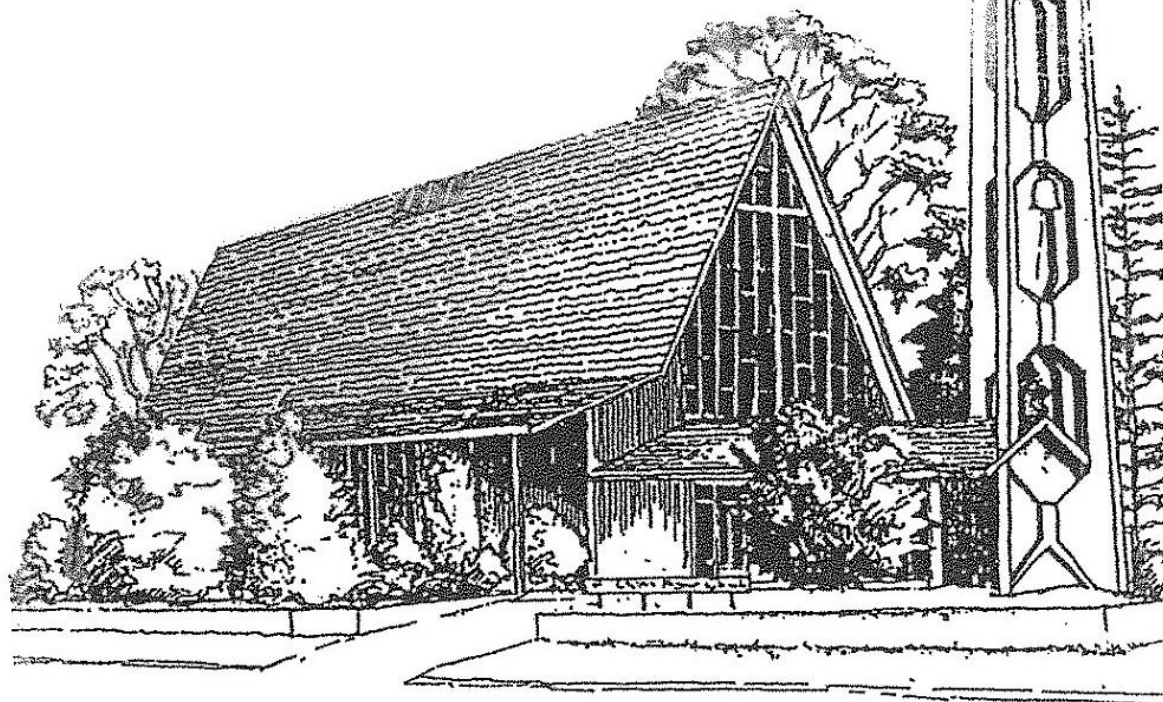


St Columba's Havelock North
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

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ST COLUMBA'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAVELOCK NORTH

SUNDAY 10.00am MORNING SERVICE

followed by morning tea in the foyer

Children's programme each Sunday (except January) (crèche available)

8am Communion Second Sunday each month (except 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

Monday to Friday

9am to 12 noon

Our Bank Account Number is 03-0658-0005625-000, if you wish to make a direct payment.

Any cheques payable to the church must be payable to: Havelock North Presbyterian Church.

FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR:

Another year is fast coming to an end. We continue the same as we have been doing, with a lot of activity going on in the parish.

Winter Lunches/Dinners have been going well the past couple of months. It is certainly a good way to get to know one another. I was even brave enough to have one at my place, with a little help from a friend.

I went for the first time to the Mini Market held on the 1st September to see if I could help. I've been told I'm in training!!! I have to say that it was fun. It is a well oiled machine and all the volunteers know what they are doing and enjoy it. So come along and support them. Even if it is just to sit in the sun and talk and have a well-cooked sausage.

Craig

FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Plans for internal architectural development:

The plans drawn up by architect Pierre du Toit were approved at a congregational meeting on Sunday 19 August 2018.

Seismic progress:

Managers are still waiting for Structural Concepts to provide a final assessment. Stephen Randal has been undertaking the negotiations with the engineering firm and is to be commended for his patience and persistence.

The Manse:

General maintenance has been undertaken while the past and present tenants have occupied the property.

Winter Lunches/Dinners:

These have concluded with parishioners enjoying some very pleasant meals and fellowship. Special thanks to Barbara Randal who organized and arranged hosts, guests and venues. Further thanks to our hosts who made their homes available through July, August and September.

Defibrillator installation:

The defibrillator has been installed in the church foyer on the southern wall by the kitchen. Ten members of the congregation have been trained to use it, however, if you are needed at the time, instructions are given orally. Do not be apprehensive about using it. Time is of the essence!

Church heating:

To improve the under pew heating within the church which is not always effective on a really cold Sunday morning, a suspended radiant heating system is being considered. This will replace the under pew heating and prove far more efficient

and have members of the congregation feeling a good deal warmer throughout Sunday services.

Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Guardian:

Managers were pleased to approve SCHNEG's and the Church Council's request for the annual subscription of \$200.00 to enable St Columba's Havelock North to become a Biodiversity Guardian for Hawkes Bay.

Graeme Mueller
Secretary

FROM THE ELDERS

Elders were pleased to make Don Trask an Elder Emeritus for his service to our church community. Don's service was recognised at the September Communion Service and a fitting citation was read by our Parish Council Chairman Wayne Rewcastle.

Over the past two months Elders have been examining and discussing the strengths of our parish, and what opportunities present for our preferred future. A summary of our discussion is included below.

Strengths	Location People Pastoral care and the outreach activities are a strongpoint. Friendliness – welcoming, family feeling Acceptance of differences Sunday services – good attendance and a variety of preaching styles Blokes Breakfast, Women's Coffee Club and Women at Ease bring people who are not members, to church. Goodwill at winter lunches/dinners, the book shop, 'mainly music', mini markets.
Best opportunities	The concept of the church on the Domain. It opens church to Columba Way side too. Organ – performances and lectures Book shop and mini market bring people down to this end of the church. The development of retirement villages
Preferred future	Providing support for carers Providing care for the lonely Meeting the needs of people – newcomers from retirement villages see church as a place to meet people.

Ian Holford
Convener

BIBLE STUDY

Following through with our winter thematic study of Ephesians has proved enlightening and insightful. So many views, so much discussion, and so much application to our modern-day situations. You mightn't think so, but it doesn't take much to scratch the surface of St Paul's words and find direct application to our daily lives.

Our format has changed a little. While we always begin with a round-table fellowship of chat and cuppa, due to my being out of town on a few occasions the group has been ably led by some of our participant members. This is really encouraging and taps on the full potential of the group rather than just the designated leader. Although I am not actually there on those sessions I believe they have been really successful and I would like others to lead occasionally when I **am** there, so that I too can experience the enjoyment.

We continue to meet at 2pm in the Millar Room on the second and fourth Monday of each month, excluding the school holidays. New members are more than welcome to join us. We are a friendly group and there is a lot of laughter as well as serious discussion and sharing of our faith.

PS: Meeting dates in October were changed to Monday 15 and 29 October. Same time, same place.

Judith Bartlett

WOMEN'S COFFEE CLUB

Our next meetings are on Wednesday 10 October and 14 November at 10am in the foyer.

All women are welcome and bring a friend!

BLOKES BREAKFAST

Blokes Breakfast meetings are on Saturday 20 October and 17 November at Café Divine, Summerset in the Orchard, Ada Street at 8.00am. See you all there!

COLUMBA BOOKS

Spring is certainly around the corner, judging from the numerous blossoms and bulbs flowering everywhere. We have recently returned from visiting family in Christchurch where spring is definitely slower to emerge.

Nevertheless all is well with our Parent Bookshops down there, and once again I really enjoyed visiting and swapping ideas with our mentors. Both shops have

much more space than we have but one of them is cold (being down one end of a

furniture barn), and just never warms up in winter so they tell me. There is also nowhere to store the books that come in. The other is more centrally situated, warm and spacious but has a higher rental and the uncertainty of long-term tenure. So although we do not have the space, things are pretty good for us I believe

(especially with the promise of the extension). I did love the posters in the Mother Shop and took a couple of photos. It would be my dearest wish to reproduce them not just on posters but screen-printed onto cloth bags with Columba Books imprinted as well, as a form of advertising for us.

As I am writing this I am wearing my other hat of Co-Director of our National Speech Teachers' Conference which is to be held right here on St Columba's premises. Not only is it a great lateral move on the part of St Columba's but also, we will gain not only rental but book-sales too. With the recent deaths of two local Speech Teachers and the retirement from active Speech Teaching from two more, we have been gifted a huge range of books all relating to Speech, Drama and Public Speaking. The sale and proceeds of these books will go directly to our church. So it's a real win-win situation all around. I am currently busy sorting and pricing these books in readiness for October 1,2,3.

As a result of the spread of our reputation, the books have come pouring in. This is fantastic, however we were receiving so many that we had to put a notice on the door that we could not accept any more for about two weeks.

Keep up your visits as there is such a wonderful feast of books arriving daily. Bring in your friends and family too. Drop in just for a chat.

As ever we thank our busy and wonderful volunteers who keep up the momentum and the outreach.



SCHNEG

Snippets from SCHNEG (St Columba's Havelock North Environmental Group):

Of all things, Great and Small!

We exist on earth with a huge range of other living things.

The biggest animal is probably the beautiful Blue Whale. In Antarctica, and before the Great Whale Slaughter that lasted up into the 1960s, the biggest were found up to 100 ft long and weighing upwards of 100 tonnes. If we take an elephant to weigh 4 tons, then a single Blue Whale was the equivalent size of 25 elephants - quite big!

The biggest plant is almost assuredly the Pando Populus, an aspen tree in USA. *"Pando is the name of the largest organism on Earth, and one of the oldest – a quaking aspen that extends over 100 acres from a single root. Above ground, Pando appears to be a grove of individual trees, but underground the trees are interconnected by a single and vast root system and are genetically identical."* Wikipedia.

At the other extreme, the smallest living organism can only be seen through powerful microscopes.

And that is life on earth; all interconnected in ways that are both strange and wonderful - and all taken for granted. The truly good news is that as people on earth, we all share these great connections. How lucky can you get?

Jim Watt

CONCERT

Jean Jarvis is guest soloist on our organ with the Bay Cities' Symphonic Band on Sunday 28 October 2018 at 2.00pm. Admission: \$20/ \$10 for students. Complimentary afternoon tea. Tickets are available in the foyer after the service and in the office and book shop.

WOMEN AT EASE

Women at Ease meets on the fourth Thursday each month at 6.30pm at At E's Cafe in Columba Way.

The two hours are spent enjoying each others company while eating a tasty meal followed by a speaker and discussion. For most of us it is refreshing to sit down to a meal cooked by someone else while getting to know other women. The cost

is \$20 and people wishing to attend need to let the office know by the Tuesday before.

The group started meeting in May and we have heard from a variety of speakers both from within the group and from outside. Jenny Keown spoke to us at the August meeting on the topic of 'Plastic Free Hawkes Bay'. We left feeling challenged to do more about limiting our use of plastic.

The next meeting is on Thursday 25 October followed by one on 28 November. If you haven't attended yet, then come along.

Kathleen Rowe

ORGAN NOTES

Our organists are special people. They are the unsung heroes at the Sunday Service. They plan a prelude, what to play during the gathering of the offering and after the service. They receive a list of hymns to be played at the service from different ministers each week and they spend hours on the organ practising. They have to stay focused throughout the service.

The organist sets the mood and tone of the service with their choice of music. We show courtesy towards the minister for his efforts. The same applies to the efforts of the organist – simply by being quiet and listening, we reflect our appreciation... Thank you, Jean, Nolan, Stephanie and Ngaire for your dedication and perseverance and for sharing your wonderful talent of music with us!

Elma Pienaar

90+ GROUP

Elders invite all members of the congregation in the 90+ age bracket to an afternoon tea at the JH Mason Village Hall, 18 Durham Drive, on Sunday 11 November at 2.00pm. Please contact the office if you need assistance to get there.

OUR PEOPLE

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

150th CELEBRATION

Book the date: Saturday and Sunday, 26 and 27 October 2019. Next year is not that far off!

FAITH AND REASON

from Ian Harris in the Otago Daily Times

Say goodbye to belief and welcome to faith, urges Ian Harris. They're not the same, and it's the life of faith that matters.

It will be a grand day for Christianity when it ditches its obsession with belief and rediscovers the centrality of faith. That won't happen any time soon, because creeds, rituals and biblical translations seem full of the notion that believing the right things is what makes Christianity the religion it is. That, however, is a modern aberration. It's faith that matters, not belief, and the two have become hopelessly confused in the minds of Christians and atheists alike.

For that, the churches themselves must bear most of the blame. Reverent of antiquity, tradition and authority, most preserve the texts of the past as if they were sacred, seemingly unaware that a living religion is free to evolve along with everything else. A deeper sacredness lies in the quality of relationships. And anyway, some key words in the texts don't mean today what once they did.

Foremost among them are "belief" and "believe". Forty years ago, a professor of comparative religion at Harvard University, Wilfred Cantwell Smith, delved deep into the way their meaning has changed.

In the distant past the core meaning of both was trust and commitment. They equated to the Latin "credo" (I believe), which itself distils the words *cor* (heart) and *do* (I give). So, *credo* carries the subliminal meaning "I give my heart to" – and so, in Old English, did "believe".

Then came the Norman conquest, and over time the newcomers sprayed a host of French words into English. Among them was "faith", signifying trust, loyalty and commitment – exactly what the English meant by belief. Gradually it usurped belief in that sense and ultimately prevailed. By 1604, when scholars set to work on translating the Authorised Version of the Bible, faith was the go-to word.

They had a problem. Where once there was an obvious link between belief and believe, the noun faith had no matching verb. So, when the translators needed one, they continued to use "believe" in its old sense. Regrettably, modern Bible translations still do.

In the following centuries the meaning of "belief" and "believe" underwent a sea-change. Instead of trust and commitment, they came to mean simply having an opinion, as in "I believe it will be fine tomorrow", or "I believe Donald Trump is the greatest US president ever". (Well, he does.)

Interestingly, though, there's a vestige of the word's origins when somebody says "I believe in my doctor". This is not a statement that in somebody's opinion the doctor exists – which is how "I believe in God" is usually understood – but that he or she trusts the doctor. For clarity, then, the church would do well to erase "believe" from its lexicon and talk of trust instead.

That's where faith kicks in. I know atheists who scorn faith as irrationality and delusion at best, ignorance and superstition at worst. Even church folk who are aware of that often avoid the term, lest they be misunderstood. Smith insists that

faith is not a matter of affirming doctrinal opinions. It's about orienting one's life towards love, grace and service – which, for Christians, is in the spirit of Jesus. Other world religions have their own equivalents.

Faith is deeper, richer and more personal than beliefs, he says. "It is engendered and sustained by a religious tradition, in some cases and in some degree by its doctrines; but it is a quality of the person, not of the system.

"It is an orientation of the personality, to oneself, to one's neighbour, to the universe; a total response; a way of seeing whatever one sees and of handling whatever one handles; a capacity to live at more than the mundane level; to see, to feel, to act in terms of a transcendent dimension . . .

"At its best it has taken the form of serenity and courage and loyalty and service: a quiet confidence and joy which enable one to feel at home in the universe, and to find meaning in the world and in one's own life, a meaning that is profound and ultimate, and is stable whatever may happen." It leaves in the dust the nihilism of alienation, cynicism, lack of commitment, and the pointlessness of life.

What is there not to like about such a rich and valuable human quality? And, says Smith, it is to be found among Christian and Jewish communities, Islamic and Hindu, Buddhist and other communities, and among humanists, throughout the world.

People's religious beliefs/opinions are all over the place – that's inevitable. What matters is living the life of faith.

BRAIN TEASER

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tuesday 2 9.30am Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
 Tuesday 2 7.30pm Elders meeting, Millar Room
 Wednesday 3 10.30am Prayer Group
 Wednesday 3 7.30pm Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
 Saturday 6 9.00am Mini market
 Sunday 7 10.00am Sunday Service

Tuesday 9 9.30am Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
 Tuesday 9 1.45pm Duart Singers, Duart Hospital
 Tuesday 9 7.30pm Board of Managers meeting, Millar Room
 Wednesday 10 10.00am Women's Coffee Club, foyer
 Wednesday 10 7.30pm Indoor bowls, Summerset, Te Mata Rd
 Sunday 14 8.00am Communion
 Sunday 14 10.00am Sunday Service

Monday 15 2.00pm Bible study Group, Millar Room
 Tuesday 16 9.30am Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
 Thursday 18 9.30am 'mainly music', foyer
 Saturday 20 8.00am Blokes Breakfast, Summerset, Ada St
 Sunday 21 10.00am Sunday Service

Tuesday 23 9.30am Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall

Tuesday 23	7.30pm	Church Council meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 24	5.30pm	SCHNEG, Millar Room
Thursday 25	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Thursday 25	6.30pm	Women at Ease, At E's Café, Columba Way
Sunday 28	10.00am	Sunday Service
Sunday 28	3.00pm	Faith and Reason Discussion Group
Monday 29	2.00pm	Bible study Group, Millar Room
Tuesday 30	9.30am	Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday 1	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Saturday 3	9.00am	Mini market
Sunday 4	10.00am	Sunday Service
Tuesday 6	9.30am	Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 6	7.30pm	Elders meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 7	10.30am	Prayer Group
Thursday 8	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Sunday 11	8.00am	Communion
Sunday 11	10.00am	Sunday Service
Monday 12	2.00pm	Bible study Group, Millar Room
Tuesday 13	9.30am	Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 13	1.45pm	Duart Singers, Duart Hospital
Tuesday 13	7.30pm	Board of Managers meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 14	10.00am	Women's Coffee Club, foyer
Thursday 15	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Saturday 17	8.00am	Blokes Breakfast, Summerset, Ada St
Sunday 18	10.00am	Sunday Service
Tuesday 20	9.30am	Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Thursday 22	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Thursday 22	6.30pm	Women at Ease, At E's Café, Columba Way

Sunday 25 10.00am Sunday Service
 Sunday 25 3.00pm Faith and Reason Discussion Group

 Monday 26 2.00pm Bible study Group, Millar Room
 Tuesday 27 9.30am Badminton and table tennis, St Andrew's hall
 Tuesday 27 7.30pm Church Council meeting, Millar Room
 Wednesday 28 5.30pm SCHNEG, Millar Room
 Thursday 29 9.30am 'mainly music', foyer

MORNING TEA ROSTER

OCTOBER	
7 th	Jan Peake, Arthur Peake
	Judith Bartlett, Rex Bartlett
14 th	Jill McDonald, David McDonald
	Elaine Congdon, Noel Congdon
21 st	Beth Clothier, John Clothier
	Kathleen Rowe, Keith Rowe
28 th	Stephanie Mueller, Graeme Mueller
	Anne Heesterman, John Heesterman
NOVEMBER	
4 th	Barbara Randal, Stephen Randal
	Elma Pienaar, Louis Pienaar
11 th	Judith Bell, Jane McElroy

	Beth Scott, Shirley Hodge
18 th	Janet Browne, Sam Browne
	Marie Robertson, Stan Robertson
25 th	Judy Hausler, Helen Sinclair
	Anne Keown, Jocelyn Kirkwood



BAY CITIES' SYMPHONIC BAND

Conductor: John Snowling

FANFARE & SOLILOQUY

Guest Soloist: Jean Jarvis - Organ

Featuring Eugene Gigout's
"Grand Chorus Dialogue for Concert Band and Organ"

Admission General \$20 Students \$10	Sunday 28th October 2018 - 2.00PM St Columba's Church Havelock North
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Tickets available at the Church Office



*Complimentary afternoon tea in the church foyer
at the conclusion of the concert*