



OMOKOROA

COMMUNITY CHURCH

NEWSLETTER-Sunday 28th January 2024

To live by
FAITH

To be known by
LOVE

To be a voice of
HOPE

Philippians 3:14



**I press on
toward the
goal for the
prize of the
upward call
of God in
Christ Jesus**

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SERVICE THIS WEEK:

10am Combined Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew

Readings: Philippians 3:10-21

SERVICE NEXT WEEK 4th FEBRUARY:

8.30am Traditional Service with Communion

10am Contemporary service with Communion and Kidzone

6.30pm: Evening Service-Pakistan Video

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATTHEW

PRAISE GOD FOR AN AMAZING MISSION

This Sunday morning we're going to get a feeling of what it is like to go to Pakistan. We will attend an outdoor church service. It might not be easy, for there is more noise and distractions when it is outdoors. You will be surrounded by children who might not always sit still. Nevertheless, the church is growing in this area and our job is to make disciples.

The reality of Heaven is something that I love to preach. Praise God that those who are poor in this world can be rich in faith and receive a great heavenly reward. Praise God for our Pakistani brothers and sisters who have received the gift of eternal life.

'I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus....

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body' (Philippians 3:14,20-21).

Thank you for your prayers, as this mission went above expectation, Pastor Matthew.



DUTIES NEXT SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

	Reader	Prayers	Flowers	Welcomers
8.30am	James Alexander	Linda Carter	Dawn de Wet	Jim & Linda
10am	Murray Munro	Val Munro		Dellas & Dianna

HOMEGROUPS AND MEETINGS

See Notice Board for more Information

Ladies Bible Study: Tuesday mornings. Held here at the OCC. Starts at 10am but all welcome to have a cuppa from 9.30am. Will resume 13th February 2024.

Prayer Meeting: Friday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30am at the Church.

Friendship Club: Every Friday morning at 10am. Contact Lorraine and Brick Taylor Ph 548-1404 for more info. Will resume Friday 2nd February 2024.

On Point Coffee Club: Meets at 10am at the Omokoroa Boat Club the 3rd Friday of every month. Next meeting will be in February 2024.

**MATTHEW PRAYS AT THE CHURCH TUESDAY-FRIDAY FROM 8.30 - 9.30AM.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN MATTHEW.**

PRAYER CHAIN

**Do you have a prayer need?
If you have a heart for prayer we'd
love you to be a part of our prayer
chain. For more information
please contact Olwyn Nicholls
Ph: 548-0682 or Dianna Garland
Ph: 548-0802**



COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR



**The coordinator for the community service
(ie: medical transportation) is Peter Gerritsen
Ph: 548-2835.**

HEALING ROOMS REQUEST

The Healing Rooms Team are in the process of setting up and hoping to be up and running in March. As part of their set up, they need 2 mobile phones.

If anyone has a spare one they can use, please let Joke Gerritsen know on phone 548 2835.



MOST LOVED HYMNS, CHORUSES AND WORSHIP SONGS

Everyone has their favourite hymns and worship songs and we would love to hear your choice. There is a little red box in the foyer where you can drop your list of favourite songs. The aim is to include these in our Sunday services- both 8.30am and 10am.



CHURCH CHUCKLES

These sentences actually appeared in Church bulletins or were announced in Church services:



"The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals"

"Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get"

"Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door"

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands"

"For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs"

"At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice"

OCC NEWSLETTERS & SERMONS

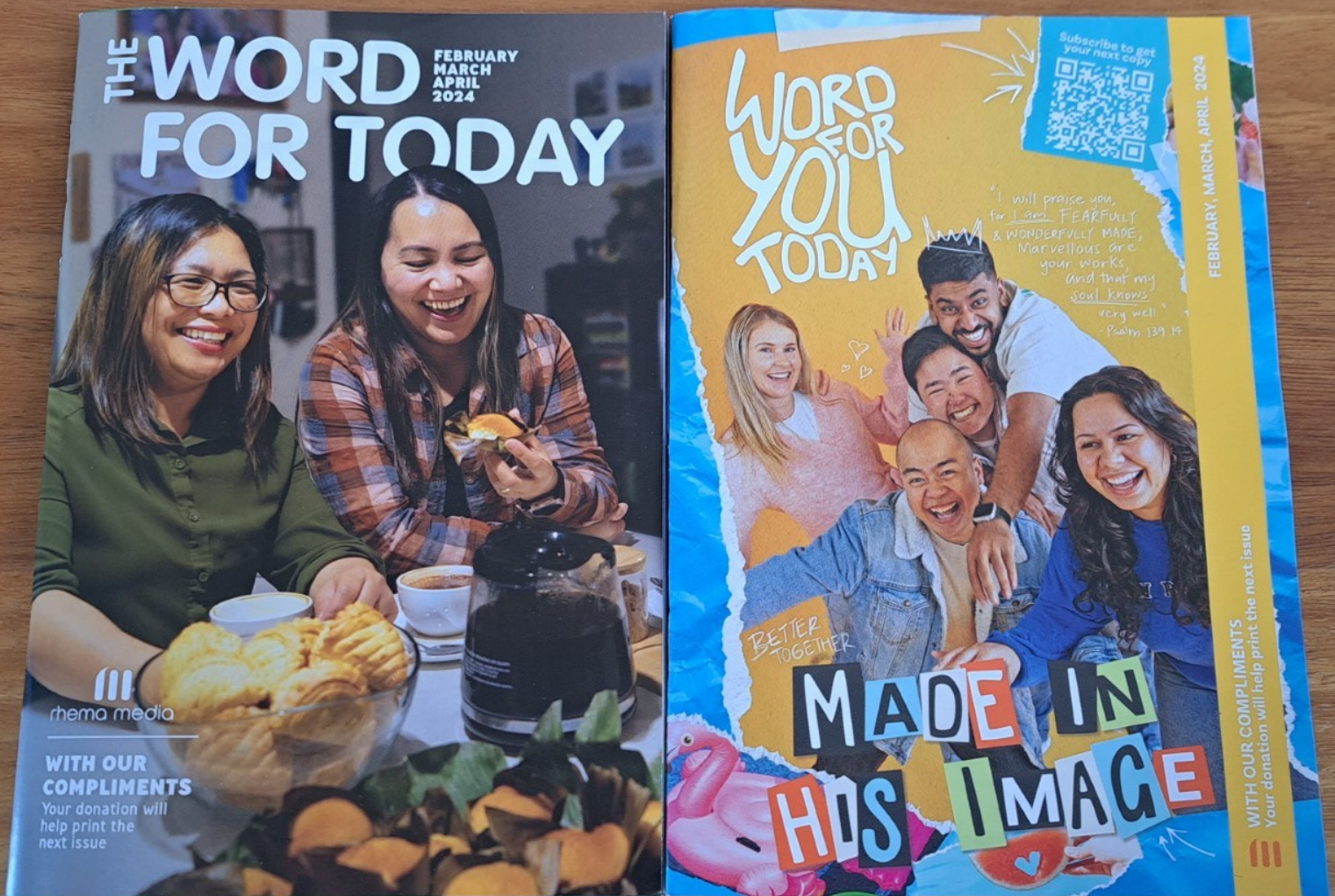
Thank you to Maureen Jacob who delivers the OCC weekly Newsletter and the copies of Sunday's sermons to the residents of Acacia Park.

Maureen says that they love to read the newsletters and sermons and that they are so well received and appreciated. What a wonderful ministry to be able to share this with them.

WORD FOR TODAY/WORD FOR YOU TODAY

The new Word for Today booklets for Feb, March and April have arrived. They are available in the church foyer. We strongly encourage you to make use of this awesome resource. It is a wonderful way to start each day. There is also The Word for You Today which is for our youth.

You are welcome to take copies for family and friends.



OCC PHOTO GALLERY

We hope that you all enjoy looking at all the lovely photos on the photo gallery in the hall. I have started to update the photos and put some photos of recent events on the board for everyone to share. If you have any photos of any church events and would like to share them, please feel free to put them up or email to me in order to print. This is a lovely opportunity to share the church events with both church family and visitors alike.



THANK YOU

Thanks to Ludi & Ian for putting up this funky blind in the prayer room. We still need another 2 seater couch (similar to the one in the photo) and also a couple more bright coloured bean bags. If you have any of these items to donate, please let Tanya know. Thanks.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2024 ROSTERS

As we make a fresh start to 2024, we are once again making a plea for volunteers to come on board the weekly rosters. Even if you can help once every 2 months, that would be a big help and lighten the load for those already volunteering-both at the 8.30am and 10am services:

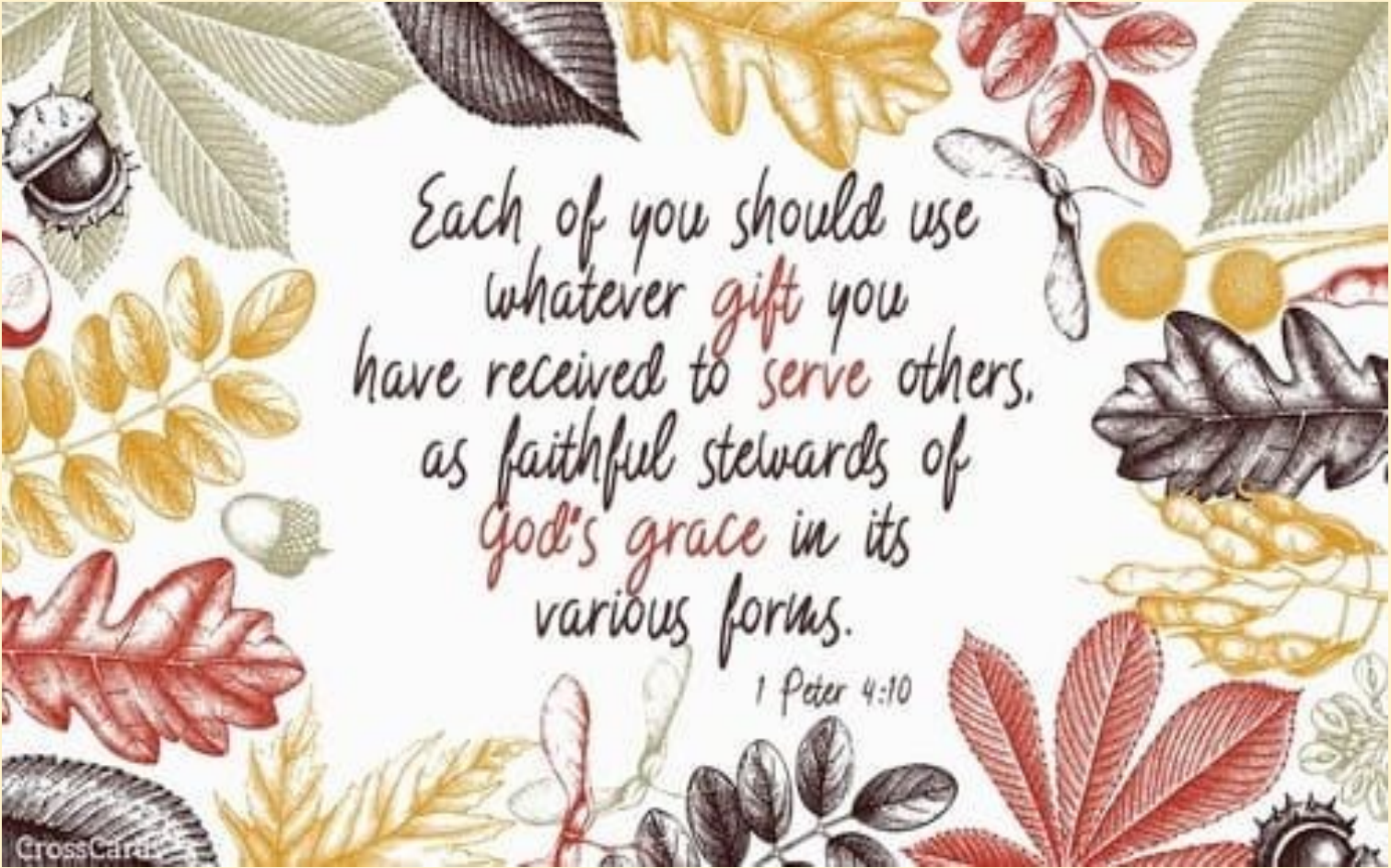
Welcomers, readers, offering stewards' morning tea, flowers etc

We would also like to encourage parents to get their children involved-assist with the flowers, welcoming, taking up the offering, saying the offering prayer or even sharing an achievement or something special that has happened in their lives or at school.

Should you have any other suggestions or ideas, please feel free to have a chat with me.

Thank you to all those who help with the roster duties.

Our church would not be the AWESOME church that it is without YOU!



*Each of you should use
whatever **gift** you
have received to **serve** others,
as faithful stewards of
God's grace in its
various forms.*

1 Peter 4:10

OMOKOROA FOODBANK

We, as a church, organise the Omokoroa Community Food Bank. We are pleased that there is now a collection point at Fresh Choice Supermarket (near the front door).

Items of food can be placed in the baskets at both Sunday services. Thank you for the support you show this ministry in partnering with us to support those in need in our community.

Every Wednesday afternoon at 3.30pm we have a variety of food at the Church which is kindly donated by 'Good Neighbour'. There is usually a supply of bread, fruit, vegetables, salad greens and sometimes even eggs.

If you know of a family or neighbour who can benefit from this, please spread the word or come down and help yourselves.

OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2pm.

You can contact Tanya on 07 548 2515 or email: tanya@theocc.org.nz

GIVING AND TITHING

If you would like to tithe, either by envelope, automatic payment or Internet banking, you will need a giving number.

Please contact Gwen Harding on (021)543090 to receive your number.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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To be known by Love

And to be a voice of Hope

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