

St Columba's Presbyterian Church

Weekly Message

17th August 2012

"St. Columba's is a community where the best of Presbyterian tradition courageously embraces inclusivity, innovation and open-minded conversation in Christian service."

PANTRY

Please remember the pantry when you are grocery shopping:

Pkt 100 tea bags, box oats, toilet rolls, soap, soya mince.



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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

19th August 2012—Communion Sunday

8.00am—Rev Melanie Cook

9.30am—Rev Melanie Cook

7.00pm—Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk

26th August 2012

8.00am—Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young

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DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

Monday:	Acts 18:1-11
Tuesday:	Acts 18:12-28
Wednesday:	Acts 19:1-10
Thursday:	Act 19:11-20
Friday:	Acts 19:21-41
Saturday:	Acts 20:1-16

MINISTERS: THE REV DR MARTIN YOUNG
 THE REV STEPHEN VAN SCHALKWYK
 THE REV PROF HANSIE WOLMARANS
ORGANIST: KEVIN KRAAK: **ORGAN SCHOLAR:** NICK REDELINGHUYLS
COUNSELLING CENTRE: SARAH TAYLOR / NICCI HUTTON

August 2012

Monday	20th	13h00 19h00	Bridge Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	21st	07h00 10h00 17h30	Board of Management Meeting Dorcas Society PATH
Wednesday	22nd	18h30	Wednesday Night Live
Thursday	23rd	11h00 19h30	Thusano Choir Practice
Friday	24th	09h00	Staff Meeting
Sunday	26th	08h00 09h30 18h45 19h00	Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young Rev Dr Martin (Chunky) Young Sunday School, Alchemist Group AA meeting in the Jones Hall Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk

M+WIG

Please note that all the M+WIG lectures shown in the Weekly Messages take place at the Randburg Methodist Church Hall, cnr Grove St and Bram Fischer Drive next to M Net in Randburg.

Wednesday September 5. Morning outing to the "World of Beers". Starting at 11h00, we are given a tour of a typical brewery, shown a presentation on the history of brewing both here and overseas and finishing with a beer tasting. Food will also be available so we plan to stay for lunch – and the free beer. Book with Paul for further details. 011 462 9682 / 082 445 5413

The Church Choir

Our church choir is open to new membership, and Kevin is always pleased to hear from prospective choristers. If you would like to join the choir please speak to Kevin after service or contact him at

Kevin.kraak@yahoo.co.uk.

Alternatively you can contact the choir chairman,
 Richard Gush on 076 933 6622

Upcoming events at St Columba's

26 Aug - Barnyard – 7 Wonders of the World

05 Sep St. - Columba's Lecture

16 Oct - World Food Day

21 Oct - World food Sunday

23-26 Oct - Santa Shoe Box Project

Nov 11 - Remembrance Sunday

Nov 18— All Saints Day

Nov 29 - Thusano Prize giving

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE THIRD TERM SERIES 2012

Theme Perspectives on God

Please find below the programme for Wednesday Night Live.

We meet Wednesday evenings at 18h30 in the church hall for some refreshments.

The talks take place in the church from 19h00-20h00. Everybody is welcome.

22nd August 2012 - Why do bad things happen to good people? Dr Chunky Young

29th August 2012 - Is God in charge? Rev Stephen van Schalkwyk

5th September 2012 - St Columba's Lecture

12th September 2012 - Why do people believe in God? Prof Hansie Wolmarans

19th September 2012 - Why does God seem hidden, distant and silent? Dr Chunky Young

26th September 2012 - Is God dead? Mr Chris Griswold

3rd October 2012 - Why doesn't God answer my prayers? Prof Hansie Wolmarans

05 Sep St. - Columba's Lecture

Rev Dane Sherrard

'A Scottish Pilgrimage'

Dane Sherrard has been a minister of the Church of Scotland for forty years. He was educated at St. Andrews and at Edinburgh Universities in Scotland and later completed a Doctor of Ministry at Princeton in New Jersey. His first charge was as Church of Scotland minister of Northern Italy, working with seafarers in the five northern Italian Mediterranean ports and with a considerable ex-patriot community based in Genova. Six years in Italy was followed by eighteen in the small Fife town of Buckhaven, serving a community in which almost everyone had been made unemployed by the closure of the local coal mines. The church went on to provide training and employment for more than three thousand people, winning many awards but also, after getting caught between the political parties of the day, being forced out of business after seven years of activity which saw the town reborn and many people given new hope for the future. Following Buckhaven, Dane was called to Cadder Church in Bishopbriggs, a large middle-class suburb of Glasgow. Here his ministry centred around creating a town centre coffee shop outreach to the community and extensive work with children in the three local schools.



After five years, Dane became minister of Arrochar and Luss, two small rural communities just and no more in the highlands of Scotland. Arrochar Church was derelict and the church authorities planned to demolish it. Under Dane's leadership the community leased the building from the Church of Scotland and rebuilt the church using local labour, given free, with money raised by the community for materials and equipment. The little church has gone from strength to strength and is now, along with Luss, a self supporting congregation of the Church of Scotland. The energy which was put into restoring the church spilled into the community as a whole and resulted a few years later in the building of a new village hall and the awarding of the prestigious 'Scottish Village of the Year' to the community at Arrochar -- the judges remarking in their citation to the village that it was the church's achievement which had led to the village's renaissance, and to the granting of this award.

The Church at Luss has also been restored, this time using grants from national agencies (Luss Church is an important church because of its situation on the banks of Loch Lomond). Here the congregation realised back in 2002 that 2010 would mark the fifteen hundredth anniversary of Christianity being brought to the area by the Celtic Saint Kessog. The church launched a programme to celebrate this event which included bringing young people from all over the world to create a pilgrimage pathway on twenty-five acres of beautiful church land on the banks of Loch Lomond. This pathway now speaks to the seven hundred and fifty thousand people who visit Luss each year. The church has created a pilgrimage centre, a cinema and a variety of other visitor facilities to enable it to reach out to those who come as visitors and leave as pilgrims. In addition more people come to be married at Luss than in any other church in Scotland, an additional and important area of mission. Services from the church are broadcast through the internet to a congregation drawn from more than fifty countries each week and the church's youth programme has expanded to include activities with disadvantaged youngsters and ex-offenders. At the time of compiling this note Dane has been asked to take on the leadership of an additional rural parish as the numbers of ministerial staff in his presbytery are to be cut by one third.

Dane is married to Rachel and when not working likes to watch cricket and sail.

ST COLUMBA'S INVITES YOU TO THE 7 WONDERS PRODUCTION AT THE BARNYARD

When: 26th August 2012

Where: The Barnyard Cresta

Time: 2.00pm

Tickets: R 100.00 per person

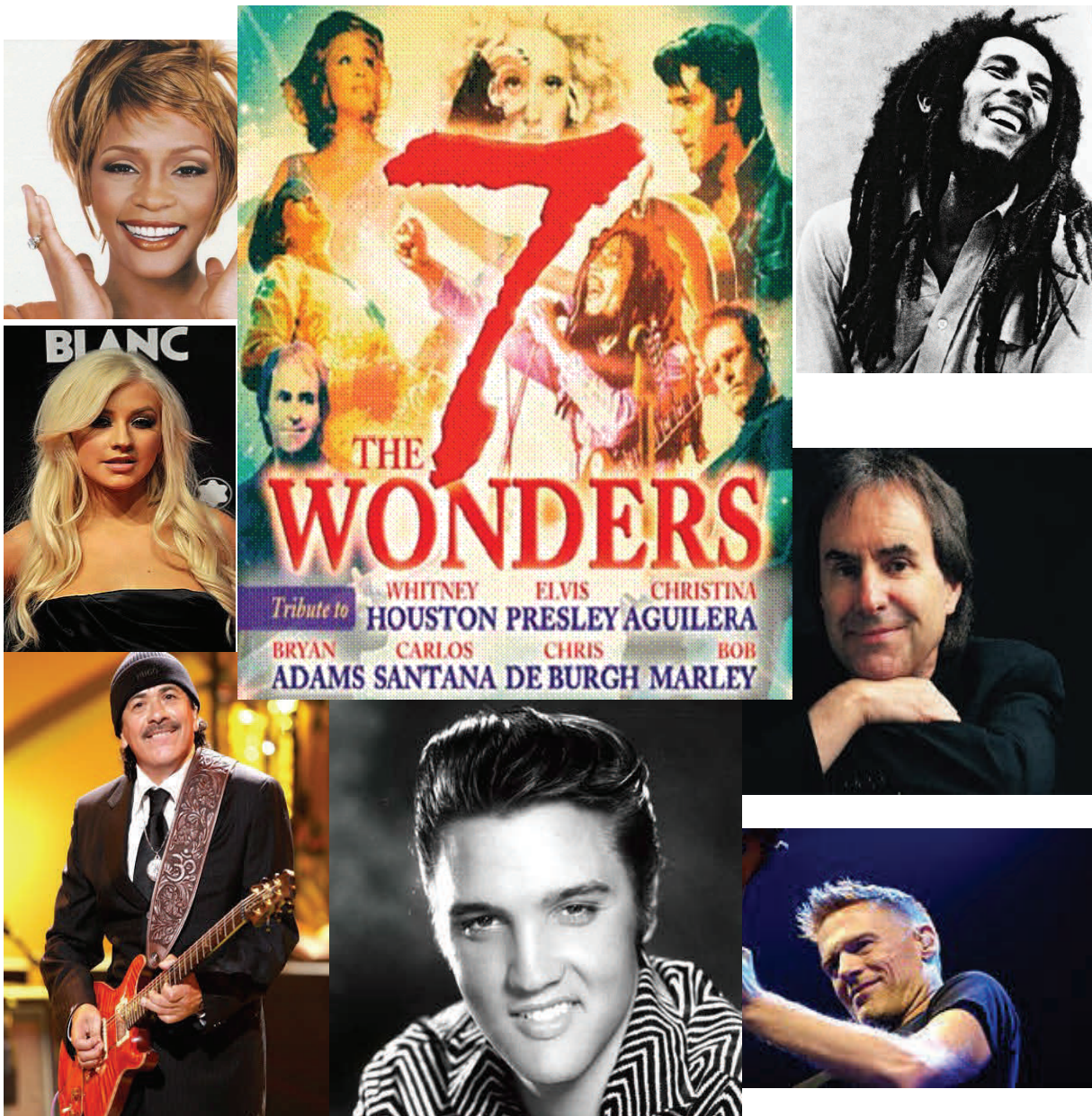
For bookings please contact Elvina at the church office Tel: 011-646-5420 or email

Elvina@stcolumbas.org.za

The 7 Wonders is a Tribute to Elvis Presley, Carlos Santana, Bryan Adams, Whitney Houston, Christina Aguilera, Bob Marley and Chris de Burgh, 7 of the greatest pop icons of all time.

These artists have dominated the charts to such a degree, and made such an impact on the music industry, that it is essential to stage a special tribute!

The show features an 11-piece cast who whisk us away through a repertoire that was made in Rock and Roll Heaven. Get ready to experience the hottest rock and pop stars on earth as they rock the universe!





19th August

Gideon Sam

20th August

Meryl Gasser
Ryan Porter

21st August

Mark Inman
Carolyn Mathieson

22nd August

Michael Shaw
Ndum Kum
Keri-Anne Clarke

23rd August

Natalie von Gericke
Henry Cuyler

24th August

Barry Payne

25th August

Wendy Pote
Elmarie Campher
Justine Nel
Tracy Corbett
Linda Waite
Jill Hunter





A Season of Creation

A Season of Creation is a calendar period that many Christian denominations (but also other faith groups) are beginning to keep as a time of creation celebration and ecological awareness.

The beginning of September to the 4th October (St Francis Day) is when most Christian groups are keeping this season.

The Johannesburg Anglican Environmental Initiative (JAEI) is holding a number of talks at St Francis Parkview each Thursday during that period as part of the Season of Creation.

Please [click here](#) to view programme.

The talks tackle several relevant topics in relation to faith and environment and will be extremely interesting. We would enjoy your participation at the talks and ask you please to share this invitation with your communities.

St Columba's Smalls



AUGUST 2012

PET CARE

I will take care of your pet in my home while you are away.

Contact: Shirley on
011 787 5153

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Spacious garden cottage near Johannesburg Zoo, Parkview. 2 bedrooms, shower, large living area. Contact 0833085175

EMPLOYMENT

Our domestic Char, Mirriam Mbense, is looking for work, she has three free days.

She has worked for us for 37 year and is an honest and reliable worker. She can be contacted on 082 6424966.

For references you can contact me, Lynette Visser on 082 5577287 or 010 222 0767

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Due to downsizing my faithful, honest and reliable gardener and domestic lady (they are husband and wife) are urgently seeking accommodation from 1st August 2012 in the Parkview, Greenside, Linden area. They have been with me for 28 years. They are willing to pay rent or to work in lieu of rent.

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