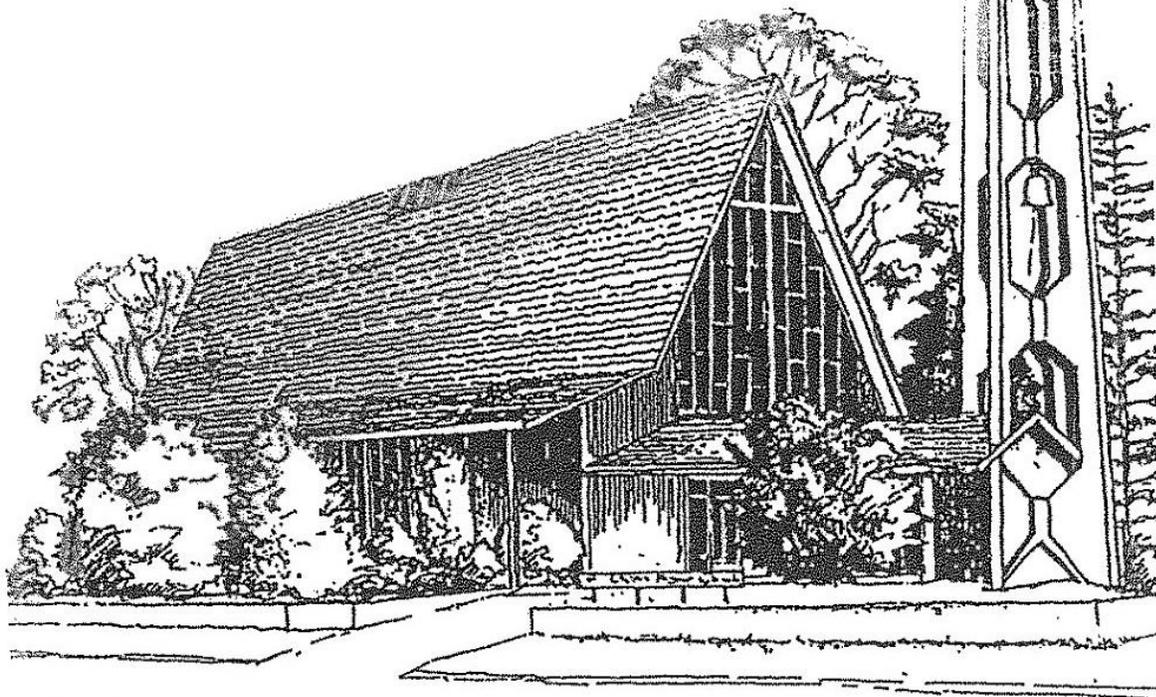


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Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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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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FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR:

This is my final foreward to our parish newsletter after 3 years as your Interim Moderator. Thanks for the privilege of being in this role. It has at times been challenging but enjoyable. I've also enjoyed taking services.

Our parish is fortunate to be led by a talented team of office bearers who give their time willingly and effectively. Elma as Parish Administrator does an excellent job, efficiently and well, especially deciphering my sermons that I write in longhand.

I'm grateful for ministers who have taken regular services over the Interim, Keith Rowe, David Gordon, Warren Fortune and Nolan Martin. It has worked very well. A special thank you for Nolan. He did the 5th Sunday when required. After taking the service on the 30th December he let me know he was now officially retired for the final time!!! We will take our last services in February.

So now we await the arrival of Wayne and his family to join our ministry team. Wayne is to be inducted early March and a new chapter in the life of our parish will begin.

Regards

Craig

FROM THE ELDERS

It was lovely to see families and friends getting together over Christmas and New Year and to have them join in our services at St Columba's. As we begin a new year, we look forward to the year ahead in our faith community and the opportunity this brings for worship and fellowship with people we know and with people who will join us throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming our new minister Wayne Toleafoa his wife Jenny and daughter Jasmine in March. As our teaching elder, elders will look forward to working with him to lead our worship, getting to know the members of our congregation and looking after our pastoral needs. This is also a year to celebrate the 150th Jubilee of our church and the Jubilee Committee is working to make this a fitting event for the church to celebrate in October this year.

Elders will meet for the first time this year in February and have a full agenda looking at ways we can reach out and meet the spiritual and social needs of our members. Happy New Year.

Ian Holford
Convener

FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

MINI MARKET: The two markets which convened in December, provided an excellent return leading up to Christmas. Special thanks to the stall convenors and those members of the congregation who assist with setting up the gazebos and preparing the stalls on the day. Further thanks to those members of the parish who contribute baking, preserves, fruit, produce, sewing, clothing, plants, along with donations, including ingredients, along with articles and all sorts of interesting contributions to the white elephant stall, which is proving to be a focus of interest.

INTERIOR ALTERATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS: Managers have received a quote from Mackerseys to undertake the proposed plans drawn up by Pierre du Toit the architect. A further quote is coming soon.

CHURCH HEATING: Due to the high pitch of the roof of the church and the huge area to be heated, the proposed suspended radiant heating is being re-considered. The visual representation would not assist as well, with heaters suspended from such a great height. Heating arrangements in other churches are to be looked at and considered as an alternative, e.g. heat pumps.

CHARITIES COMMISSION: John Bark has filed The Annual Report to the Charities Commission

Graeme Mueller
Secretary

QUARTERLY COMMUNION

Quarterly communion is on Sunday 10 March at 10.00 am.

8 am COMMUNION

You are invited to attend the 8 am communion service. Held monthly on the second Sunday, upstairs in the little chapel above the foyer, this brief ecumenical service is a time of quiet reflection and meditation. The service is open to all. If you can face the early hour and manage the stairs, please come. You will be warmly welcomed. For more information contact Eunice Gould or Anne Keown.

PRAYER GROUP

Monthly meetings will recommence on Wednesday 6 February and continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

PLEASE NOTE - Change of meeting time – now 2.00pm.

We would welcome anyone who feels they can contribute to our small but committed group. Prayer requests can be made to Millicent Wiggins, Kath Craig or Mary Sittauer.

Mary Sittauer

'mainly music'

'mainly music' will resume on Thursday 14 February with the first session at 9.30 am and the second session starting at 10.30 am. As always, there will be morning tea between the two sessions at 10 am. The second session is a repeat of the first session. We provide water, apple and a biscuit for the children and Fair Trade coffee and tea and our famous home baking for parents and caregivers.

A \$3 coin donation per family per session will be appreciated as we have to pay the 'mainly music' head office a membership fee for every family attending a session.

Any member of the congregation (blokes too!) who wishes to become part of this very important outreach of our congregation, is welcome to join us. An extra pair of hands to hold a baby, or help in the kitchen, or vacuuming afterwards, or donating our famous home baking for morning tea, or doing the activities with a toddler, or just be there for a tired or despondent mum, or sharing a special moment with a parent, is all part of showing our love and compassion.

'mainly music' on a Thursday morning is as much 'church' as is a service on a Sunday morning, because we open our doors and hearts to the community and invite them into a safe, loving and caring sanctuary.

New entrants are welcome. For more information contact Elma Pienaar.

DUART SINGING GROUP

The Duart Singing Group will commence their monthly singing on 12 March at Duart Hospital at 1.45pm. Singers are welcome to join us.

Beth Clothier

WOMEN'S COFFEE CLUB

Women's Coffee Group for 2019 will recommence on Wednesday 13 February at 10am in the church foyer.

All women welcome - to meet for a chat over morning tea followed by a guest speaker.

Transport is available if needed. Please contact the Church Office on 877 8096 to arrange.

Ailsa Rewcastle

BLOKES BREAKFAST

Blokes Breakfast starts again on Saturday 16 February at Café Divine, Summerset in the Orchard, Ada Street at 8.00 am. Keep this date free.

John Heesterman

SCHNEG

Saint Columba Havelock North Environment Group commences 2019 with the first meeting of the year scheduled for Wednesday 27 February at 5.30 - 7.00pm in the Millar Room. (i.e. the 4th Wednesday of the month, and thereafter the 4th Wednesday of each month for the year)

First up on the agenda will be a report (John Gould) on the booklet recording the establishment of Park's Reach on the Karamu as our Millennium Project initiated about 1998. The intention is to publish this as a stand alone document, with the 150th Jubilee in mind in October.

There is also the intention for Jim to write a paper including significant home grown essays or sermons that relate to SCHNEG's exploration of God in all things, and the directions our current discussions are taking us.

This raises our 'discussion priorities for 2019'.

Provided its 'OK' with the group, I am suggesting we start with a thorough reading and study of J. Philip Newell's book (1997) *Listening for the Heartbeat of God. – A Celtic Spirituality*. SPCK publishers; ISBN 978-0-281-06093-1. Keith Rowe brought this to the congregation's attention last year, with the challenge that, in the 150th year of Havelock North's 'St Columba's', it was not inappropriate to explore a leaning to our Celtic origins. My first impression on reading the book is that this is a lead for which SCHNEG has been seeking for some time.

Later in the year we might consider Yuval Noah Harari's *21 Lessons for the 21st Century?*

A warm invitation is extended to anyone to join us. We have been listening and talking for about 32 years and our door remains as wide open as ever.

Jim Watt

CRANFORD HOSPICE

The annual street collection for this worthy cause is being held this year on Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March. St. Columba's has supported this worthy cause for many, many years and our efforts have been appreciated by both Presbyterian Support and now the new management of Cranford Hospice. Last year \$27,458.00 was raised which went directly to Cranford Hospice

enabling them to continue providing specialist palliative care at no cost to the patient or their family. I will be looking for volunteer collectors during February. Many thanks.

Shirley Hodge

COLUMBA BOOKS

At the time of writing this I am on holiday with family in Christchurch leaving the running of our bookshop to Anne and Sally and the work to our amazing volunteers plus one or two conscripts. I have been receiving great reports of visitors and locals in and out buying books, while Sally has continued to display our books on Facebook.

In the run-up to Christmas there was a definite trend towards the giving of books as gifts. Our takings went through the roof, particularly with little children's books. Many mums and grandparents were stocking up for the next twelve months. The encouragement of reading is such a great gift. Right now many family budgets are under more pressure than usual with the current prices of petrol and groceries, so it's natural that people will look to get value for their dollar wherever they can. One customer asked me if I had heard of the five hands? Handy, Home-made, Handed on, Handed down, Hand-held. I put it onto Facebook with an accompanying pic. That covers our amazing Mini-Markets as well!

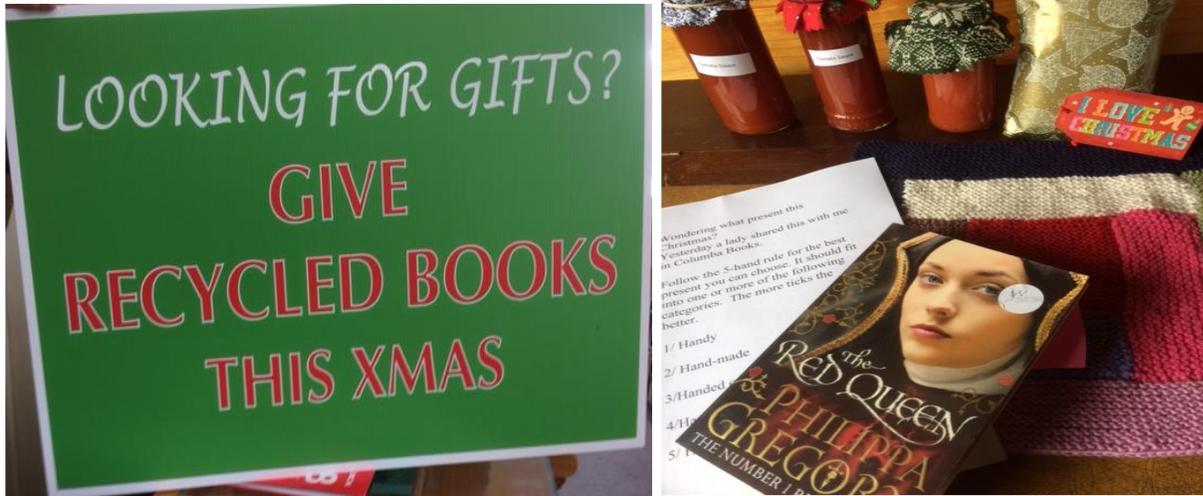
Remember to bring in your out of town visitors when you are showing them around. We have hundreds of books in stock with the vast majority priced at \$3.00. Most of these are in beautiful condition so there's great scope for picking up some really good quality books at a fraction of their original cost.

If you are a book-worm yourself it is highly likely your family has given you new books for Christmas. Think about gifting these to the shop when you've had a good read. I know that I will, as will Rex, so watch out for some Lee Child and historical fiction in the next few weeks. I will also sneak a couple of Francine Rivers into my suit-case (if there is room) for our fans up here.

Whilst down here in Christchurch I have visited the two Dove Book Shops (our Mother and Father Shops) and they are taking a keen interest in our progress. They wished us well for the new year and the future as well as swapping notes and handy hints.

Although we know you 'can't make an omelet without breaking an egg,' we are looking forward to the alterations and new room with anticipation. More on that next time!

A very Happy New Year to you all and special thanks to our amazing volunteers. Happy Reading.



MINI MARKETS

St Columba's had two mini markets in December for the Christmas build-up. The stalls were appropriately dressed for Christmas and we raised over \$1,000 each time. The convenors all did an awesome job and deserve the break in January!

The first mini market for 2019 will be on Saturday, 2 February and markets will continue on the first Saturday of each month until May. The markets are an all-weather event and if it is wet we will simply set up in the church foyer. Please support our convenors when they request donations of sugar, jars, produce, baking, plants etc., as we do not want to over burden these wonderful folk who put such an effort into each market.

Thanks to the Sewell family for doubling the December contribution by \$1,100, it is much appreciated. 2018 finished well apart from the white gazebo sustaining some damage from the winds during the November mini-market; thanks to Peter Kidd for fixing.

Also, thanks to Noel Congdon for his efforts as convenor of the plants stall over the last few years. John Heesterman is now operating with Noel with the aim of taking over in the near future. Also, a big welcome to the new white elephant team headed by Fiona Kidd, with Peter helping in the background and Lorraine Carter, Val Parish and Anne Vermunt, staffing with Fiona on the day. This stall has had an early positive impact on funds received.

We have four more mini markets before winter, so please support and watch the weekly order of service for specific requirements. If you can help staff a stall or

do some baking, grow some plants, have quality white elephant items etc., please make yourself known to the convenors.

The mini markets are an outreach to the broader community so all are welcome, and any offers of help would be appreciated. If you have any ideas, or want to help, please contact one of the committee: John Heesterman, Sally Russell, Dianne Taylor, Phil Carter, Peter Kidd.

The committee wish you a happy new year and look forward to seeing you on Saturday the 2nd of February 2019.

Phil Carter

INDOOR BOWLS

We will be meeting on Wednesday 10 April at Summerset Village, Havelock North, at 7.30 for our 2019 season of indoor bowls. We are a social group of players and if you feel you would like to join us, you would be made very welcome – no previous bowling experience needed. We pay \$2 per night which goes towards supper and other expenses. For any further information you may require, speak to either Edgar Hopkinson or Shirley Hodge.

Shirley Hodge

FAITH AND REASON DISCUSSION GROUP

On the last Sunday of each month (except December) ten or so members of the congregation meet to discuss the implications of being followers of Jesus in today's secular world. We often use the Otago Daily Times columns written by Ian Harris as starters for each discussion. However, anyone is free to pose a question or suggest any other topic for discussion.

A feature of this group is that it is completely non-judgmental and that everyone should feel comfortable in expressing themselves. Feel free to come and share your ideas with us in 2019

The first meeting for this year will be on Sunday 27 January at 3 pm.

*John Gould
Convenor*

BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS

Badminton and Table Tennis will start for 2019 on Tuesday 12 February. We play each Tuesday morning throughout the year until late November. If you would like to give either or both of these games a try, please just turn up at St Andrews Hall, cnr Market Street and Lyndon Rd Hastings, from 9.30 am any Tuesday. We finish at 11.30 am but you may come and go as best suits you. We can supply racquets and bats if needed. To cover hall costs and morning tea we pay \$5 per session. There is no other subscription as such.

You will be made very welcome!

Any enquiries to Jocelyn Kirkwood.

FAITH AND REASON

Be like the sun, urges Ian Harris. It offers a great starting-point for your new year resolutions.

What's so special about this time of year that many of us feel spurred to make a new year resolution or three? We may not follow through – probably we know from past experience that such resolutions have little hope of surviving beyond a fortnight, assuming we can still remember what they were. Then cynicism kicks in and scepticism grows about new year resolutions in general.

That could be because the focus of those resolutions is all wrong. The year may be new, but when 31 December gave way to 1 January, only the calendar changed. The resolvers themselves are the same old, same old. So, sensing something magical in the date, rather than taking stock of who we really are, is to invite disappointment and failure.

What might make a difference is a double switch of focus: From the calendar to the personal and moral frame within which we earnestly resolve to do better (I assume nobody resolves to do worse), and from solitary inwardness to the summer sun.

Doing better is obviously a worthy goal. Being better is more so, because that puts the emphasis on exploring new horizons in our own essential personhood. For example, it's possible to be the same as ever we were and do more good as we go along. The lives of others (and our own) are enhanced by our helping, caring, nurturing, listening, understanding, giving to worthy causes.

We'll probably do even more good if there's an inner or "solar" dynamic impelling us. Then we'd be doing this not because we think we ought to, but as the radiance of our very nature. While a lot of good gets done through ought-omation, a lot more is possible if it springs from what English theologian Don Cupitt calls "solar living".

Solar because the sun, he says, is a great model for how we might live. The sun burns, pours out its energy, and one distant day will burn out and pass away. It doesn't need to justify itself for making such an exhibition of itself: "It simply is its own outpouring self-expression." And in so doing, says Cupitt, it offers a metaphor for a moral philosophy suited to our times, rooted in both modern cosmology and our secular culture.

Cupitt sees in contemporary life a powerful drive to seek an ethic of self-declaration. Past traditions assumed people must look deep within themselves to

find their true identity, believing that would lead them to a spiritual world more real

than the world of space and time they live in. No, no, he says, the self is thoroughly woven into this world. Its threads are loose-knit and spreading.

“When you wake up in the morning, you don’t identify yourself in yourself, as a unique and sovereign spirit,” he says. “You identify yourself through your familiar surroundings, your partner, the day’s duties and your resuming life.” That wider realm is the only real world, he insists, and it’s in our interaction with all we experience there that we express our values and show who we really are.

Of course codes of practice will evolve along the way. They will adapt as social settings change, drawing the line between what is acceptable and what is not. In recent decades we’ve seen that happening as a result of women’s liberation and a more enlightened understanding of homosexuality and racial and cultural diversity.

In the secular world codes won’t be based on supernatural authority but, ideally, on solar ethics radiating love, courtesy and respect – and won’t that reveal who we really are! Aim high, says Cupitt. Resolve to live the best kind of life you can hope to live. Then, like the sun, let it shine.

But what if someone’s nature is not radiating courtesy, respect and love? What if it’s mean or resentful, grasping or overbearing, self-absorbed, predatory or violent? What do we do if we see such people searing and shriveling everything they touch?

Despite the hurt and disgust such behaviour will trigger, we remain responsible for our own responses. We have to resist or deflect those destructive forces as best we can – but not in a way that dims or obscures our own solar glow. Even above the worst of tempests, the sun shines on.

That dovetails neatly with Christian teaching about the centrality of love, but without its doctrinal superstructure. What’s important, says Cupitt, is to shine, because “in pouring ourselves out in this way, we enrich and embellish our world, which in turn enriches and sustains us”.

Worthy resolutions could be minted around that.

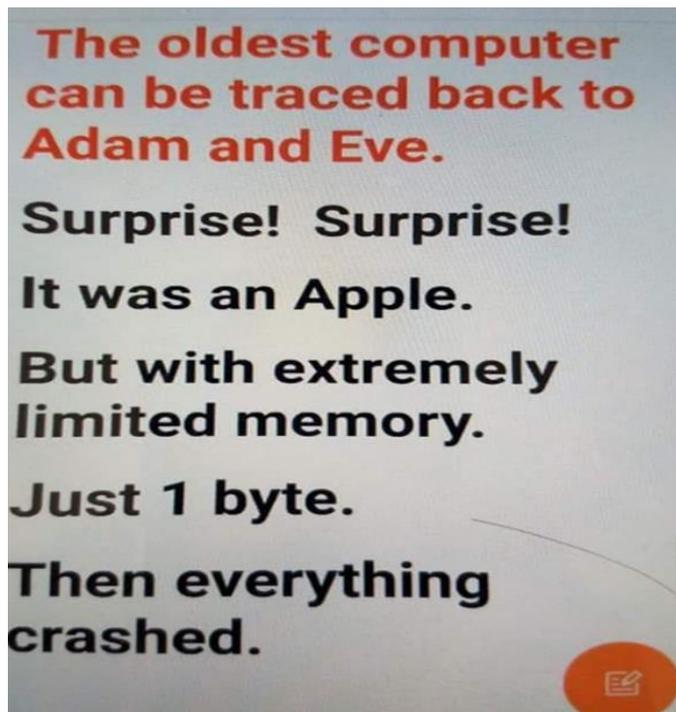
WOMEN AT EASE

Women at Ease will meet again on Thursday 28 February . We meet at At E's Café in Columba Way.

The evening begins at 6.30pm with a meal followed by a speaker either from within the group or a guest speaker. The cost of the evening meal is \$20 and at the beginning of the year we ask people to pay \$5 to go towards paying for the meal for guest speakers.

Our time together is very relaxed and there are plenty of opportunities to talk with all present. If you haven't attended yet, then come along. You will be home before 8.45pm.

Kathleen Rowe



OUR PEOPLE

For news of our people please contact Judy Bark at church. There is also a labelled box in the foyer.

ORGAN NOTES

Continuing on from a successful year of concerts, we have invited Hans Hielscher (Wiesbaden, Germany) to perform for us on 15 May this year.

We also sent and received Christmas greeting from Martin Setchell. This year he is off to Germany and Norway, where he will be performing at the prestigious Bergen Festival.

Apparently the Christchurch Town Hall is celebrating its re-opening on 6 March with Martin, (curator) on the re-tuned and re-voiced Rieger organ. I'll be interested to hear the concert and the organ, of course, at one of the 2 concerts on that day.

Jean Jarvis

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

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WORD SEARCH

"Welcome!"

"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:40-42



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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Saturday 2	9.00am	Mini Market
Sunday 3	10.00am	Sunday Service
Tuesday 5	7.30pm	Elders meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 6	2.00pm	Prayer Group
Sunday 10	8.00am	Communion
Sunday 10	10.00am	Sunday Service
Monday 11	2.00pm	Bible Study Group, Millar Room

Tuesday 12	9.30am	Badminton and Table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 12	7.30pm	Board of Managers meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 13	10.00am	Women's Coffee Club, foyer
Thursday 14	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Saturday 16	8.00am	Blokes Breakfast, Café Divine, Ada Street
Sunday 17	10.00am	Sunday Service

Tuesday 19	9.30am	Badminton and Table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Thursday 21	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Sunday 24	10.00am	Sunday Service
Sunday 24	3.00pm	Faith and Reason Discussion Group

Monday 25	2.00pm	Bible Study Group, Millar Room
Tuesday 26	9.30am	Badminton and Table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 26	7.30pm	Church Council meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 27	5.30pm	SCHNEG, Millar Room
Thursday 28	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Thursday 28	6.30pm	Women at Ease, At E's Café, Columba Way

MARCH CALENDAR

Saturday 2	9.30am	Mini Market
Sunday 3	10.00am	Sunday Service

Tuesday 5	9.30am	Badminton and Table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 5	7.30pm	Elders meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 6	2.00pm	Prayer Group
Thursday 7	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Sunday 10	8.00am	Communion
Sunday 10	10.00am	Quarterly Communion Service

Monday 11	2.00pm	Bible Study Group, Millar Room
Tuesday 12	9.30am	Badminton and Table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 12	1.45pm	Duart Singers, Duart Hospital
Tuesday 12	7.30pm	Board of Managers meeting, Millar Room

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 Tuesday 26 9.30am Badminton and Table tennis, St Andrew's hall
 Tuesday 26 7.30pm Church Council meeting, Millar Room
 Wednesday 27 5.30pm SCHNEG, Millar Room
 Thursday 28 9.30am 'mainly music', foyer
 Thursday 28 6.30pm Women at Ease, At E's Café, Columba Way

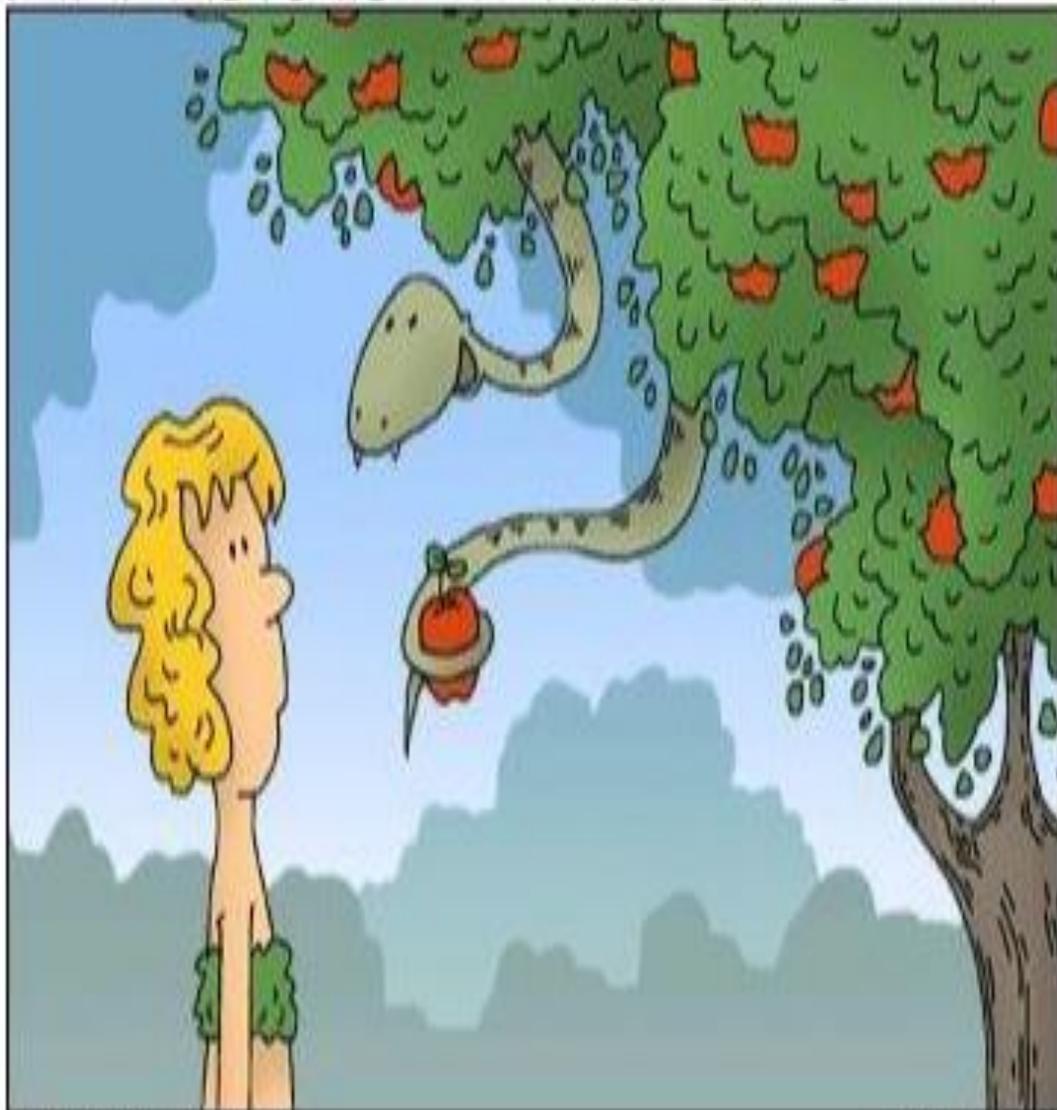
 Sunday 31 10.00am Sunday Service
 Sunday 31 3.00pm Faith and Reason Discussion Group

BIBLE READING ROSTER

FEBRUARY	
3 Feb	Beth Clothier
10 Feb	Rex Bartlett
17 Feb	Sam Browne
24 Feb	Jocelyn Kirkwood
MARCH	
3 March	Mary Benson
10 March	Nicholas Tabi-Amponsah
17 March	Ailsa Rewcastle
24 March	Jocelyn Williams
31 March	Greg Rowe

MORNING TEA ROSTER

FEBRUARY	
3	Anne Heesterman, John Heesterman Jill Thomsen, Alan Wildbore
10	Judith Bartlett, Rex Bartlett Kathleen Rowe, Keith Rowe
17	Janet Browne, Sam Browne Jan Jenkins
24	Ailsa Rewcastle, Wayne Rewcastle Jenny Berntsen
MARCH	
3	Eunice Gould, John Gould Stephanie Mueller, Graeme Mueller
10	Dianne Taylor, John Taylor Ngaire Holford, Ian Holford
17	Marie Robertson, Stan Robertson Judy Bark, John Bark
24	Judith Bell, Jane McElroy Beth Scott
31	Barbara Randal, Stephen Randal Elaine Congdon, Noel Congdon



(See Genesis 3)

12-30-2013

REMEMBER THAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION YOU
MADE TO TRY NEW THINGS?