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COMMUNITY CHURCH CENTRE

loving God, loving people



From your Minister.....

How do we respond?....

Dear Friends

Last week we welcomed into our family circle our first grandchild – Ezra – born in Dunedin to our son James and his wife Amy. I've been thinking a lot about the sort of world our little Ezra has been born into.

I cannot remember in my lifetime a more troubling and distressing time in our world, both at home and internationally, than we are experiencing at present. I read this in a blog post last week:

"The heartbreaking news from Baton Rouge followed a bloody attempted coup in Turkey that left 265 dead over the weekend. We are still grieving the tragedy in Nice, France, the police officers killed in Dallas, and the earlier fatalities in Louisiana and Minnesota. We may well want to ask : What is happening to our world? ISIS is inspiring terrorism around the globe; North Korea is advancing its nuclear weapons capabilities; the European Union is fracturing; China's military reach is expanding; violence at home seems to be escalating."

continued...

There seems to me one word that dominates these headlines right now and that word is surely ... violence. We may not be living in the midst of a world war but my goodness, the violence on just about every continent and every front you care to look at these days is frightening, to say the least, and I'm not sure we get to hear or see even half of it. Physical violence of the kind our world is experiencing is usually the product of long, deep and unresolved conflict between people(s) which leads to anger which then leads to revenge, and before you know it the keg explodes. It seems that 'kegs' are exploding just about everywhere.

Sadly, even here in the Upper Clutha violence sometimes erupts in homes within our communities.

In the midst of all this I think we need to think about the words of Jesus 'Blessed are those who work for peace for they will be called children of God.'

(Matthew 5:9) Friends we need to be peace makers in our communities, in our relationships and in our families. And we do this with the help of God.

As the apostle Paul wrote: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom 12:21). We must respond to evil with good, we cannot play by evil's rules. The apostle Paul was beaten and imprisoned but never raised a sword or a stone—he knew only good could defeat evil. And we are not immune from this evil; in fact Jesus did say, "In

this world you will have tribulation ('trials and sorrows'), but then quickly added, "take heart, I have overcome the world". (Jn. 16:33)

Back to our little grandson. He has family around him who love him and pray for him and I'm confident he will grow to be a blessing to others.



May we also be a blessing to others—in our workplaces, in the community, in our families and our church here.

This describes our missionwhich is **loving God and loving others.**

As you read this newsletter I'm sure you will see some signs of God's goodness and blessing to our church family.

Your pastor and friend
Ian Hyslop

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phone number is 4436759.**

Ian also writes a regular 'Note from Ian' in our weekly Sunday bulletin – you can read this on our website www.wpccc.org.nz – under the Communications tab)

The Network Course's Place in our Church's Mission

Early this year Ian gave us a text for 2016 (in essence a mission goal)

"So my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable.

Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. "

1 Corinthians 15: 58

The message was for all of us, challenging us to be engaged enthusiastically in meaningful service. Instinctively we can sense God leading us according to our unique wiring but there can be uncertainty accepting such a call - fearing inadequacy perhaps and at worst maybe not understanding our God given gifts and overlooking God's will and purpose for us entirely. This is where Network fits!

Network (a Willow Creek resource) is designed to clarify our better understanding of who God created us to be and therefore enables participants to be guided into meaningful service....thus the potential for increased effectiveness across the whole church can be expected.



The Network course identifies 3 essential elements of our unique profile

1. **Spiritual Gifts** - God given gifts given to us to equip, prepare, encourage and strengthen us for service - to know where we need to be and for what reasons.
 2. **Personal Style** - discover our unique style concerning the way we relate to people and the world around us. Acknowledging our genuine personal style in ministry promotes authentic service.
 3. **Ministry Passion** - identifying our passion and therefore finding the path into appropriate ministry opportunities, essentially assures us we are where God intended us to be - using His Gifts to serve enthusiastically in His Kingdom.
- Yes, Network fits into our Mission Goal for 2016 and beyond. Enrichment and inspiration are assured in the Network experience.

Bev Lovelock

Loving The People.....

Dinner for the Skifield workers fits our Mission

Ryan Lobb was blown away by the response when he came forward one Sunday at the beginning of worship and shared his idea with the congregation of providing regular free meals for ski field workers during the season.

"They come here from all over New Zealand and around the world. I thought it would be a nice way to say 'welcome to town and it's great to have you in our community'.

With the slow start to the season this year, things have certainly been a bit tough for many of them.

So many people volunteered to help, that following the first 3 course meal provided on July 5th to 85 staff, plans have gone ahead continuing the meals every fortnight on a Tuesday evening.



If you would like to help with this ministry –you can contact Ryan on 022 6128221.



Presbyterian Women

PW held their annual meeting in July. It was good to have Rev Ian Hyslop to lead us in devotions and to chair our meeting. We are a small group but continue to help where we are able both locally, with NZ 'causes', and Diane and Jim Young who work in Malawi, and Sandy and Malcolm Potter who work in Thailand. After almost 20 years as group treasurer, Val Garrett has handed over the task to Diana Duffield. Thank you Val for your service and careful keeping of the 'books'.

The Special project for 2016-17 which supports the Christian World Service work in Nicaragua is called "Let God's Light Shine". It will help with projects working to establish gender equality in that country. The New Zealand part of the Project is aimed at helping with families who support members who have Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. It is hoped that we can help in developing an emergency respite care fund.

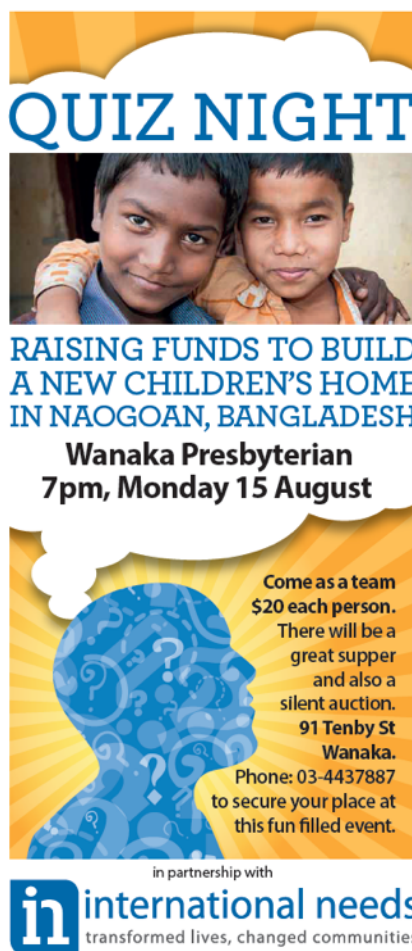
Sincere thanks to those who have helped with the catering and serving at funerals recently. Without your support and generous help we could not offer this service to families.

We meet at 2:00pm on the second Monday of the month. A welcome awaits anyone who wants to attend. For further information phone 443 1620.

Catherine Little President

MISSIONS ABROAD TEAM

We have started selling product from Orphans Aid Shop at the Thursday night Farmers Market by Bullock Creek. Orphans Aid funding goes to orphanages in Nepal, Romania and Russia. So far sales have not been good. We blame the poor ski season. We will have the sales table at church on the last Sunday of the month through the winter.



QUIZ NIGHT

RAISING FUNDS TO BUILD A NEW CHILDREN'S HOME IN NAOGOAN, BANGLADESH

Wanaka Presbyterian
7pm, Monday 15 August

Come as a team
\$20 each person.
There will be a great supper and also a silent auction.
91 Tenby St
Wanaka.
Phone: 03-4437887
to secure your place at this fun filled event.

in partnership with
in international needs
transformed lives, changed communities

Our main fund raising effort this year is for International Needs.

We are planning a quiz night and we hope you all think about coming along in teams of 4-8 people.

We also need help from the congregation for gifts of about \$10 for prizes and objects for a silent auction to be left at Tracy's office.

The evening should be a lot of fun.

Liz Hall



Communication Team News

"A group of people with a full set of complementary skills required to complete a task, job, or project."

The above definition of a team from BusinessDirectory.com can now truly be applied to us!

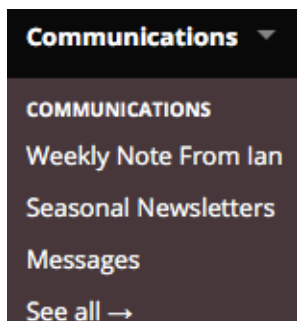
Since late May, Lloyd Weehuizens' tech know-how and Mark English's social media savvy have been welcome additions to the WPCCC communications skill set.

Sunday Sermons are available to listen to via the website should you not make it to the service.

Look for this symbol on the homepage :



If you are not listening on a device connected to speakers, we are currently hoping to address volume levels to make things louder and also allow downloading as well as streaming.



We upload Ian's weekly bulletin note to the communications section of the website, as well as previous newsletters.

The most successful medium of the last couple of months has been the Facebook page...recent posts have been reaching in

excess of 100 people and are a great way to showcase all the great things happening in our church. The more likes we get, the more people we will reach. Remember...

you do not have to have your own

Facebook account to view these. Just

google Facebook and search for

Wanaka Presbyterian Community Church

Photographs are a wonderful way of documenting an event. If you happen to be at a Church group or event and can take 1 or 2 pictures please email them to me at the address below if you are happy for them to be used in the newsletters or on the website or Facebook.

Helen Brooks

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Our website www.wpccc.org.nz



and do 'like' us on

Facebook....Wanaka Presbyterian Community Church.

The Year Ahead.....

The year ahead, what will it bring?

**At least we can be sure of spring
What will they hold - the coming hours?**

**At least we may be sure of
flowers**

**Blossoms and birds and budding
trees**

**Thank God, we may be sure of
these.**

Anon

St Ninian's Hawea Flat

We continue to be blessed in our small congregation.

We are still having our shared lunches after the monthly service, which is a great time for fellowship and after one of these recent lunches we had a discussion on the future direction of our fellowship. One thought was to have a regular bible study group, the first gathering of which occurred last week (Thursday, 28th of July).

Sixteen people attended from around the area, some of whom were attending St. Ninian's and others who were new to the area and were initially looking for a small group to join.

This new group feels very much like a new beginning...

It was decided that our group will meet weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm, 88 Nichol St., Lake Hawea - Mark and Liz's house and in the first few weeks we will be looking at the book of Matthew. We aim to study the bible passage for an hour



and then share needs and pray for each other for the last half an hour. This new group feels very much like a new beginning, and we look forward to learning and growing together, being a community and supporting each other.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

The Concept: Hosts sign up to open their homes and entertain approximately 4 guests. Guests sign up to bring dessert.

All guests meet at the church on the arranged evening to be given the address they should head to. Hosts do not know who their guests are until they open the door!

From Russell Lewthwaite..... There has been overwhelming support & excitement regarding the evening and a heap of people can't wait until we do it again...The element of 'surprise' was key to this.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER - MASTER SHEET				
HOSTS	GUESTS	GUESTS	GUESTS	
DAVID & JOCELYN WILSON	LORRAINE SCOTT	LYNDA GREGG	RUSS & JEN	
ROB & JOAN LUKE	J&S ADKINS	J & M FEINT		
MICHAEL & PAULINE HYNDMAN	K CARTER	P&A SOUTHWICK	CHRISTIE	
GRAEME & SUE KNAUF	HERBIE SHEAT	MARILYN FRASER	M&C BAKER	
ALVIN & JUDY REID	A&L LOVELOCK	4 KIDS	2 PARENTS	
EION & MARILLA PARK	M&L DAVEY	CALEB DEARLOVE	RYAN LOBB	
GRANT & LYNN GORDON	K&I BRAGAN	ANNE MacDONALD	JUNE HARRIS	
KARL & LIZ HALL	I&J HYSLOP	LESLEY STEWART	VAL GARRETT	
JOSIE McKENZIE	AVIS MUNRO	DIANA DUFFIELD	DOROTHY BUCKNER	MARGARET STENHOUSE
ROSEMARY AHERN & TREVOR W	BETTY SWIFT	B&D HALE	DIANE MILLER	
RUSS & BEV LOVELOCK	A&T MAYHEW	PAT WINSLOE	ROBIN COPLAND	
MURRAY & LYNLEY IVES	G&C TAYLOR	ANNE COOPER	L ROSBOROUGH	
TOM & COLLEEN TOPPING	W& S ARLIDGE	TOM BULLEN		
ROLAND & KAREN 'ZULA LODGE'	N&R COWIE	LIZ ENGLISH		

The Master Sheet...

maybe it's mandatory for group pix to be taken at the homes of the next one we do!

Everyone seemed to appreciate the underlying motive .. to 'build community' and get to know a lot of folks we don't get to meet at the social time after church.

One person thanked me for placing them in a home of folks that they had been thinking a lot about and had been praying for a way to meet them and get to know them... (this fact was totally unknown to us.. but God knew eh!)

Guest perspective.....

This recent church social event was an interesting concept (and for those of you who have never seen or heard of the 1967 movie of the same name..starring Tracy, Hepburn and Poitier, I would highly recommend it!)

It obviously took a lot of careful planning by the organisers and for the hosts especiallychoosing what to cook, not knowing who was coming.

Speaking to people later, it was obvious that everyone did a wonderful job and all the participants had enjoyed themselves.

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Perhaps some time in the future a pamphlet could be put together with some of the recipes from those willing to share !

I certainly had a lovely time and it was a good opportunity to get to know people better. The conversation flowed and we had a very friendly and relaxing evening. (Thank you Pauline and Michael Hyndman - our Hosts)

Thanks also to Alison and Peter Southwick together with Christie for their company and for driving me there. I would probably have got lost !!

I would say 'A resounding success'. Well done all the Hosts.

Kath Carter

Polar Plunge Sunday



3 of our younger members (sensibly?) thought the best place to enjoy a mid-winter dip was from the top of a lakeshore tree!

Perhaps they'd learnt about Zacchaeus at Rainbow Club?



Objections

Ian's recent series on Objections To The Christian Faith has been wonderfully challenging on many levels but perhaps the message that resonated with me most was "Because it's not scientific" and the visit from guest speaker Dr Bill Lee, principal scientist with Landcare Research.

During my faith journey, it has always frustrated me that people separate science from God.. as if the two things are so fundamentally opposed that you can't have one and believe in the other.

Lucy Davey gave the children a great demonstration of cause and effect using dominoes.....why did they not land in such a beautiful pattern if you just threw them up in the air and hoped for the best?

Bill Lee's obvious passion as a botanist for the natural world and its ecosystems does not preclude him from a strong belief in God...listening to him speak, I think the opposite was true. The subtleties and diversities of the natural world teach otherwise.

A few months ago I discovered John Carson Lennox whilst trawling my Facebook feed. A friend in the UK had shared a You Tube clip of Professor Lennox explaining why Jesus is the only way (it involves his wife and apple pie and is well worth a watch*).

Lennox is a Northern Irish mathematician, philosopher of science and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford. He is also described as a Christian apologist. This was not a description I was familiar with..hang on a minute I thought, what does he feel he has to say sorry for? Thanks to a quick google search, I learnt that the Greek 'apologia' actually means 'speaking in defence' and that Christian apologists offer a rationalized basis for faith and a reasoned defence of it. CS Lewis is one of the most well known apologists.

Lennox has written several books and debated with Richard Dawkins over the "God Delusion"

He says that 'science and faith are friendly allies, not hostile enemies' I now look forward to reading and watching more of Dr. Lennox apologising!

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have 1 Peter 3:15

Helen Brooks

You can listen (or listen again) to "Objections To The Christian Faith – Because it's Not Scientific" on the WPCCC website along with other messages in the series.

***Dr John Lennox "Christianity Is Not A Religion" in 6 minutes**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azWJ-MtxR2Q>

GUEST SPEAKERS

coming
up.....

Sunday 14th August Wanaka (9:30am)
and Hawea (11:00am)

McDonald Akinary who is spearheading
the establishment of an orphanage in
Northern Bangladesh

Sunday 18th September Wanaka

9:30am

East Taieri Church Youth team will lead
worship

Sunday 25th September Wanaka 9:30am

Guest speaker from "Christians Against
Poverty"



The **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Sunday 28th August
after morning worship and will be followed by a finger food lunch.

The Annual reports will be available to collect at church
2 weeks prior to this.

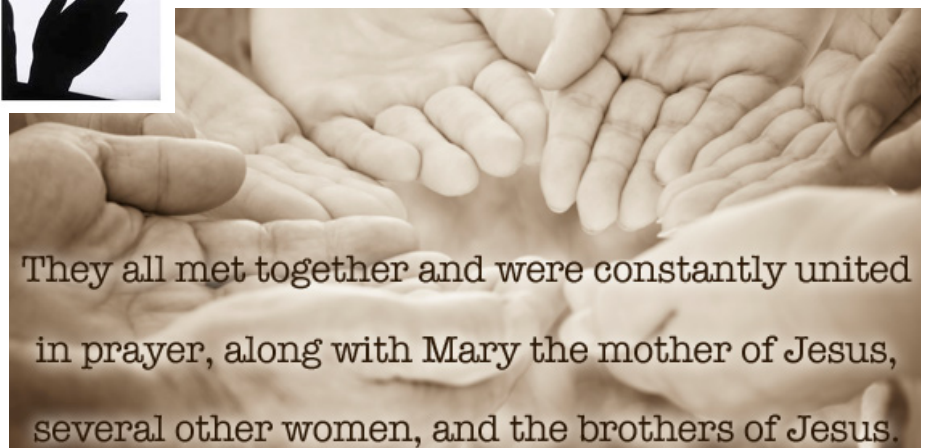
Prayer Notes

The church prayer group
meets 5—5.30pm each
Sunday.



We pray that God will fill
our hearts with a passion to
pray for the lost. Please
come and join us as we
pray.

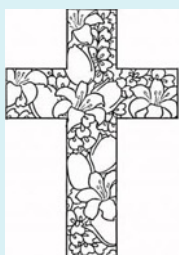
Acts 1:14



They all met together and were constantly united
in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus,
several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

June Harris

Prayer Convenor 4431788



The following funerals took place at St Andrews

7 May
8 June
8 July
20 July

Bryan Umbers
Annie May
Gary Walker
David Dickey



RAINBOW CLUB

Since our last report to you all, we have moved through the celebration of Easter and Pentecost. As a gift to our Church family, we made a picture about the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost.

It is hanging in the church hall in Wanaka if you want to see it.

Thank you Mrs Hale for helping with this.



Our learning time just lately has been based on stories from the Hebrew Scriptures...the Old Testament —where we thought about how God's Voice comes to us in many different ways.

In the book of Proverbs 8:12 there are these important words,

"I am Wisdom—Common Sense is my closest friend."

God is Wisdom so we need to listen to God's Voice just like the prophets Elijah and Elisha did long ago. We followed some of their stories in the two Books of Kings. We thought about how God speaks through people who have no voice, like the widow who fed Elijah the last food she had. In that story there was always oil and flour in the widow's cupboard to share with Elijah and her son. When Elijah saw King Ahab take Naboth's vineyard, the prophet spoke God's Voice of justice.

The poster is titled "Justice Grapevine!!". It features two green vine-like structures made of string, adorned with numerous paper leaves. Each leaf contains a handwritten message or phrase, many of which are related to justice, kindness, and social values. A central white card reads: "Remembering God's ways help us make fair and good choices." Below the vines, the names of several children are listed: Christie, Layla, Emily, Holly G, Avigael, and Jonty. At the bottom left, it says "See 1 Kings 21:17-21".

Messages on the leaves include:

- Don't tell lies
- Stick up for people
- Work together
- Kind NO Kind NO Matter WHAT
- Share
- Include Others
- DON'T INSULT
- Encourage
- Be honest
- Share with everyone
- Be kind
- Don't insult love others
- BE A PRISONER
- Never give up
- Share with others
- WASH YOUR FACE
- Share with others
- LOVE
- Encourage
- Don't insult
- Share
- Common sense
- Not feeling
- is being kind
- Sharing
- Justice
- MIRE
- Treat you like you want to be treated
- Golden rule
- Love live up to your word
- Be kind
- Believe in people
- Be honest
- Be Fair

Names at the bottom: Christie, Layla, Emily, Holly G, Avigael, Jonty.

Reference: See 1 Kings 21:17-21

The Healing River 3-7-16

Green Star:
 Help me
 to be a good
 person
 and to love
 God and my
 neighbor.

Red Heart:
 Loving God...
 We ask for your support and
 love to those who struggle
 to...
 find God and
 love and do
 good.

Blue Hand:
 Dear God,
 Thank you for
 your people.
 Amen.

Blue Star:
 Amen

Green Heart:
 Dear God
 Please help
 me to be a good
 person
 Amen

Orange Hand:
 Dear God
 Please help
 me to be a good
 person
 Amen

Brown Heart:
 Loving God
 We ask that
 your ways of
 love and justice
 will come for all
 who have
 been hurt
 and wronged
 in our world.

Small Orange Tag:
 Think about how you can help and be
 part of God's healing ways!



It is always good to welcome new members and visitors to Rainbow Club. Remember we meet at 9:30 am every Sunday in Wanaka.



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We welcome your offering by automatic payment to the church account

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The Last Word.....

Peace is a fragile flower of your planting; May we, as your gardeners, tend it and strengthen it with the love we draw from you

Cliff Reed

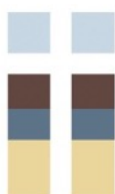
Come and worship with us!

Morning Worship every Sunday 9:30am WPCCC Tenby Street

Night Church Sundays during term time 7:00pm WPCCC Tenby Street

Community Worship 2nd Sunday of each month 11:30am St Ninian's

Haweia Flat with
Communion and shared lunch



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