#### 1. Officiating Minister


As a general rule, funerals held at our church are conducted by our parish minister, Rev Wayne Toleafoa. Occasionally, families may request another minister to officiate. Such requests must be made directly to Rev Toleafoa, who will consider them on a case-by-case basis.

Please note: these are expected to be rare exceptions, and normally it would not be appropriate for a lay celebrant to lead a funeral in our church.

## 2. Booking Enquiries

All funeral enquiries should be directed to the church office during office hours:

 (06) 877 8096 |  9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

After hours, please contact the Office Administrator, Elma Pienaar, on  021 0277 3099.

## 3. Use of Organist

Our church organ is normally played by our regular organists. Families may occasionally request a different organist, but this must be approved by the parish minister after consultation with our charge organist.

Please note: The church does not provide sound equipment for playing CDs or audio via the sound system. However, a music or video presentation can be played via HDMI connection to the television screens—typically organised by the funeral director.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the office. Thank you for helping us uphold respectful and meaningful funeral practices within our parish community.

## ***BIBLE STUDY***

A small and welcoming group gathers on the second Monday of each month at 2:00pm in the Millar Room. This year, the group has chosen to focus on Women in the Bible—a rich and inspiring theme that has already sparked thoughtful and lively discussion.

We've explored figures such as Mary Magdalene and Ruth, uncovering fascinating insights and drawing encouragement from their faith, courage, and stories. Each session is led by a different member of the group, offering a fresh perspective and approach each time. This variety keeps our discussions dynamic and meaningful.

Not comfortable leading? No problem! Participation is entirely at your own pace, and you'll be warmly welcomed whether you choose to lead a session or simply listen and share in the conversation.

While it's currently a group of women, this is not an exclusive women's group—men are very welcome and would bring valuable perspectives to our discussions.

If you're curious, come along and see what it's all about. We'd love to have you join us as we continue this journey through Scripture together.

*Elma Pienaar*

## KNIT N NATTER



*The women are continuing their wonderful work, crafting beautiful baby blankets from pure wool for “Pregnancy Help”.*

*A special thank you to Annette Broadley, who has lovingly sewn a collection of charming baby singlets.*

This busy group of women meet in the Millar Room at 10.00am every Wednesday, except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed) of each month. We enjoy a coffee and chat while being productive. So far this year we have completed 10 beautiful blankets for “Pregnancy Help”. We would love to receive any donations of 8 ply pure wool please. We’re always keeping an eye out for wool sales!

Last week, Annette brought along 18 beautiful merino tops she has made for “Pregnancy Help”. Thanks Annette! They will be very welcome as winter sets in.

Dorothy continues to crochet our squares together and she has a real eye for colour matching.

Come and join us – the heater will be on, and good company awaits.

*Dianne Taylor*

## **MAINLY BALANCE - Stay Strong, Stay Steady!**

Our Mainly Balance exercise group continues to thrive! Come along every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the church foyer for fun, low-impact fitness sessions led by Lance Marsh, a qualified trainer who specialises in senior wellbeing.

At just \$5 per session, it's more affordable than a Village coffee! Concession cards are also available—\$30 for six sessions—and Eftpos makes payments simple.

Whether you're a regular or thinking of giving it a go, we'd love to welcome you. The group is open to all—parishioners and community members alike. Bring a friend and enjoy getting active in good company!

*Elma Pienaar*

## ***CYCLONE RELIEF***

It's been a busy and fulfilling time supporting those still impacted by the flooding.

I've been delivering goods to Pakowhai and the surrounding area, including to a family on King Street who were in need of assistance. A vineyard in Levin also reached out to ask if more fencing wire was needed—after posting the question, I received confirmation that Pakowhai still requires wire. So, I'll be making another trip to Levin in June to collect and deliver what's needed.

At Abbyfield House, I managed to secure support from two Trusts and passed their details on to Lucy, the coordinator. Unfortunately, a third application was declined—although it met the criteria, it was a Trust focused solely on men, and they were overwhelmed with applications.

In April, I received a donation of linen, which has all been distributed to flood victims. We are now on the lookout for a second-hand kitchen, as Mary Doyle is no longer donating units. If anyone is removing a kitchen, please let us know—there's a couple from Pakowhai who could really use one.

Just when I thought I had met most of the flood victims, I came across an older couple in Omahu who had lost everything. We were able to deliver a beautiful queen bed to them—they were absolutely elated and deeply grateful.

I had also arranged for a spa pool to be donated to a couple in Whirinaki who had received a new Mitre 10 house. Sadly, that donation fell through at the last minute, after I had already organised a crane and borrowed a trailer. This was the first time I've been let down in this work, and it was a bit of a blow—but I'll keep going.

*Trudy Robinson*  
Phone: 027 3237522

## ***COLUMBA BOOKS***

Columba Book Shop is in good heart. Despite plenty of foot traffic, our takings are lower than usual at this time of the year. Whether this represents the economy or not, we do not know.

We are getting good quality books coming in and going out. What we do need, however, are plenty more children's books especially in the two- to five-year-old bracket. Perhaps you could have a look in your bookcases at home in case there are any lurking about.

As usual we are supplying books to the Hawke's Bay regional prison where they are greatly appreciated.

We also hope to broaden our volunteer base and to this extent if you have any friends or people that you know of who could be suitable to work in the shop perhaps once a month do let me know.

Some good books which I could recommend which I purchased from the shop where 'The House we grew up' in by Lisa Jewell and 'Do No Harm' by Jack Jordan. The latter was a real page turner, and I couldn't put it down. The third book was 'Delirious' by Damien Wilkins which was all about a couple who decide to buy into a retirement village, don't like it and end up buying back their old house again. It is very wittily written.

Come and visit us soon and bring your friends.

*Judith Bartlett  
Manager*

## ***THREE SPECIAL OCCASIONS - ALL WELCOME!***

We have three meaningful events coming up in the life of our parish. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and participate in these special occasions:

### **1. Ecumenical Pentecost Service**

**Sunday 8 June at 4:00 p.m. at St Columba's**

Join us for a joyful ecumenical Pentecost celebration! We're excited to welcome friends from across the wider church community for this vibrant and meaningful service. Please feel free to invite friends and family as we reflect on the significance of Pentecost together.

## 2. Disability Sunday

### Sunday 15 June during the morning service

We will once again observe Disability Sunday, with Joan Parker, volunteer leader of the Hawke's Bay CFFD (Christian Fellowship for Disabled), as our guest speaker. Members of the CFFD will be joining us for the service. Afterwards, all are invited to stay for lunch in honour of our disabled friends. Please bring a plate of food to share as we enjoy fellowship together.

## 3. Kirking of the Tartan and Visit from the Moderator

### Sunday 13 July

We're delighted to be celebrating the traditional Kirking of the Tartan, a proud nod to our Presbyterian heritage. We are also honoured to welcome the **Rt Rev Rose Luxford**, Moderator of the General Assembly, who will be preaching during the service. Following worship, we will share in a special morning tea with a Scottish flavour. Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate of Scottish-inspired treats to share.

We look forward to seeing you at these very special gatherings in our church calendar. Let's come together in worship, celebration, and community spirit!

## *STUDY THEOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO*

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, Ministry, and Pastoral Theology (including Chaplaincy). You can study either on-campus or across Aotearoa New Zealand through our distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country.

Semester 2 starts on July 14th.

For details of papers, go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/>

To enrol, go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>

To keep up to date, like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/theologyotago](http://www.facebook.com/theologyotago)

Further details about each paper are available here:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/index.html#second-semester>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Prof Murray Rae by email at [theology@otago.ac.nz](mailto:theology@otago.ac.nz) or phone 03 479 8639. Your support and your enquiries are greatly appreciated, and feedback is always welcome.

*Professor Murray Rae*

*Head of Programme*

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## BIBLE READING ROSTER

1 Jun	Ailsa Rewcastle
8 Jun	Wayne Rewcastle
15 June	Jocelyn Williams
22 Jun	Jocelyn Kirkwood
29 Jun	Jenny Jackson
6 Jul	Barbara Randal
13 Jul	Helen Sinclair
20 Jul	Meg Benefield
27 Jul	Stephen Randal

## MORNING TEA ROSTER

<b>JUNE</b>	
1 June	Shirley Hodge, Jan Jenkins
	Judith Bell, Jane McElroy
8 June	Jocelyn Kirkwood, Margaret Loughlan
	Colleen Field, Anne Keown
15 June	Jan Peake, Arthur Peake
	Elma Pienaar, Louis Pienaar
22 June	Anne Heesterman, John Heesterman
	Annette Broadley, Murray Broadley
29 June	Judith Bartlett, Rex Bartlett
	Janet Browne, Sam Browne
<b>JULY</b>	
6 July	Ailsa Rewcastle, Wayne Rewcastle
	Jenny Berntsen
13 July	Ngaire Holford, Ian Holford
	Dianne Taylor, John Taylor
20 July	Judy Bark, Jill Thomsen
	Barbara Randal, Stephen Randal
27 July	Helen Sinclair, Craig Kilgour
	Jill Rose, Kevin Rose

**JUNE CALENDAR**

Sunday 1	10.00am	Sunday Service
Monday 2	9.30am	Table tennis, Orphan Club Hall
Tuesday 3	1.00pm	Mainly Balance, foyer
Tuesday 3	7.00pm	Elders meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 4	10.00am	Knit n Natter, Millar Room
Wednesday 4	2.00pm	Prayer Group, Villa 48, Summerset, Te Mata Road
Wednesday 4	7.30pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Thursday 5	9.30am	Mainly Music, foyer
Sunday 8	8.00am	Communion
Sunday 8	10.00am	Sunday Service
Sunday 8	4.00pm	Ecumenical Pentecost Service
Monday 9	9.30am	Table tennis, Orphans Club Hall
Monday 9	2.00pm	Bible Study, Millar Room
Tuesday 10	1.00pm	Mainly Balance, foyer
Tuesday 10	7.30pm	Board of Managers meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 11	10.00am	Women's Coffee Club, foyer
Wednesday 11	7.30pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Thursday 12	9.30am	Mainly Music, foyer
Sunday 15	10.00am	Sunday Service – Disability Sunday & Lunch
Monday 16	9.30am	Table tennis, Orphan's Club Hall
Tuesday 17	1.00pm	Mainly Balance, foyer
Wednesday 18	10.00am	Knit n Natter, Millar Room
Wednesday 18	7.30pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Thursday 19	10.00am	Mainly Music, foyer
Saturday 21	8.00am	Blokes Breakfast, HN Function Centre
Sunday 22	10.00am	Sunday Service
Monday 23	9.30am	Table tennis, Orphan's Club Hall
Tuesday 24	1.00pm	Mainly Balance, foyer
Tuesday 24	7.30pm	Church Council meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 25	10.00am	Knit n Natter, Millar Room
Wednesday 25	5.00pm	SCHNEG, Millar Room
Wednesday 25	7.30pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Thursday 26	10.00am	Mainly Music, foyer

Sunday 29	10.00am	Sunday Service
Sunday 29	3.00pm	Faith & Reason Discussion Group, foyer
Monday 30	9.30am	Table tennis, Orphan's Club Hall

## **JULY CALENDAR**

Tuesday 1	1.00pm	Mainly Balance, foyer
Tuesday 1	7.00pm	Elders meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 2	10.00am	Knit n Natter, Millar Room
Wednesday 2	7.30pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Sunday 6	10.00am	Sunday Service
Monday 7	9.30am	Table tennis, Orphans Club Hall
Tuesday 8	1.00pm	Mainly Balance, foyer
Tuesday 8	7.30pm	Board of Managers meeting, Millar Room
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Tuesday 22	7.30pm	Church Council meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 23	10.00am	Knit n Natter, Millar Room
Wednesday 23	5.00pm	SCHNEG, Millar Room
Wednesday 23	7.30pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Thursday 24	9.30am	Mainly Music, foyer

Sunday 27	10.00am	Sunday Service
Sunday 27	3.00pm	Faith & Reason Discussion Group, foyer
Monday 28	9.30am	Table tennis, Orphan's Club Hall
Tuesday 29	1.00pm	Mainly Balance, foyer
Wednesday 30	10.00am	Knit n Natter, Millar Room
Wednesday 30	7.30pm	Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
Thursday 31	9.30am	Mainly Music, foyer
Sunday 3	10.00am	Sunday Service

## SONNET FOR PENTECOST



When tongues of fire on waiting hearts did fall,  
 A mighty wind swept through the upper room,  
 And faith once timid rose at Heaven's call,  
 To bloom with boldness, bursting into bloom.

The Spirit came—a gift from Christ above—  
 Not seen, yet known in every breath and word,  
 To fill the Church with power, peace, and love,  
 And send it forth to speak what none had heard.

No walls could hold the joy, no fear could bind  
 The flame that danced in every faithful soul.  
 In many tongues, one message all did find:  
 That grace had come to heal and make them whole.

O Breath of God, descend on us anew,  
 And set our hearts ablaze in all we do.

*This sonnet was created with the assistance of ChatGPT,  
 an AI language model developed by OpenAI*