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A warm welcome to our time of worship!

The Fulfillment Of The Prophetic Word

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Luke 23:34

How much God made known beforehand of what should transpire on that day of days! What a complete picture did the Holy Spirit furnish of our Lord's Passion with all the attendant circumstances! Among other things it had been foretold that the Saviour should "make intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12). This did not have reference to the present ministry of Christ at God's right hand. It is true that "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25), but this speaks of what He is doing now for those who have believed on Him, whereas Isaiah 53:12 had reference to His gracious act at the time of His crucifixion. Observe what His intercession for the transgressors is there linked with - "and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

That Christ should make intercession for His enemies was one of the items of the wonderful prophecy found in Isaiah 53. This chapter tells us at least ten things about the humiliation and suffering of the Redeemer. It declared that He should be despised and rejected of men; that He should be a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; that He should be wounded, bruised and chastised; that He should be led, unresistingly, to slaughter; that He should be dumb before His shearers; that He should not only suffer at the hands of man but also be bruised by the Lord; that He should pour out His soul unto death; that He should be buried in a rich man's tomb; and then it was added, that He would be numbered with transgressors; and finally, that He should make intercession for the transgressors. Here then was the prophecy - "and made intercession for

the transgressors"; there was the fulfillment of it - "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He thought of His murderers. He pleaded for His crucifiers; He made intercession for their forgiveness.

Arthur W. Pink

Prayer / Thanksgiving / Requests

- Easter is always a good time to carry up the needs of God's Church worldwide. For us Easter is joyful time but for many Christian gatherings around Easter provoke the hostility of their surrounding cultures.
- Rosanna hopes to make confession of her faith in the morning service.
- Remember our overseas members (Abbey, Roger).

Notices

- This Sunday:
 - Easter services
 - Confession of Faith by Rosanna van der Put in AM service
 - Fellowship hour with coffee/juice after AM service
 - Congregational Sing-along with Easter hymns.
- Monday 6 April: Consistory meeting.
- Wednesday 8 April: Ladies Dinner and Bible Study at Michelle' Place. Studying/reflecting 1 Peter week 3.
- Thursday 9 April: Confession of Faith class, 7.30pm.
- Next week Sunday: Special Collection for the Seafarer's Mission.

Youth Group

Saturday 18 April: Youth Group Autumn outing, time to be confirmed.

Church Cleaning Bee

The annual Church Cleaning Bee is scheduled for Saturday 18th April between 8am and 12midday. Please bring your own buckets and cleaning cloths.

Introducing S.E.R.V.E

Supporting, Encouraging, and Resourcing Volunteers Effectively

Kezia, Alisha, and Sally have formed the S.E.R.V.E hub to assist in coordinating the many tasks that contribute to the smooth functioning of the church. The purpose is to support, encourage, and resource volunteers so that those who serve are equipped and strengthened in their roles, while also holding a supportive overview to help things run smoothly and ensure nothing slips through the gaps..

The vision of S.E.R.V.E is to support a church environment where individuals of all ages feel able to contribute meaningfully. This includes encouraging mentoring into how we serve, where younger members are supported to learn and grow alongside those with greater experience.

We hope to come alongside those who serve, offering coordination and support rather than undertaking all tasks directly. You are invited to share any needs you observe or express a willingness to serve, whether in small or significant ways. Suggestions and contributions are welcomed.

Wairarapa Voice for Life

The Wairarapa Voice for Life committee has been dormant for a couple of years. But a new committee has been formed to pick up the task again to be a voice for the voiceless. The current members of the committee are: Floris Visser, Sander and Kezia Visser, Arnold Bertram, and Aletta van Velthuisen.

Goals

Being all new to this committee and task, we feel that it is best to start with small goals. Our first goal is to erect new signs along the Wairarapa Highways to create awareness in the community (and to those who travel through the Wairarapa), about the preciousness of (unborn) life.

We also try to reach out on fairs or events around the Wairarapa. Recently we were able to run a stall at the Martinborough fair.

Another goal is to inform you about Pro-life activities in our region and update you on the current Wairarapa Voice for Life activities. You can find us on Facebook for this information.

Membership

Our membership base is old and we think that not all information is up to date. In November 2025 we have sent an email to all existing members on our list. If you did not receive this email, it means that you are not yet in our membership base or that your details are not correct or incomplete. Also, if you are not a member yet and want to support this important cause, please email your details to vflwairarapa@gmail.com.

Membership fee for 2026 year (ending March 2027) will be \$15.00.

For more information you can email us or contact Floris Visser on 022-3671607.

Future Dates, Lord willing

Tuesday 14 April

Catechism Year 11-13

Wednesday 15 April

Congregational meeting and potluck