



# Welcome to Opawa Community Church this morning!

	March 25 Commitment Sunday	April 1st Palm Sunday	April 8th Easter Day
<b>Ministering</b>	Andrew Doubleday, Barbara Peddie & Alan Webster	Alan Webster	Alan Webster
<b>Music</b>	Young Adults	Poulima and Muzos 'n Faith,	Barbara Beardsley
<b>Scripture readings</b>	Genesis 9:8-17	tbc	Psalms 114
	John 17:21-26	tbc	Mark 16:1-8
<b>Readers</b>	Gwen Morrish	Jeremy Burnett	Aimee Bush
<b>Audio-visual</b>	Mark Stephens	Darren Webster	Kelvin Aird
<b>Flowers</b>	Lauren Carpenter	Barbara Beardsley	Audrey Templeman
<b>Loopy Church</b>	Siu and Alison	everyone in?	Siu and Alison
<b>Morning Tea</b>	June and Norm Allen	Allan & Dianne Watson, Lynette Mulcahey	Jim & Jessie Bedford, Lynette Mulcahey
<b>Door Hostess</b>	Jean Morris	Bev Penney	Ros Jackson
<b>Door Stewards</b>	Rita Cox's team	Graham Claughton's team	Graham McHarg's team
<b>Minister's Steward</b>	Massey Williams	Lyn McHarg	Lyn McHarg
<b>Pre service Notices</b>	Massey Williams	Darren Webster	Darren Webster

**T**oday you will be given an opportunity to commit yourself afresh in recognition of important decisions you have made. You will be offered a chance to light a candle, and that candle may, for you, represent a commitment for your marriage, your faith in God, your fellowship here, your intention to stay in Christchurch or to keep on in a difficult situation that no-one else knows about. This will be between you and God: no-one else need know what it means for you unless you tell them..and that may be important for some of you. You might, for example, choose to give your spouse a small present to mark what you do: a candlestick, for example? Over to you...

As part of that today we will also be marking officially some requests to become part of the fellowship here at Beckenham Methodist Church...and, as it happens, we will be sharing with our friends from Opawa Community Church, who have been squeezed out of their usual premises at Opawa School by the city to shore runners and attendant cars!

## Prayer list

Pray for **Todd Gordon, Joan Beaumont, Deb Beardsley, Lynda Bush, Betty Hardwick, Eric Harrington, Brian Jones, Betty Parker, Eric & Olwyn Walls, Val Williams.** Remember the Parish Council and other parish activities, as well as Boys and Girls Brigade and keep them in your prayers.

## Coming Events

**Lenten Studies**  
Six Tuesdays 2:00pm-3:00pm  
28th Feb—3rd April in the church  
*All welcome*

<b>Mon 26</b>		
<b>Tues 27</b>	Lenten Study Five @ 83 Malcolm Ave	2:00pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	GB @ Merchiston Parish Council	7:00 7:30
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Team Section @ St Marks	6:30pm
<b>Fri 30</b>	Loopy Tunes @ 83 Malcolm Ave BB @ St Marks	9:30 & 10:30am 7:00pm
<b>Sat 31</b>		

*Maundy Thursday 5th April service here at 7:00pm*  
*Good Friday 6th service at St Martins at 10:30am*

## Mark your diaries...

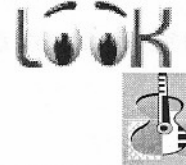
One of the things that was suggested at the Retreat was that we strengthen our ties with our friends and colleagues in neighbouring Methodist parishes...so, last Thursday evening, two lay people met with each of the presbyters from St Marks, Opawa Community and Beckenham Methodist to initiate a regular resourcing group, South Methodist Churches Working Together (SMCWT?), keeping that idea alive. We are pleased to report that our first such event will be a midwinter dinner, on Saturday 30 of June, at 6:30, with a potluck dinner for us all, to be held at the Opawa Community Church's usual place of worship ie, the hall at Opawa Primary School. Mark this in your diaries: further details and more ideas to come.



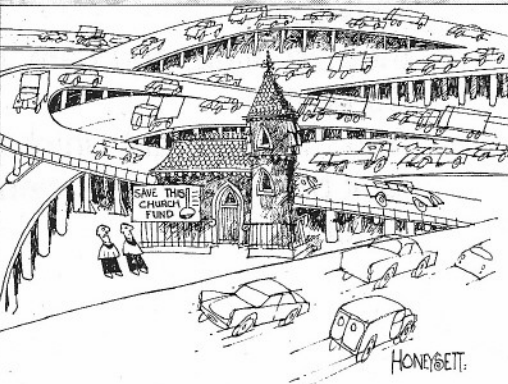
Calling all children 5-12  
drop in to the  
**three day club**  
Games, quizzes, crafts, singing, Bible Stories, fun  
16th to 18th April  
in Beckenham Methodist lounge  
Jane Skinner 960 8957

## Loopy Tunes

Here Fridays at 9:30 am,  
cuppa at 10:00,  
second session 10:30am  
See Siu, Angela or Kirsty  
for details, or just turn up.



**Property Committee secretary** urgently required. Please see a member of the property committee for details...



"Sometimes, Carstairs, I wonder if it's worth it."