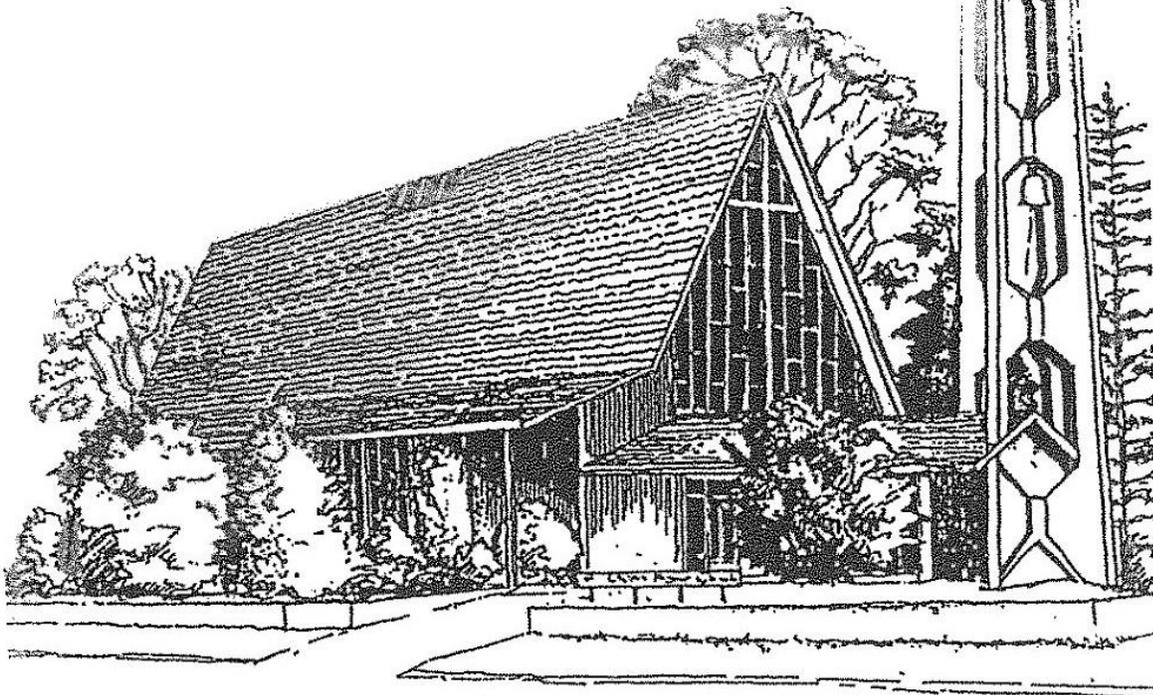


**St Columba's Havelock North  
Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand**

# **Columba News**

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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.

## **Minister**

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## **Church Council Co-ordinator**

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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 MINISTER***

### **MAKING ALL THINGS NEW**

I can't believe that it will be two years in March since Jenny, Jasmine and I came to Havelock North. So much has happened in that short time including the 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary, the renovation of the church and a host of very enjoyable activities and occasions to be remembered and celebrated. We also helped transform the lives of the people of Apedwa Village, Ghana, with the success of our Borehole Appeal. We also celebrated the lives of many fine people who have been part of the life of the parish who have now passed on.

Last year was very much shaped by our response to the COVID -19 crisis - but I'm happy to say that as a parish we have come through very well and very strongly at all levels. Thank God for our sensible parish leadership. We are blessed!

As I thought of the new year ahead I couldn't help thinking of the phrase in Rev 21:5 "Behold, I make all things new". The work of God is ongoing and always new. The word, 'new' suggests progress, transformation, and forward movement. God's ongoing creative work is all of those things. I'm sure these are things we all wish for in our parish as we enter a new year.

Most, if not all of you, are people who have seen change – not all of it 'good', but our Christian Faith urges us to believe that we will find God is waiting for us in the future as well as in the past that is now behind us.

I urge you to pray for me and for the Leadership Team (Elders, Managers, Councillors) as we seek to serve the parish and community in the new year, and as we try to discern the 'new things' that God is doing among us as we seek to be the Body of Christ. I will also be praying for our parish and community and seeking new ways to bring our church and community together.

We have a faith that is worth celebrating and sharing with the community. A faith which brings us joy, a sense of meaning and purpose and a faith which sees justice and love as everyone's God-given right and the goal that we need to aim for and preserve.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year and may God make all things new for you and your loved ones.

*Wayne*

## ***FROM THE ELDERS***

Once again December was a special time for us all to come together and worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus. The services over Christmas, Carols on the Green and the pageant helped us to reach out to our community and enjoy this festive season together.

2021 signals the start of another year and one we pray will be a time for healing and moving forward after the unprecedented events of the past year. We are blessed to have our minister Wayne Toleafoa as our pastor and worship leader. When Elders meet again for the first time this year, we will be ever mindful of the importance of worship and the need to reach out and help members of our congregation through worship, pastoral visiting and providing social activities.

Happy New Year.

*Ian Holford*  
Secretary

## ***FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS***

Following the Annual General Meeting in November 2020, Managers re-elected David McDonald at the December meeting, as Chairman of the Board of Managers for a further term of 12 months. Managers express their thanks and appreciation to David for allowing freedom of discussion, while at the same time keeping with the agenda, covering the business set down, while keeping within an acceptable and realistic time frame. Under David's direction and guidance, meetings have proved to be productive, with allotted goals achieved over the 12 month time frame.

The December meeting also enabled Managers to welcome Andrew Walker as a new member of the team. Managers are pleased that Andrew accepted his nomination and have appreciated his involvement and suggestions made in relation to the upgrading and extension of the foyer kitchen, which have proved most beneficial.

## **PROJECTS AND FINANCIAL UPDATE**

\*Ghana Borehole Donations. A very pleasing response from the congregation and the students of Iona College - \$10,352.00.

\*Jubilee Seat. To be installed when the concrete pad is in place on the grass area overlooking Columba Way - \$2,304.60.

\*New Mini Market signs. Thanks was extended to Peter Kidd for installing the signs in appropriate locations in the days leading up to the first Saturday in each month - \$805.00.

\*Heaters under pews. Wires disconnected. Cables removed. Peter Kidd and John Heesterman. No cost.

\*Church Rating / Carrying Capacity. Hastings District Council - Questionnaire to be completed to improve rating from 180 to 250 persons. As Health and Safety Officer, David McDonald is in the process of completing this 10 page questionnaire.

\*Foyer Kitchen Progress. The Board of Managers' kitchen committee have met with a group of women to discuss their ideas, suggestions and requirements. A plan is to be drawn up as a result of this meeting, with further development forthcoming.

*Graeme Mueller*

*Secretary*

## ***FINANCIAL REPORT***

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT for 6 months ended 31/12/20</b>			
	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET (1/2)</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>STANDARD OPERATIONS:</b>			
<b>Expenditure -</b>			
Ministry	36,114	38,000	-1,886
Wages	15,763	13,000	2,763
Insurance	6,110	6,141	-31
Sundry Operating Expenses	22,662	20,000	2,662
Assembly Assessment	5,211	5,211	0
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>85,860</b>	<b>82,352</b>	<b>3,508</b>
<b>Income -</b>			0
Offerings	37,182	36,000	1,182
Donations	0	1,500	-1,500
Rent Received - Church	1,586	1,250	336
Concerts	953	750	203
Sundry	275	1,500	-1,225
Book Shop	18,205	14,000	4,205
Mini Market	10,772	6,000	4,772
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>68,973</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>7,973</b>
<b>Leaving Operating Shortfall</b>	<b>-16,887</b>	<b>-21,352</b>	<b>4,465</b>
Interest Receivable	8,922	9,750	-828
<b>Net -Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-7,965</b>	<b>-11,602</b>	<b>3,637</b>

## **BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS**

Badminton and table tennis will start for 2021 on Tuesday 16 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 Andrew's Hall cnr Market Street and Lyndon Rd Hastings from 9.30am any Tuesday. We finish at 11.30am 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. Membership stands at 35 to start the year with 20 women and 15 men in that list. We average around 20-22 each week.

You will be made very welcome!

Any enquiries to Jocelyn Kirkwood.

*Jocelyn Kirkwood*

## **DUART SINGERS**

The Duart Singers meet at Duart Hospital on the second Tuesday of every month. Our year commences on Tuesday 9 March at 1.45 pm. Singers are always welcome.

## **PRAYER GROUP**

Happy New Year to you all. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 3 February at 2 pm at Millicent's home. The future of the Prayer Group will be discussed as there are now only 3 participants, 2 of whom are over 90 and myself who is working.

Prayer requests can be made to Rev Wayne.

May 2021 be kind to you and your dear ones.

*Yours in Christ  
Mary Sittauer*

## **MINI MARKETS**

Welcome back after our Christmas break!

The first mini market is Saturday 6 February 2021 and the last for the season is on 1 May.

Please help where you can or just come and have a tea or coffee with Dorothy's team on the day.

We need help with:

- Baking – Elma Pienaar
- Knitting – Sally Russell
- Plants in pots – John Heesterman
- Fresh produce – Arthur Peake
- Quality white elephant goods – Peter Kidd

Please talk to the relevant people. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Phil Carter and the Mini market committee*

## **WOMEN'S COFFEE CLUB**

We will start the new year on 10 February at 10am. Come along and join us for morning tea or coffee and a catch up after the holidays. We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend or two.

A forward notice regarding the **March meeting**. We will defer this until **17 March** (the third Wednesday). Diary this now, but we will give you a reminder nearer the time.

*Dianne, Janet, Ailsa*

## **BLOKES BREAKFAST**

Guys, our Blokes Breakfast begins on the 3rd Saturday morning of the month at Summerset in Ada Street. So, we meet at 8am on 20 February for breakfast and hear a guest speaker. It is a time for fellowship, a full cooked breakfast, white bread and plenty of butter. Our meeting last just over an hour. Cost is \$15. Come and join us, I know that you will enjoy it.

*Craig Kilgour*

## **BOOK SHOP**

Our volunteers have excelled themselves over the last few months and the Christmas break with record sales. In particular they have been welcoming the many out of town visitors and promoting the books with a grace and courtesy which has not gone unnoticed. Many have been told that they have heard of our shop and what a friendly and welcoming place it is, not to mention the atmosphere, layout and book collection. So, thank you one and all, especially Anne Keown who ensured that the place ran like clock-work while we were away in the South Island.

In December we had a BBQ evening at Rex's and my home which we sincerely hope was enjoyed by all. It was an opportunity to unwind, relax and enjoy a good social get-together. The weather was perfect for our outdoors event around the pool.

We are getting a steady volume of good quality books flowing into the shop, but always we must be aware of the need to keep this up, so don't forget to promote us to your friends. In particular, we are always looking for children and teenage books, so if you have books that your children and/or grandchildren have finished with, please consider donating it to our book shop.

Whilst away, we visited one or two second-hand book shops and truly I have to say, found them to be of a lesser delight than Columba Books. One was a huge iron shed on a country road. We stepped in a side door - the only entrance, blinking

from the bright sunny daylight as we stumbled into a dark cob-web and dust infested book barn. To read the titles one literally had to blow the dust off the merchandise and peer at them in the gloom. Only one person was on hand and she sat securely behind a counter. The locals genuinely seem to find it amazing, so obviously we had to reserve our judgement! The other was one of our beloved Dove Book Shops (on which ours was originally modelled). This shop in Bishopdale has taken over a disused supermarket and is definitely far, far superior to the previous one I have described. They also have a very wide choice and Alex, the Manager, is knowledgeable and helpful. Nevertheless, it was a little overwhelming and I felt concern for Alex - a lovely man with only five volunteers. We both agreed he 'had a tiger by the tale' with the amount of books flowing in.

So here we are about to embark on a new year, and we can only pray that we do not have to be going into another lock-down.

Oh? And what have you been reading? Tell me and I will look out for you. I've been re-reading Diana Gabaldon and just completed a Derek Hansen Trilogy- 'Lunch With The Station Master', 'Lunch With The Soldier' and 'Lunch with Mussolini.' Very cleverly told but due to the understated cover, could easily be passed by. Watch out for them when I bring them back.

*Judith Bartlett*  
*Manager*

## ***JOYFUL NOISE SINGERS***

Several people in the church last year were asking for a singing group, and so a few of us got together to see what could be done. When we each put forward our own vision for the group, it was the late Greg Rowe who said *he simply wanted to make a 'joyful noise'*. Hence, the 'Joyful Noise Singers' was born! Greg was indeed a joyful singer and his humour and wit were infectious. We miss him tremendously.

We meet on a Wednesday evening in the church and Marie Roberson must be thanked for sitting at the piano and accompanying us each week. The idea is to learn a variety of hymns (old and modern) and also songs that have a strong message. So our repertoire is quite diverse. Anyone is welcome to join us and this year we will be starting again on 24 February at 7.00pm.

'Christmas on the Village Green' gave us something to work towards and we will be thinking of an Easter programme soon too. We usually go home feeling positive and happy, so please come along if you feel you need more company, more laughs or more exercise to your lungs! We only have four gentlemen and would love some others to join us. So men, please don't be shy to give us a try! Of course, more women are always welcome too. You do not have to audition or be able to read music ... you just need to want to make a 'joyful noise'!

*Jenny Jackson.*

## **SCHNEG**

Snippet:

“The man on whom we threw our troubles and our worries, as well as our aches and pains, who was to us such a happy companion, never revealed to us the depths of religious feeling which is apparent in those letters and diaries of his which I have read . . . It has come almost as a shock to some of us to learn now for the first time that he held a service to himself in the crow’s nest every week ...”

Cherry-Gerrard on Edward Wilson, in *The Faith of Edward Wilson of the Antarctic* by George Seaver, 1948.

### *‘mainly music’*

‘mainly music’ resumes on Thursday 11 February at 9.30 am. Door charge is \$3 per family per 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. Planning meeting is on Thursday 4 February from 10-11am in the foyer.

After many years of helping with ‘mainly music’, Jill Thomsen decided that it is time for her to call it a day. A huge thank you to Jill. She will be missed.

‘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 young families in the community and invite them into a safe, loving and caring sanctuary.

New entrants are welcome. For more information contact the parish office.

*Elma Pienaar*

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Our group meets in the Millar Room on the second Monday of each Month at 2pm, recommencing on 8 March. We have eight members and have a regular attendance each time.

For the last two years we have been using the ‘Life Guide Bible Studies’ booklets which give us support with text, explanation and discussion questions.

Following on from Ephesians which we completed in November 2018, we began the study of the Book of Acts. We found it fascinating to look at the situations and circumstances that the disciples found themselves in, and the challenges that they pose to our lives today.

This year we propose to study the ‘Power of Prayer’ again from the Life Study Guide Series, as a result of discussion and prayer.

As we head into our eighth year of existence, we issue a warm welcome to any newcomers. Apart from the benefits of the study, there is the sharing, caring and blessing of being part of a loving group.

*Judith Bartlett*

*For St Columba's Bible Study Group*

## **WOMEN AT EASE**

Women at Ease will meet again on Thursday 25 February. We meet at At E's Café in Columba Way. The evening begins at 6.30 pm with a meal followed by a speaker either from within the group or a guest speaker. The cost of the evening meal is \$25 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.

*Sally Russell*

## **PARISH BBQ**

Sunday 14 February at 12.00 noon.

Bring your own chairs, drinks and a plate to share.



## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Tuesday 2	7.30pm	Elders meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 3	2.00pm	Prayer Group
Saturday 6	9.00am	Mini market
Sunday 7	10.00am	Sunday Service
Tuesday 9	7.30pm	Board of Managers meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 10	10.00am	Women Coffee Club, foyer
Thursday 11	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Sunday 14	10.00am	Sunday Service

Sunday 14	12.00	Parish BBQ
Tuesday 16	9.30am	Badminton & table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Thursday 18	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Saturday 20	8.00am	Blokes Breakfast, Café Divine, Ada Street
Sunday 21	10.00am	Sunday Service
Tuesday 23	9.30am	Badminton & table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 23	7.30pm	Church Council meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 24	5.30pm	SCHNEG, Millar Room
Wednesday 24	7.00pm	Joyful Noise Singers
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

### MARCH CALENDAR

Tuesday 2	9.30am	Badminton & table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Tuesday 2	7.30pm	Elders meeting, Millar Room
Wednesday 3	7.00pm	Joyful Noise Singers
Thursday 4	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Saturday 6	9.00am	Mini market
Sunday 7	10.00am	Sunday Service
Monday 8	2.00pm	Bible Study, Millar Room
Tuesday 9	9.30am	Badminton & 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	7.00pm	Joyful Noise Singers
Thursday 11	9.30am	'mainly music', foyer
Sunday 14	10.00am	Sunday Service
Tuesday 16	9.30am	Badminton & table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Wednesday 17	10.00am	Women Coffee Club, foyer
Wednesday 17	7.00pm	Joyful Noise Singers

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Saturday 20	8.00am	Blokes Breakfast, Café Divine, Ada Street
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Thursday 25	6.30pm	Women at Ease, At E's Café, Columba Way
Sunday 28	10.00am	Sunday Service
Tuesday 30	9.30am	Badminton & table tennis, St Andrew's hall
Wednesday 31	7.00pm	Joyful Noise Singers

### MORNING TEA ROSTER

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
7	Jan Peake, Arthur Peake
	Helen Sinclair, Craig Kilgour
14	Jill Thomsen, Alan Wildbore
	Stephanie Mueller, Graeme Mueller
21	Dianne Taylor, John Taylor
	Anne Keown, Pat Burden
28	Barbara Randal, Stephen Randal
	Judy Bark, John Bark
<b>MARCH</b>	
7	Elma Pienaar, Louis Pienaar
	Elaine Congdon, Noel Congdon
14	Juliet Amponsah, Nicholas Amponsah
	Marie Robertson, Stan Robertson
21	Shirley Hodge, Colleen Field

	Ngairé Holford, Ian Holford
28	Jocelyn Kirkwood, Judith Bell
	Jane McElroy, Sophie Duggan

### BIBLE READING ROSTER

7 Feb '21	Val Parish
14 Feb	Judith Bartlett
21 Feb	Anne Heesterman
28 Feb	Agyeiwaa Tabi-Amponsah
7 March	Rex Bartlett
14 March	Sam Browne
21 March	Anne Keown
28 March	Amponsaa Tabi-Amponsah

# Columba News Youth

Congratulations to all students with your good exam results! You did a great job and you made yourself and your parents proud. May all your dreams come true. Everything is possible when you believe in yourself. Wishing you all the best for your future endeavours.

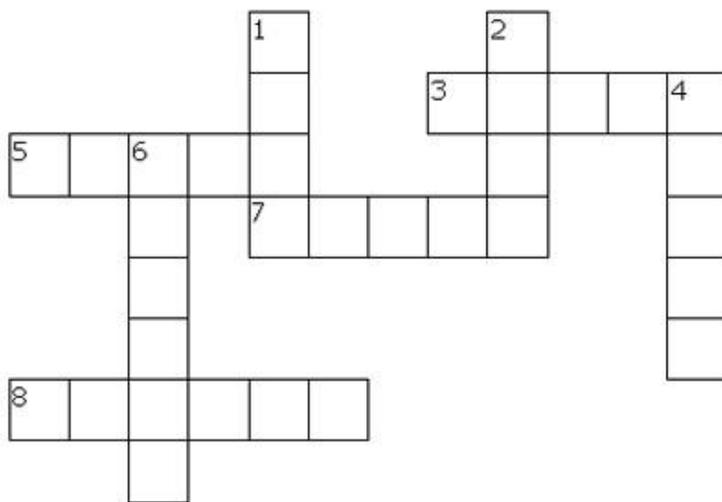
**This coming February will never come again in your life. Because this year February has 4 Sundays, 4 Mondays, 4 Tuesdays, 4 Wednesdays, 4 Thursdays, 4 Fridays and 4 Saturdays. It happens once every 823 years.**

FEBRUARY 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

# Water from a Rock

"Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."  
So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. Exodus 17:6

Based on Exodus 17:1-7



## ACROSS

3. The Hebrew prophet who led the Israelites out of Egypt
5. A fluid necessary for the life of most animals and plants
7. To take water or other liquid into the mouth and swallow it
8. A dry area of land with little or no vegetation

## DOWN

1. Another name that refers God
2. A stone
4. A strong rod or stick sometimes used as an aid in walking
6. A strong desire for something to drink

STAFF	DRINK	DESERT	WATER
MOSES	ROCK	LORD	THIRST