

CAP: Help Still Needed

A driver (church car) is needed to pick up and drop off people who wish to come to 'Come Alive' on Sunday evenings. Can you help, 4.30pm and 7 pm for 1/2 an hour each time? Contact Eugene on 758 3861

mainly music - still in need!

Is in need of more volunteers, can you help? You could do any of these, bake, set up, be on front desk, pack up, most importantly spend time talking with the parents/caregivers. If you can help please speak with Shirley Prestidge, ph. 7510711.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the youth missions trip to Fiji. For safety, for inspiration, for real opportunity to share love and faith in the communities to which they are going.
2. Pray for Come Alive. As this programme gains momentum it needs your prayer support and intercession as clients of CAP and their families face the challenge of financial and all of life transformation. They need the Holy Spirit who is given them when they come to Christ. Pray for their salvation and their being added to His church. May He continue to open our hearts to these folk as they come amongst us.
3. Pray for international leaders as they seek to guide through instability. Pray for the Christian church (all 2 billion of us) to be a voice and a presence for stability and peace to flavour the future with the Love of God.

A Word of Encouragement

I am poor and needy but the Lord takes thought for me. Psalm 40:17 RSV

That God should think of us at all is amazing. Yet His thoughts for us are not just occasional or according to our merit. They are numberless and according to His grace. We can draw comfort and strength from this assurance.

Rosters

July 3rd

Crèche:
Tadpoles: Diane K
Oasis: Janice J
Morning Tea: Margaret E & John R
Main Door: Mike L & Beryl C
Inclusion: Alina L
Offering: Mike L, Diane J, Renni O
Beryl C, Ken H, Bessie T
Communion: Liz W, Fiona C, Anne Knox
Cherry H, Elaine N, Murray N

July 10th

Crèche: Patricia J
Tadpoles: Adrian
Oasis: Trish G
Morning Tea: Sara K & Mary W
Main Door: Cherry H & Megan
Inclusion: Margaret E
Offering: Cherry H, Phu R,
Alina L, Adean G,
Owen S, D Klenner

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New Plymouth Central Baptist Church

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Welcome to Worship

Services are held on:

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. (in the Lounge via Lemon St)

Call to Prayer - Sundays at 7.30 pm (in the lounge
via Lemon St entrance)

*"You will keep in perfect
peace those whose
minds are steadfast,
because they trust in
you."*

Isaiah 26:3

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A fellowship of the family of God in New Plymouth

Today

If you would like someone to talk or pray with you after the service, please come to the front and someone will meet with you.



Martien's Musings

It has been a big week in the world we know. Britain voting to exit the European Union has sent an instability wave around the world. Well to be fair, the world of the well to do and educated will feel an instability. One suspects that the poor of Bangladesh or Somalia didn't notice or really care. But in our western world it has impact. The economic impact is felt already with changes in currency values and uncertainty around share investments. No doubt more economic ills will be laid at the feet of this particular decision. Conspiracy theorists will have a field day and see a plot under every decision. Christian 'end time' authors can prepare yet another edition with yet another revision as they calculate the identities of beasts and anti-Christ's, recalibrate the date of the return of the Lord, and sell lots of books, which will earn them money, which they cannot take with them should the Lord return before the print run is expended. Oh dear! Am I really so cynical about our various obsessions? The Lord will come, when the Father says so. Come He will!

Of deep sadness is the possible breakdown of a unity movement that has its origins in Christian conviction and ironically relies on that same deep conviction for its long term continuation. The European Coal and Steel Agreement which led to the European Economic Community (EEC) which in turn led to the European Union was started by three Christian politicians, one from each of France, Germany and Italy at a Christian retreat centre in Switzerland. In the immediate post war period they determined that nations who were interdependent would not so easily go to war again. That initiative was fuelled by a campaign of confession and forgiveness between former enemies. For 70 years none of the members of this community of nations have gone to war against each other. The longest period of peace in European history! Glory to God!

Today the tragedy is that nationalistic fervour within nations is on the rise. This is so across Europe as indeed we see it in the stirring behind Donald Trump in the United States of America. There will always be megalomaniac voices to give expression to this fervour and the shadow of the 1930s hangs uncomfortably over western society. How do you and I respond? We pray, and we increase the intensity of our prayers, interceding for politicians. In 1 Timothy 2:2 Paul instructs Timothy (and us) to *"pray for every political leader and representative, so that we would be able to live tranquil, undisturbed lives, free from persecution as we worship the awe inspiring God with pure hearts"*

That is quite a prayer because the gospel is so inherently opposed to the abuse of power and control that it is almost impossible for Christ following believers to avoid persecution from dictatorial authorities. The first century was a prime example as the Caesar's, particularly Nero and Domitian, turned against the Christian church because of the threat to their rule that comes from a teaching that every person in society is precious to God and they aren't just there to be exploited by the rich and powerful. History has repeated that story. In our time, Communist Russia and China, Nazi Germany and today ISIS continue to demonstrate that nationalism and genuine Christian conviction do not coexist well. We are after all citizens of a different Kingdom.

Martien

Church Calendar 4 - 10 July

Monday

10:00 am Seedpods (Hall)
7:00 pm Williams Home Group
758 3861

Tuesday

9:30 am Women in the Word
(Lounge)

Wednesday

12:30 pm Intercessors Gathering
(Lounge)
6:00 pm ICONZ (Hall)
7:30 pm Prestidge Home Group
Fortnightly-7510711
7:30 pm Kelderman Home Group
Fortnightly-021443810
7:30 pm Men's Study for Life Group
Fortnightly-021443810

Thursday

10:00 am International Group
(Lounge)
7:30 pm Thursday Service (Lounge
via Lemon St)

Friday

10:00 am mainly music
7:15 pm Youth Group

Saturday

Sundays

9:30 am Family Service
2:00 pm Jesus is Lord Church
Service (Auditorium)
Chinese Fellowship
Service (Lounge)
2:00 pm Come Alive (Lounge)
5:00pm Call to Prayer (Lounge)
7:30 pm

The Good News Store

is temporarily moving! From Monday July 4th to Friday 29th July the shop will be in the Knox Church Lounge, in Fitzroy. Earthquake strengthening work is being done to the Good News Shop building. They will take as much stock as possible to the Church and they will be open the same hours as usual, 9.00am to 5.00pm weekdays and 10.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays.

The address at Knox Fitzroy is 524 Devon Street East, Fitzroy and parking is available at the back of the Church. The contact details will remain the same; phone 06 758 4912 and e-mail goodnewsnp@clear.net.nz

The shop will re-open on Monday 1st August at 581 Devon Street East, where it is at present.

Tearfund Brings You...

Former sponsor child Lillian Nakabiri and NZ's own award winning singer-songwriter Juliagrace. New Plymouth Central Baptist Church on Friday 19 August at 7pm. This is a free event but a love offering will be taken.



Promise Keepers - Influence

Making your life count - Find freedom and move forward in God's blessing and power; discover purpose and be a greater influence; equip yourself to make a difference; bring friends so they can know God.

Wellington 16-17 September & Auckland 7-8 October. To register phone 0800 77 66 47 or go to the website www.promisekeepers.nz