



11 December 2022

## WHY SO BLESSED?

**Speaker:** Michael Hewat **Prayer Ministry:** Heather Turner and Ruth Sadler

READINGS: OT: 1 Samuel 2:1-11

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

**SENTENCE:** A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make

straight in the desert a highway for our God". (Isaiah 40:3)

**COLLECT:** God for whom we wait and watch, you sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of your Son; give us courage to speak the truth even to the point of suffering. Amen.

**PSALM:** Psalm 119:41-48



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## **What's Happening This Week**



**Combined Carol service**: Sunday 18 December at 10.30am followed by a shared lunch. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**: Wednesday 21 December at 7.00pm in the chapel. Please let Michael know if you plan to be there.

## **Mark your Calendar**

**HEWATS' OPEN HOME – Saturday 17 Dec 2-5pm.** Kimberley and Michael wish to thank everyone for their support of the mission at WHCC in 2022. In spite of the ongoing challenges it's been another great year with so much to give thanks to God for. Please come and join us at 136 Bowman Road for afternoon tea on 17 December. No need to bring anything or RSVP, just come along anytime from 2pm onward (and bring your children too.)



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH WITH THE TURNERS: If you don't have any existing plans for Christmas Day lunch this year, you're warmly invited to join the Turners. Bring something to share, your Christmas spirit and we'll supply non-alcoholic drinks. Depending on numbers it will be at the Turners or Church. Please RSVP to mike@whcc.org.nz

**GIVING:** For those who want to make a cash / envelope offering there is a secure offering box on the Welcome Table in the foyer. Offerings are not taken during the service.

**PASTORAL CARE:** If you'd like a pastoral visit or prayers please contact the church office or Gary (027 604 1540) or Sue Evans (027 450 4360).

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please text message Sharon Scott (022 5900 500) on weekdays. Emergency calls are taken at weekends.

## **Services**

SUNDAY: 8:30am (in the Chapel) & 10.30am (in the auditorium).

WEDNESDAY: 10.30am in the Chapel

Masks are no longer required but please wear a mask if you feel safer doing so.