

PRAYER MINISTRY

We ask for your prayers – that God who knows each person or situation, may bless each one according to their needs.

Bishop Ross Bay: Bishop Jim White: Rev. Marilyn Welch: Rev. Chris Harris: Marston would welcome your prayers, but no visitors. Rosemary needs prayer to bring her back to full health and would welcome phone calls and visitors.

Dear Lord, we also bring to you others who we know in our hearts and we pray that you will look with mercy and grace upon our needs.

We would appreciate it if you would let Maureen — Pastoral Care Co-ordinator of anyone needing prayer. (tel: 021 1150598)

THE OP SHOP WILL BE CLOSED	FROM THE WEEKEND 18th February 2018
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Wednesday 11th April	St Chad's Church Council 7.00 pm
3rd Sunday 15th April	Less formal non communion service 10.00 am
4th Sunday 22nd April	Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am
5th Sunday 29th April	Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am
Wednesday 2nd May	Women's Fellowship
1st Sunday 6th May	Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am
2nd Sunday 13th May	Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am
3rd Sunday 20th May	Non communion service. Baptism—Kristie Lean 10.00 am
4th Sunday 27th May	Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Acts 4: 32-25, or
Psalm 133, or
1 John 3: 1-7



**PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER
FOR MORNING TEA
AND FELLOWSHIP**



**ST CHAD'S
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR 11.30 am SERVICE
8th APRIL 2018
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

A Sense of Wonder

We have just come home from our Resurrection Sunday service at the Community Hall. What a joy it was to celebrate our Lord's resurrection together as a church family. Whenever I hear the gospel account of Mary Magdalene at the tomb, (as we heard today) when she hears the voice of Jesus as he says her name, I am deeply touched and moved. Mary's response of total awe and wonder at Christ's return from death, also fills our hearts with 'wonder'.

As adults our lives easily become filled with the mundane and serious side of life. It is so easy for us to lose our sense of wonder as we look at our world with rational eyes. As a kindergarten teacher I have taught young children from ages 3 to 5 years for most of my working life. Young children know how to experience 'wonder' in their everyday life. Many times I have seen their surprised eyes as they see a caterpillar wriggling to spin his cocoon and later, the amazement as the cocoon splits and a crumpled butterfly slowly emerges and spreads its wings. I have seen the amazement as children watch a hen climb into her laying box and when she next leaves the box there is a warm egg in its place that seemingly appeared from nowhere! One girl told me "that's magic!"

How can we, as adults, re-open our eyes to the wonder of God who is here in our world with us? For me, I need to find time to be quiet and simply stop what I am doing. Even a short 10 minute break when I can stop and listen and look around at the natural world and see again the incredible detail and beauty in a flower, a leaf, the clouds, insects, the waves on Muriwai Beach, little children, a sunset etc and to whisper a quiet prayer of thanks and praise to my loving father and our creator for his amazing gifts and love for me. This brings me back to knowing that sense of wonder that Mary and the disciples felt at seeing Christ resurrected.

Maybe you too, can find time this week to look afresh at the world around you and remember again the wonder of all Christ has done for us and the new life that he brings. God bless your week. Carol

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St Chad's Regular Worship with Holy Communion every Sunday at St Patrick's

Except for the 3rd Sunday in the month which will be

Less formal non communion service

Our next service: Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday 15th April at 10.00 am at St Patrick's

SUE SAYS: The Lord says "I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget the worry and the fretting. But never forget to talk to me—OFTEN! I want you to include me in everything. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I am your dearest friend."

What a truly wonderful, beautiful world we live in.

We live in such a breath-taking environment that is full of magic and wonder. Although we can feel intense sadness, profound happiness can be just around the corner. One step away. One thought away. One kiss away. Sources of joy are literally everywhere; one just has to overlook all of the negative things trying to cover them up.

The world conspires for you to be happy, not unhappy. It is all a matter of perspective, of stepping back and taking a good look at the world around you. How can you ever be bored, depressed, frustrated, annoyed or jealous in a world of such infinite possibility?

What good do negative thoughts and actions serve? They only hurt, cramp and suppress positivity. It is only with optimism, altruism, and compassion, that we can cure this world of its ills. Judgment, hatred, egotism, bitterness, and despair only bring more evil into a world already riddled with problems. Even a very small amount of a good can exponentially spread because it is so much more rare than bad in this universe.

Life is what you make of it. Life is perception: sight, taste, smell, sound, and touch. Reality depends upon the intensity and angle with which light hits our eyes. Reality sounds only because of the way our brains decipher the vibrations of the air around us. That same air is only felt because of the stimulation of our nerve endings and the subsequent signals to our brains. We are only told what is around us; it is our job actually to interpret that information. A "negative" sensory input can be a source of anguish, or simply an inspiration to change everything and attract more positive inputs. It is up to you, and you alone. No one thing or one person can decide or influence how you feel. That is completely up to you. Decide to be happy about life, and you will remain that way. It is your perception, so why not make it a positive perception?

Sometimes we can get so bogged down with all the things that we are doing that we don't have time just to sit and have a conversation with our Lord and appreciate the beauty that is around us. When I lived at Muriwai I would walk along the beach with my dog. Sometimes I would have arguments with my Lord but I always came back home feeling refreshed. Our Service on Easter Sunday spoke to me and then Carol put it into words. There is a difference between loneliness and being alone. I thought I had learned that lesson, but life has taken a different turn and I have to learn some lessons all over again. And when I sit quietly and think back over the years I realise that I have been very blessed.

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Thank you from Barbara

My heartfelt thanks to you all for the beautiful flowers, the gift voucher and for your kind words of farewell. Anything I have given, I have received back 10-fold - seriously! It has been wonderful being part of this warm and friendly family at St Chads. For Roger and me there has been a real sense of 'belonging' amongst you all and we look forward to seeing any of you who happen to venture to the Nelson region. Please do get in touch if you are heading our way. From 2nd May we will be at 106 Aldinga Avenue, Stoke, Nelson, 7011. Barbara's mobile: 0211341849 and my email address: barbara@softwareadvisors.net.

