



# OMOKOROA

COMMUNITY CHURCH

**NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 4th December 2022**

To live by  
**FAITH**

To be known by  
**LOVE**

To be a voice of  
**HOPE**

"Well done,  
good and  
faithful servant...  
Enter into the  
joy of your  
Master."

Matthew 25:21

**SERVICES THIS WEEK: Sunday 4th December**  
8.30am Traditional Service with Communion  
10am Contemporary Service with Communion & Kidzone  
Speaker: Pastor Matthew  
Readings: Matthew 25: 14-30  
Special Service : Baby dedication  
**6.30pm Evening Service with Tim Garland**

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK: Sunday 11th December**  
8.30am Traditional Service with Communion  
10am Contemporary Service with & Kidzone  
**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT AT 6PM**

# MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MATTHEW

## WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

***'His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' (Matthew 25:21,23).***

**We are going to examine these words of Jesus, for each of us should desire to hear our Lord say them to us on the Day of Judgment. I'll be looking at the following points:**

- 1) Well done**
- 2) Good**
- 3) Faithful**
- 4) Servant**
- 5) You have been faithful with a few things**
- 6) I will put you in charge of many things**
- 7) Come**
- 8) Share your master's happiness**

**It is wonderful to be saved and to know that Jesus has forgiven you of your sins. It will be wonderful to make it to Heaven, but are you faithful? Some people will only just make it to Heaven, but they won't have the greater rewards and treasures that are available in Christ. We want to make sure every Christian is the true Christian and the strong Christian. To some people Jesus will say, "Yes, I forgive you. Enter Heaven." But can He say to them, "Well done, good and faithful servant"?**

**Let the strength of God's word go deeply into your heart today.  
God bless, Pastor Matthew.**

# TO SERVE AND TO BE SERVED

## DUTIES NEXT SUNDAY 11th December

	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Welcomers</b>
8.30am	Mary Klein	Margaret Canter	Jo Uttinger	Reg & Shirley Deane
10am	Natasha Needham	Tim Garland		Judy Turner & Gwen Harding

## HOMEGROUPS AND MEETINGS

**Ladies Bible Study: On hold for the Christmas Holidays. Will resume 2023.**

**Prayer Meeting: Friday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30am at the Church.  
Will resume 2023**

**Friendship Club: On hold for the Christmas break. Will resume 2023. Contact  
Lorraine and Brick Taylor Ph 548-1404 for more information.**

**OCC Walking Group: Every alternative Friday at 9am-see info in foyer**

**On Point Coffee Club: Meets at the Boat Club every alternative Friday at 2pm.  
Will resume 2023.**

**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.**

# KIDZONE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you love little kids? We'd love you to join the Kidzone pre-school team!

Commitment is once a month during the Sunday service

No planning required – just turn up

Age 2-5yr olds. (Under 2s are usually attended by their parents).

The programme usually involves a short story and a colouring or basic craft/activity, then free play.

We just need your hands and heart to read, play, assist, encourage and supervise these precious members of our church family.

If this sounds like something you'd love to be involved with, please contact Jo on 021 628 467 or [jwf1@outlook.co.nz](mailto:jwf1@outlook.co.nz)

## JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



## OMOKOROA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DRIVE 2022

The Omokoroa Foodbank which is run from the Omokoroa Community church is supported each year by the collection of all the items from the food drive. Your help will be very much appreciated on the evening. See Rick's email below

**Omokoroa Food Drive 2022:**

We are starting to plan the routes for the 2022 food drive. In the coming weeks I'll be putting out a request for volunteers to help collect and drive.

When: 6th of December 2022 from 6pm ish to 8pm.

Let me know if you would like to be involved.

[rick.peers@gmail.com](mailto:rick.peers@gmail.com)

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Community  
FOOD  
Bank Drive 2022

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**We are looking for a team of strong able-bodied volunteers to assist with the setting up and rearrangement of the stage for the Christmas Choir Concert next week Sunday 11th December. The team will stay behind after the 10am service to arrange the stage for the concert at 6pm. Please let Tanya know if you can assist.**

## DAY OF PRAYER

### Calling our Children's Pastor

**We will be holding a day of prayer here at the OCC on Thursday 8th December from 9.30am to 4.30pm. There will be a booking form in the church foyer to sign up for your hour slot. Please come and pray that God will send us the right person for this vital role within our church.**



# ALBANIA FUNDRAISER

**We are fundraising for Pastor Matthew and Tim's trip to Albania in January 2023. Matthew and Tim have the privilege of attending a camp with the Albanian Amputee soccer team and need funding for this trip. If you are able to assist, please donate via the Church bank account using the word ALBANIA as the reference.**

**Thank you for your support.**



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE ANDERTONS

**With all the lovely music, fun and festivities of last year's Christmas eve carols event, we have decided to make this an annual event. Please join us on 24th December at the Anderton's home located at the beautiful Omokoroa domain. Invite family and friends, bring a picnic and share in the Christmas celebration.**

**When: Saturday 24th December at 7pm**

**Where: 32 Harbour View Road,  
Omokoroa**

**We hope to see you there.**



# *Christmas Carols at The OCC*

FEATURING:

**Bethlehem College Sound Collective**

Music Director-Glenese Blake

Accompanist-Kelly Haywood Performance Director

**Omokoroa Community Church Choir  
& Omokoroa Country Estate Singers**

Led by Helena van der Merwe and Pianist Alison Tyson

**Sunday 11th December 6pm**

**@ The Omokoroa Community Church**

**Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas with us**

**Enquiries: 07 548 2515**

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# 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 Thursday morning 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 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](mailto: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

**To live by Faith,**

**To be known by Love**

**And to be a voice of Hope**

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