

### Sundays—coming up

**Prayer each Sunday 9.30am in the lounge. All welcome.**

**March 17th** 10am Brian Cochran  
*Sacred echo – Take care of my people*

**March 24th** 10am Monica Carey (BBC)  
*Sacred echo—Bring them to me.*  
*Connect-Ability after the service.*

**CAN WE HELP?** If you need any help getting to appointments or doing simple jobs at home we have a team of people who may be able to help. Contact Julia Arden on 5715577 or the church office.

#### **FINANCIAL GIVING:**

This is a regular habit of our worship that is needed for us to continue & to grow in God's work.

**For a Central giving number** (for tax rebates)

**email:** office@tcbc.org.nz

**Please include your giving number as a reference.**

For cash giving, place in the basket at the back of the auditorium.

For online giving:

**For general church offerings/appeals please use:** 03 0435 0475881 27.

**Weekly budget:** \$4,615    **Average giving:** \$4,008

**Did you know that all of our weekly newsletters and messages are uploaded here: [www.tcbc.org.nz](http://www.tcbc.org.nz) + we also communicate and engage as a community on various Facebook Groups. Just ask the office to find out more.**



#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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# Tauranga Central Baptist Church

**Haere mai, welcome! March 17th 2024**

# Lent

REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE

**Discovering what it means to know God,  
the world, each other, and to love.**

## Pastor's Scribble ....

Easter is just around the corner, a significant time for the church. While I hope you get the chance to connect with family and eat the occasional easter egg—I also hope you will make some time to reflect on what Jesus has done for you.



Our Easter experience here at Central begins with three evening services in our Auditorium over the **Holy Week**. These will be reflective services capturing a different aspect of the Easter story. **Sunday 24th, Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th – 7-8pm.**

Also over this week (24th-28th) here at Central, an art installation called **Stations in the Street** will be available for the public to view from **7 to 9pm**. "Stations in the Street" is a modern take on the ancient remembrance pilgrimage that early Christians took each Easter retracing Jesus' final steps to the Cross and eventual Resurrection. Art pieces will be on display with the opportunity to engage in the Easter story via art, meditation and provoking questions.

Then on **Good Friday and Easter Sunday** we will **join with BBC at their church – 8:30am or 10am**. We will gather together to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the significance of his crucifixion. Come and join our community in worship and contemplation as we journey through the story of redemption.

And then finally, the week after Easter we have been invited to join in an **Easter Sing** on **Sunday 7th April 3.15pm—4pm** at St. Enoch's Church (134 Sixteenth Ave) followed by afternoon tea. Gather with others to sing some triumphant songs together celebrating Christ's (and therefore our) victory through the cross and the grave.



**FOR THE KIDS** There are some toys and books in the back corner for restless babies and toddlers.

## Keeping Connected ...

If you are interested to find out about our regular connect groups & other social gatherings, please contact the office.

### COMING UP:

#### **MISSIONS PRAYER MEETING TODAY**

after the service in the auditorium. Come and pray for both Baptist and other mission work.



#### **TONIGHT FREE EVENT 6PM Changepoint Church, Poike Road,**

**Is there a Cosmic Purpose?** A Fortunate Universe—the heavens declare His handiwork—Psalm 20. Talk by Dr Luke Barnes (sponsored by Thinking Matters). <https://www.thinkingmatters.org.nz/events/>

**MEN'S COFFEE** This Friday (22nd) 10am at Columbus Coffee, Mitre 10 Mega. All guys welcome to come for some time out and a catch up.



#### **HOPE BOOKLETS**

Today you will have received a couple of Hope Booklets, enjoy one for yourself and give the other one away. You may find that this is a great conversation starter.

If you could help deliver some of these booklets before Easter to streets near the Tauranga CBD, please let the office know.

**FOODBANK NEEDS** At the moment they need - tinned soup, fish, and fruit, muesli bars, jam and peanut butter, cereals, pasta, milo and large nappies (sizes 4, 5 and 6). If you can help with any of these, please place them in the basket in the foyer. Donations are very gratefully received.

#### **CHURCH EXPOSURE TEAMS**

Recently 2 teams, representing 4 churches, one team included church leaders and another young adults with a mission interest, visited Bangladesh.

They were asking the question; how can we partner with Arotahi and support and serve the churches of this needy country.

The teams had an incredible time connecting with our global partner. Please continue to pray for each church and the team members as they continue to foster relationships and reflect on their time away. Pray for the Spirit to be leading the Young Adults in their faith and their mission interests.

