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BMC exists to be in the hands, feet and voice of God in our community, under the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Ministry Team:

The congregation in its life & work

Girls' Brigade: Wednesdays at 6:00pm
Boys' Brigade: Fridays at 7:00pm

Cyclone Gabrielle Rebuild Fundraiser

The Birdwood

On Sunday 26th March from 4pm The Birdwood are hosting a big Cyclone Gabrielle Rebuild fundraiser evening.

Our amazing staff are donating their time on their evening off, and we are working with some of our amazing suppliers donating ingredients so we can open our pizzeria for a very special fundraising meal.

There will be our usual Birdwood Pizzeria food. If people wish to dine in they can BYO beer and wine and ALL corkage charges will be donated to the fundraising. For those that would prefer to eat at home first but still take part in fundraising or auctions or raffle we will also open the coffee window for Hot Drinks and Gelato sales. We will also offer takeaways (you will need to bring your own plates down to us!)

100% of EVERY purchase on this evening will be going to the fundraiser total.

We will also have a Raffle with some amazing prizes already donated.

We have lofty goals for raising thousands of dollars. After all, Christchurch was once a recipient of charity and support from all over New Zealand too. We know how it feels to lose business and homes and need to rebuild.

One of the main recipients of our funds raised will be Super Grans Tairawhiti Trust. Our intention in choosing this charity was to have someone on the ground up on the East Coast of the North Island that can communicate with us how they are using funds for those displaced or challenged so we can tell you all how and where your money will be helping people rebuild after Cyclone Gabrielle. We have spoken to Linda their GM and will continue to post on our event and social media transparently about their use of funds, and anything we raise will go to families in need on the Gisborne area. We hope you agree they are so worth making this event huge



	5 March <i>World day of Prayer</i>	12 March <i>Commissioning Service</i>	19 March
Service time	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am
Ministering	Dianne and Helen	Rev Kathryn Walters	
Music	Dianne Watson and		
Intercessory Prayer	Mark Stephens		Eric Russell
Reader	Ros Jackson	Daniel Webster	Darren Webster
Scripture Reading			
PowerPoint	Darren Webster		Craig Richardson
AV control	Darren Webster	Kelvin Aird	Mark Stephens
Flowers			Christine Lloyd
Morning Tea	Lois and Russell	TBC	Christine and David
Door Hostess			
Door Stewards	Tini Richardson and Lynette Mulcahy	Graham McHarg	Chris Cole and Neville Buxton
Loopy Church			
Notices	Darren Webster	Darren Webster	Darren Webster
Ministers Steward	Maria Webster	Maria Webster	Maria Webster

Thanks to our readers in today's service who join women from all over the world sharing this service from Taiwan. Please support a second offering for Christian World Service, the Bible Society and Hospital Chaplaincy.

March Touchstones are on line and in the church foyer. Read about Cyclone Gabrielle, the Baring Square Ashburton Church re-opening, MWF news, CWS Appeals and early missionary news. Share the on-line website with your family and friends.

Loopy Church is looking for helpers as we have a wide range of ages to manage on a Sunday Morning. Please let Ros or Maria know if you are able to help out for as little as 1 week this year or to go on a regular roster. The programme will be run by one of our regular leaders but need an extra adult or two to help out with whatever is needed.

Lectionary Readings next week:

Exodus 17: 1 - 7
Psalms 95
Romans 5: 1 - 11
John 4: 5 - 42

Prayer list

Lynda Bush, Osker Valistark, Scott Bernard Elvidge, Elizabeth Little, Jean Morris, Graham Claughton, Fay Hill, Audrey Templeman, Paul Beaumont, Dianne Claughton

Coming Events

Mon 6		
Tues 7		
Wed 8	Loopy Tunes M.W.F Girls Brigade	10.30 am 1.30 pm 6.00 pm
Thurs 9		
Fri 10	Boys Brigade	7.00 pm
Sat 11		
Sun 12	Sunday Service Bible Study	10.00 am 7.30 pm

Girls Brigade News: We have begun the year with eleven girls and three leaders. Cathie and two Pioneers are attending Leadership Training in Auckland in April and fundraising is needed. Please support our hot cross buns sales and a concert.

Boys Brigade News: Our leaders and boys are at Waipara for the annual CATAC Camp and the celebration of 140 years of BB world wide this weekend.

Upcoming Events

Next Week we have our Commissioning service for Rev Robin Humphreys lead by Rev Kathryn Walters. It will be a family friendly service with a shared lunch afterwards. Please bring a plate along to share.

Loopy Tunes

Is back in action in our church hall on Wednesday morning unfortunately still working on registered attendees only.



We have a Sunday night Bible Study



Methodist Women's Fellowship:

is Wednesday, 1.30 in the Hall Lounge, with a Lenten theme and the introduction of our two National Projects - CWS in Tonga and the NZ Living Wage Movement. New members welcome.