

## Let's Pray!

- Teach us, Lord what it means to praise and worship you with our whole heart. You alone deserve our worship.
- Give Him thanks for all His goodness to us, especially for those blessings we so easily take for granted, and remember in prayer those for whom fresh air, clean water, and a safe place to sleep is a luxury they can only dream about.
- Pray for the sick, the frail, the lonely, and marginalized and those dealing with chronic health, financial, or personal challenges. Remind us, Lord that You choose to work through Your People, so open the eyes of our hearts to see the need, and a willingness to be part of Your answer for them.
- Pray God's blessing over our sister Churches. Pray for unity amongst us as we encourage and support one another to make Christ known in our community.
- Pray for Andrew and the Leaders, for unity, wisdom, and discernment as they lead us well. Pray we would all be committed to doing our part and support them.
- Pray for Sarah, and all involved our community outreaches. For all who use our church buildings, come for food, or sleep under its shelter. May God's presence be evident for them and become known to many. Pray especially for the families represented by the young people associated with Colenso School. Jesus came to set free the captives, heal the broken, and bring Good News. Pray that each of us can contribute to His plan to heal our very broken community. One child at a time!
- Pray for each other that we will all invite the Holy Spirit to do His work in us, reflect His nature, and have the courage to share the hope we have in Christ.

IF YOU ARE NOT YET ON THE PRAYER NETWORK AND WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED. PLEASE LET HELEN KNOW, 027 8422963.

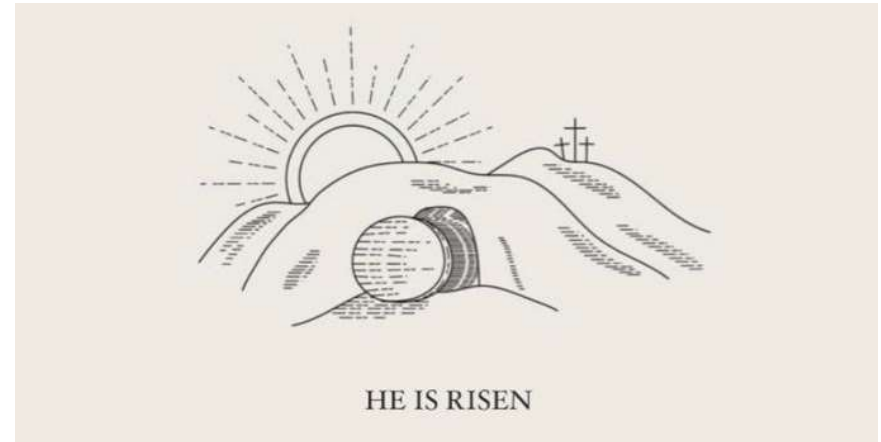
Service Teams	Duty Person	Door Greeter	Morning Tea Team	Clean Team	Communion
Apr 5	R Graham	I Blair	J&C Bebarfald	J&C Bebarfald	H Dunnett & E Hosken
Apr 12	N Bennett	F Marshall	J Gerken, J Stoltz & P Sosa	G&A Hickling	
Apr 19	B Lucas	R Lucas	Green	I&J Beaven	
Apr 26	M Hosken	R Thomas	N Bennett	R Graham & M Foster	
<b>Communion Servers for April 5:</b> G&J Pritchard, B&R Lucas, M Hosken & Z Furniss					

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**10 am service every Sunday**



**April 2026**

*Our values*

**Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**  
(Col 3:12)

### CONTACTS

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## Pastor's Pen

Below is an extract from a sermon by S.M. Lockridge called **It's Friday but Sunday's Coming**. I have found that reading through this slowing is a wonderful way to remind us of the Easter season.

**It's Friday:** Jesus is praying, Peter's a sleeping, Judas is betrayin.... **But Sunday's comin'**

**It's Friday:** Pilate's struggling, The council is conspiring, The crowd is vilifying, They don't even know....**That Sunday's comin'**

**It's Friday:** The disciples are running, Like sheep without a shepherd, Mary's crying, Peter is denying, But they don't know... **That Sunday's a comin'**

**It's Friday:** The Romans beat my Jesus, They robe him in scarlet, They crown him with thorns, But they don't know... **That Sunday's comin'**

**It's Friday:** See Jesus walking to Calvary, His blood dripping, His body stumbling, And his spirit's burdened, But you see, it's only Friday.... **Sunday's comin'**

**It's Friday:** The world's winning, People are sinning, And evil's grinning

**It's Friday:** The soldiers nail my Savior's hands, To the cross, They nail my Savior's feet, To the cross, And then they raise him up, Next to criminals

**It's Friday:** But let me tell you something... **Sunday's comin'**

**It's Friday:** The disciples are questioning, What has happened to their King, And the Pharisees are celebrating, that their scheming has been achieved, But they don't know

**It's only Friday.....Sunday's comin'**

**It's Friday:** He's hanging on the cross, Feeling forsaken by his Father, Left alone and dying, Can nobody save him?

**It's Friday.....But Sunday's comin'**

**It's Friday:** The earth trembles, The sky grows dark, My King yields his spirit

**It's Friday:** Hope is lost, Death has won, Sin has conquered and Satan's just a laughin'

**It's Friday:** Jesus is buried, A soldier stands guard, And a rock is rolled into place....

**But it's Friday.... It is only Friday.... Sunday is a comin'!**

Andrew

## Services for April

5 <sup>th</sup> April	Regular Service	Communion
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Regular Service	G Brandt
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Regular Service	
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Regular Service	

## Offerings & Gifts

Tithes & offerings total for February '26: **\$ 16,268** Budget: **\$14,800**

For more information on ways to give and giving number, refer to flyers available.  
Napier Baptist Church's bank account: BNZ - **Napier Branch 02 0700 0010779 00.**

## Notices

**Te Hahi – Duty week: 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April**

### Community Volleyball

It's time for another fun volleyball game at the Colenso gym next Sunday, **12<sup>th</sup> of April**, from 3.30-5.00pm. Come along for an active afternoon on the court or just relax on the sidelines chatting with the youth.

### Youth Bible Study

We are taking a break from Youth Alpha for the school holidays. We will resume on the **20<sup>th</sup> of April**, from 6.30-8.30pm in the hall. For queries, please contact Sarah Mitchell – 021311418.

### Marriage Course

Sonja and Andrew will be running a **10-session** marriage course by Lifekeys called "Making Marriage Better". If you're keen, let Andrew, Sonja or the office know.

There is also an **expression of interest form** at the back of the church.

### Giving

Thank you for your generous giving. Your support is vital in advancing God's work both locally and abroad. As you continue to give, please keep in your prayers our local missions with Colenso College, the surrounding community, and our overseas missions.

## What's On This Month

**Ladies Coffee Club & BOBs Men's Coffee – Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April**, at Mitre10 Café, at 10:00am.

**BMF – Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm.** Contact Faith Marshall for meeting place.

**Prayer Together – Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15-ish pm and Thursdays, 9:00 – 10:15-ish am** in the Auditorium and Engine room, respectively.

**Shake, Rattle & Roll – Wednesdays, 10:00am** in the Auditorium (School terms). Resumes 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Care & Share – Thursdays at 9:30am** in the Lounge (School terms).

**Working Bee – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April**, 9:00 am – noon.

**Men's Breakfast – 25<sup>th</sup> April** 8.00am in the Hall.

**Sunday Pre-service Prayer – 9:15 to 9:50 a.m.** in the Engine Room.

## Study & Fellowship

<b>Super Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> or Last Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.	Brian 0212797305
<b>Tuesday Night Study</b>	6:00 p.m.	Ven 021487373 / 068436302
<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.	Melanie 02040383482
<b>Wednesday Afternoon</b>	3:00 p.m.	Helen 0278422963
<b>Young Adults' Bible Study</b>	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.	Sarah 021311418
<b>Evergreens Study</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2:00 p.m.	Eddie 068367363
<b>Thursday Bible Study</b>	7:30 p.m.	Andrew 0276258747 / Sonja 0277282840