

The children **stay in church for the first 15 minutes** and then go out to their programmes.



- **WONDER KIDS** (3yrs—Yr 1) meet in the room above the foyer.
- **JIGSAW** (Yr 2—Yr 6) meet in the Chapel.
- **CRECHE** is available for toddlers up to the age of 3years (in building by the car park)

Two Parents' Rooms are available (at the back left of the auditorium) for parents with babies

For further information please see the Children's ministry desk in the foyer

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Intermediate years 7-9

Meet in the Youth room upstairs on Sundays



ICONZ ADVENTURE

Boys 8-11 years
Monday 5.45-7.15pm



High School Years 9-13

Friday 7-9pm

Prayer

Do you want prayer for yourself or for family or friends?

- **Prayer on Sunday:** At the end of each service there will be someone available to pray with you. Please make your way to the front of the church by the large cross.
- **Prayer Chain:** We also have a very effective email prayer chain. If you have a prayer need (or wish to join the prayer chain) then please email prayerchain@obc.org.nz or phone the office 576 2523.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group:** We also have a committed group of "prayers" who gather on Sunday evenings from 7-8pm in the Chapel. We would love you to join us.



17 Sept
2017

Four tips on how to vote.



1. Vote as a Christian.

Here's what I mean: Don't buy the colossal lie that your faith and your politics don't mix. It's just not true. Bring all your theological understanding, all your gospel priorities, all your Christ-centred prayers and hopes for your nation.

2. Vote with the sovereignty of God in mind.

You can never know everything that the politician you vote for will have to deal with, or how a particular leader will turn out. But God does.

Remember that your vote doesn't happen outside of God's good purposes. Remember that God remains sovereign over everything that happens with our leaders. It's why your prayers are more important than your vote.

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FIRST TIME at OBC?

Thanks for visiting us!

If you would like to find out more information about our church and the programmes we are running, please collect a brochure from the information desk in the foyer.

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TODAY

10am– Matt Gordon

7pm Prayer Meeting

NEXT WEEK

10am - Brian Cochran

7pm Prayer Meeting

Working Bee A big thanks to the small but dedicated team



who worked through rain and a little bit of shine last weekend. If you feel you missed out and would like to do your share, then have a chat to Tim Bloomfield or contact the office and there might be a small job you can

do in your own time or a project coming up that you can be called on to help with.



Budget Figure: \$7,317

Average Giving: \$7,151

(For the last 6 months)

For electronic banking deposit to:

A/c No. 03 0445 0104208 00.

If you require a *Giving Number* for tax purposes please contact the Church Office. If paying by EFT-POS please state "EFTPOS" on the giving envelope at the info desk.

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3. Vote remembering that one vote distils a very complex process into a simple moment of decision. As

Christians, we know that lots of things matter to God. No political party is perfect, and there are multiple factors to weigh up when casting your vote. Can I vote for someone who supports, say, euthanasia or abortion, because – while I hold that those things are morally wrong – I make a balanced judgment that, on the whole, this candidate will be the best leader?

4. Vote for the sake of others. For Christians in a 21st century democracy, this is the most important point – and probably the hardest and most challenging one too.

In Scripture God calls his people to act for the sake of others. These themes are repeated over and over again.

So much of our political and economic system is built on self-interest, but one thing that should characterise our attitude as followers of Jesus is rejecting the selfishness of the world and the society around us, and instead sacrificing ourselves to love and serve others.

Be a voice for the powerless and the marginalised, the weak and the needy. Step into the ballot box deliberately thinking, "What will be best for those in need? How can I use my vote to love and care for others – especially the weak?"

Edited from a blog from Geoff Robson

You are invited to
Lunch



on September 24th directly after church in the hall. Lunch will be provided (Pizza!!) This will be a time to connect and catch up with other parents. (There may even be cake!!) There will be a DVD in the chapel after lunch for the children, so you can talk uninterrupted.



RSVP to Jan jan@obc.org.nz

Operation Christmas Child

Please, take a box and brochure for some great ideas and the easy to follow instructions.

Let's bless some kids!



An opportunity to be inspired & equipped...
2pm Friday 22 September
to 6pm Saturday 23 September
Manukau City Baptist
8 Lambie Drive, Manukau

This week at OBC

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Monday

10am ESOL– English using the bible

5:45—7:15pm ICONZ Adven-

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Tuesday

9:30am Badminton

9:30am Soul Purpose
-Ph Jill 5765837

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Wednesday

9:30am Communion Service
In the Chapel, followed by morning tea.

7:30pm Holmes' Home Group
-Ron & Karen Holmes
571 8104

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Thursday

9:30am Mainly Music

7:30pm Cochran's Home Group
-Brian & Gay Cochran
576 3116

7:30pm Hudson's Home Group
- Gareth & Katrina Hudson
543 5468

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Friday

9:30am Badminton

10am Women's Small Group
Jan Ozanne 576 2523

7—9pm
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Sunday

4:30-5:30pm Paine's Home group

- John & Jackie Paine—
576 1169

This is a general guide to what is on, please check with leaders.