

Knapdale-Waikaka Presbyterian Church
“Helping people to know Jesus Christ in all His fullness”
Notices for December and Early January

Welcome back to Ethel and Doug who are joining us throughout the month of December. May we be blessed as we reflect on the wonder of God becoming a baby. A very sincere thanks for the offers to host Doug and Ethel what a wonderful church family we have.

Our Church ministry settlement board has not received any replies from our advertisements. They meet this last week to pray and reflect. Pray for Gods leading in someone’s life.

Lots of Notices:

This Sunday- **food bank Sunday**. A Difficult time of year so please remember your items. Sincere thanks to everyone who has delivered the items this year.

Thursday 13th December- Ladies Coffee and Desert evening 7:30 at Otama. Come and celebrate Christmas together.

Sunday 16th December at Waikaka- brief congregational meeting after Church to vote on the motion ” That the Waikaka Knapdale Presbyterian church sell the Knapdale church buildings and land “. John will be chairing the meeting as appointed by Rev. Peter Dunn and the secretary is Jim Weir, apologies to Jim.

Elders met again on the **20th December at 7.30**. They are planning a retreat day in January. Pray for protection and joy as they lead our fellowship.

Saturday 22nd December at 7pm- Our community Christmas service at the Waikaka Sports complex. Bring a plate for a shared supper. Maggie and Jeff Rea are leading this service. Invite others.

Sunday 23rd Chapel services in the afternoon. 2pm at Resthaven and Parata at 3pm. Jim is leading these services. It is a privilege to share Christmas thoughts with the residents.

Christmas Day Service to be held at Otama at 10am. A brief service to sing and celebrate the greatest birth the world has seen.

Please note the January services where we combine with the Gore Churches.

Morning Tea roster for the rest of the year.

Dec 2	Waikaka	J and S Dennis
Dec 9	Otama	L Hall
Dec 16	Waikaka	R and F Johnston
Dec 23	Otama	B and M Miller

Missionary News

Batesons:

Summary from their newsletter; grateful for their four months sabbatical leave. They have the privilege of being elected as the Branch leaders for NZ, for the next four months. Been encouraged by fellow workers and what God is doing within the organisation. Please pray that they will hear God’s directions daily and receive all the wisdom from him that we need. Their key word is listening- to the needs of the workers and some of the retired and resigned workers.

Undertaking this leadership role, has meant that they have had to lay down any chance of returning to work in their previous area and people. Pray for the people and the oppression, isolation- pray

spiritual protection and the overwhelming presence of the Holy Spirit.

There are no new candidate directors so pray that workers will take up this role. Sincere thanks for our prayers.

Camp Columba:

Hello all

We've just launched our new website (check it out and let us know what you think!) and we're meant to be putting in a giant bouncy pillow over the next couple of weeks (all things going to plan). There's plenty of exciting things happening!

In December we will again be running a day program (8.30am-3.30pm), Monday 17th - Friday 21st. This will be based out of Gore Baptist Church and we will be doing day trips with the kids out to camp, to Mataura petting zoo, etc. The leaders will stay on-site so we'll have opportunity to pray and worship and debrief together each day. We look forward to running this model again with the help of some students from Capernwray Adventure Bible School.

There's a lot that needs to come together and we need you to make this possible! Many hands make light work, check out the bite-sized options below:

- Sign up to do a lunch for the kids one day (approx. 60)
- Cook dinner for the leaders to eat one evening (approx. 20)
- Got a P-endorsement? Volunteer to drive the bus for one of our day trips!
- Love crafts and have something you'd be keen to run with a group of kids? Get in touch!
- Only have a couple of hours to spare? Come in on the last day to help with the big clean-up!

Or are you keen to be a bit more involved?

- Come as a helper in for about half an hour mornings and afternoons to help with sign in/sign out
- Be an extra adult presence & keep track of dispensing medication
- Step up to oversee all the various kitchen/meal people and coordinate them

Ring up 03 205 3702 anytime or email holidaycamps@campcolumba.org.nz for more information on ways you could help!

I look forward to hearing from you,

God bless you!

Stephanie Beck

Barrs:



Two of our main things we are focusing on right now are finding a place to live and home-schooling. Currently, we are staying at a guest house until we find a place of our own. This is a big decision and we are looking at a couple of housing options - both houses have different things that make them attractive. We need a lot of wisdom in making this decision.

Praise & Prayer Points

- Praise God that we were able to get everything completed that we needed to before we left France.
- Praise God that all our bags arrived here with us.
- Praise God for the missionaries who have welcomed us here, for all the meals we have received and the hospitality they have given us.
- Praise God that He goes before each of us everyday and prepares the way.
- Pray that we would know God's wisdom is choosing a house to live.
- Pray for health, strength and our security as we adjust to this new life, environment and culture and that we may feel at home here.
- Pray for wisdom for when Rob starts work and that he will be able to get up to speed fast.
- Pray for Katherine and the girls as they start to develop a new rhythm of life (going to the market, homeschooling and getting the general things done around the house) and that this would all fall into place quickly.
- Pray for good friends for the girls as they adjust their new life

Pray for peace and wisdom for the SIM leadership team and all those who serve alongside them.

Pray for the **Johnstones**- safe travel and very clear guidance for their future ministry work. For Christine and the new baby coming.

Martin and Joyce Campbell;

Kia Ora

This letter in a nutshell ... (and what to pray for)

- Thanks for your support - please pray on!
- A busy year - good and also challenging
- Future plans to 2022 - another season here
- News of the boys - all doing well
- NZ Government Audit!! - coming next month

Masters studies - deciding on dissertations

We are so thankful to have you on this journey with us as we think back to 25 years ago when we stepped out of our nursing professions and into mission. We couldn't do this without you - you have prayed, given financially, been in touch, given accommodation, meals, encouraged our kids, gulped when we were in and out of Afghanistan AND for everything else, THANK-YOU. God has been faithful to us through you in so many ways.

A proverb from scripture says; **"Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed"**

Proverbs 15:22. Thank-you for those of you who do speak into our lives and give us words of wise counsel, we value that and see that as partnership in what we do.

A busy year ...

There has been a lot of travel this year with meetings in the UK (Martin), Leadership meetings in Germany (Martin, Joyce and Jordie) as well as TEAM Board meetings for Martin in the US and Spain.

We have much to thank God for here at college this past season. Our goal remains the same, to train and equip followers of Jesus to reach out cross-culturally to work among those least impacted by the gospel. This year at college as you may remember, started with the sad news of the sudden death of one of our staff members and friends, Todd Miller. While it has been hard to adjust to this, we praise God that Jenn Miller and the family have chosen to stay on at college and recently have been granted a two year visa.

This year so far we've orientated new staff members, built a new accommodation facility, we've had a College Evaluation done by WEC international which went very well, we started our new level 5 diploma and we have had a diverse group of students working hard together in their studies and in community life. Thank-you for praying for us, it has been busy but good. We have also enjoyed greater relationship with the Māori community and made small progress with the language.

Future Plans ...

Leadership positions in WEC are for three years at a time. As the end of our second term approaches, we have been thinking and praying about the next step for us. Recently at our annual NZ, WEC conference we shared that we are open to being the leaders for another three years beginning at the end of next year. For us that means if those around us here are open for it, we will be based at Eastwest until at least the end of 2022.

News of the boys

Alasdair is now 22 and finishing off his third year of studies in mechanical engineering. He has one more year to go. He moved in to a flat with four others in Hamilton this year and has enjoyed the growth involved in organising a flat, cooking with others and improving his time management skills! He works hard in an

engineering workshop in his breaks and this enabled him to travel to Brazil in July. He met up with others who attended school with him in Afghanistan - such important connections. He has just finished exams and is now free for the summer which means back to the workshop!

Joe-Joe continues to enjoy life down south in Dunedin and his neuroscience studies. He has one year to go before applying for medicine and seeing if that avenue opens up for him. He attends Elim Church in Dunedin and is part of the worship team there though will be moving home for a summer job in a local cafe. We are excited about the house filling up for the summer. Please pray for his last week of exams.

Jordie has one more year left of school, he enjoys being a leader at camps and leading worship there and at Youth Group. He is looking forward to having his brothers around during the summer as things are pretty quiet at home without them! He has opted not to row this season and is currently looking for other keep fit options to keep him in shape! he has found a summer job at a different local cafe.

For Martin and Joyce this final term of college will be very much about our 4-yearly Government audit in December. We, along with college staff will be busy ensuring all is in order for the audit to run smoothly. Please be in prayer that we will have a good outcome which ensures visas are granted and government funding is given.

We are both continuing on with our MA studies, and by December we will have completed two years and only have our Dissertations to complete. Please pray for us as we decide on our dissertations topics.

Martin continues to be involved on several Boards as well as both of us being involved in our local church here in the village. We enjoy entertaining and when we get the chance going away for short breaks in the area. Pray that we will have good life/work balance. Also please continue to pray for students for college, so far we are pleased with the applications received for next year's intake but we always love more!!

Thank-you for your partnership with us.
Much aroha (love) from our corner to yours.

Joyce, Martin and boys x

Date	Place & time 10am	Elder on Duty/ Adult Speaker / Childrens Speaker
Dec 2 nd	Waikaka	Judi / Doug/ Margaret Solari
Dec 9 th	Otama	Jim/Doug/Jim
Dec 16 th	Waikaka	Lynne/Doug/Elinor Congregational meeting afterwards.
Dec 22 nd	Waikaka Sports Complex	Community Christmas Service with the Raes 7pm
Dec 23 rd	Otama and Chapel Services	John/Doug/Peter
Dec 25 th	Otama Christmas Day celebration	Judi
Dec 30 th	Saint Andrews Gore 10am	Rev Helen Martin
Jan 6 th	Camp Columba 10am	Bring own picnic lunch
Jan 13 th	Encounter New Life 10am	Jacob Street off Hokonui Drive

Church Contacts...

Session Clerk – Jim Weir ph. 2071809

Home Groups:

Tuesday morning – contact Elinor ph. 2089443

Wednesday night – contact Greta ph. 2072780, Main Street, Waikaka

Friday night- Judi and Steve Dennis

Weekly notices to knapdalewaikaka@gmail.com by 5pm Friday evenings or phone/text Judi 0272072113.