

ROSTERS FOR EMMANUEL CONGREGATION
PLEASE LEND A HAND

Next Week	1st January 2012
Preaching	Rev Dr Hedley Fihaki
Elder	M Bola
Bible Reading	Jim Watson
Stewards	S Bill & R Connellan
Cashiers	R Connellan & B Walter
Morning Tea	S Liki & A Fihaki
Cleaning	Korean Congregation
Sound System	Peter Cresswell/Peter Hall
Grounds	Korean Congregation
Song Leader	Rose

TITHES/OFFERINGS/DONATIONS

Per Week Year To Date

Budgeted	\$1,557.70	\$79,442.70
Received 18/12/11	\$1,659.05	\$76,445.95

**Donation to
Christmas
Bowl** \$10.00

Worship Services

SATURDAY SERVICE

BHUTANESE—9.00 am
Ministry Centre

**TORRES STRAIT
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**
10:00 a.m. Hall

EVENING SERVICE

MOOROPOOL
7:00 p.m.
Mooroobool
Community Hall
2 Long Street

Prayer Meeting Church
6: 30 p.m.

MONTHLY SERVICE

FIJIAN
3rd Sunday of each
Month— 3.00 pm Hall

SUNDAY SERVICES

ENGLISH - EMMANUEL
9:00 a.m. Church

SAMOAN
11:00 a.m. Hall

KOREAN
11:30 a.m. Church

COOK ISLAND
3:00 p.m. Church

**EMMANUEL UNITING CHURCH
MINISTRY TEAM**

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Chairman of Church Council:
Mr Paul Lamont

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Office Hours:
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9: 30 a.m. — 12: 30 p.m.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

25th December 2011

**Mission Statement: To worship God, grow in faith and reach out
with His love to others.**
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ

Listening for God's voice

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"
Matthew 11:15

It's not only possible to hear from God, it's absolutely essential! Mary took the time to sit and listen to Jesus (see Lk 10:39). Her sister Martha didn't, she was too busy serving. There's a lesson here: you can get so busy serving the Lord that you lose your sensitivity to His voice and end up settling for second best. You learn to hear from God - by making time to hear from God! Fifteen times in the New Testament, Jesus said: 'He who has ears to hear, let him hear.'

This tells you three important things:

- (1) You were born into God's family with spiritual ears.
- (2) You have to learn how to use them.
- (3) Hearing from God must become your highest priority.

A baby is born with the ability to hear, but he doesn't understand what he's hearing. Understanding takes time; it requires intimacy with his parents. Luke writes: 'Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures' (Lk 24:45 NIV). Looking back over your life, you realise that God has often talked with you, you just didn't understand what He was saying at the time. But He's patient with you while you learn. Why is it that you can hear from God in times of crisis, yet not at other times? Because you have to! Until that changes, you'll keep living from crisis to crisis and you'll never learn to hear from Him regularly or correctly. Jesus said, 'I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge' (Jn 5:30). Jesus did only those things placed in His mind by God the Father. And He wants you to learn to live that way too!

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Notices

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

FINISHED FOR HOLIDAYS

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Prayer Points for this week.

God, help us to remember You not only on Christmas Day but on every day as we interact with other people.

Source of truth and salvation, change us from depending on humans to depending on Your approval alone.

Thank You, God, for Your son's birthday and for all the joy and the glory He brings to us.

Lord, thank You for the Bible. Help each of us to read it, study it, reflect on it, and follow its wisdom in our daily lives.

Dear Father, help us to focus on the birth of Your son during this holy season. We thank You for Your daily presence in our lives.

Loving God, teach us to love so that we may show Your love to others in our daily actions.

Emmanuel, open our hearts to Your love so we may bear Good News to those in need this season.

(If two of you on earth agree about whatever they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in Heaven.) Matthew 18:19]

Bible Readings

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Sunday 25th December 2011

Isaiah 9:2-7
The Future King

Psalms 96
God the Supreme King

Titus 2:11-14
Sound Doctrine

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
The Birth of Jesus

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

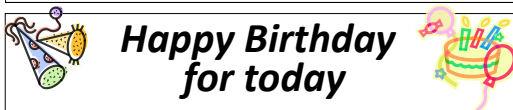
Sunday 1st January 2012

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
The Good News of Deliverance

Psalms 148
A Call for the Universe to Praise God

Galatians 4:4-7
The Purpose of the Law

Luke 2:22-40
Jesus is Presented in the Temple



Happy Birthday for today

*Jovita and Joash Phillip
25th December*

"When you carry out acts of kindness you get a wonderful feeling inside. It is as though something inside your body responds and says, yes, this is how I ought to feel."

Harold Kushner (b.1935); American rabbi
randomactsofkindness.org



Give a flower Eat lunch with someone new
Listen with your heart Visit a sick friend
Clean a neighbor's walk Offer a hug
Give an unexpected gift Make a new friend
Pick up litter Say "hello" Open a door
Plant a tree Help carry a load Share a snack
Cheer up a friend Thank a teacher or mentor
Read to a young child Lend a hand Do a kind act daily
Leave a thank you note Offer your seat
Cycle courteously BE TOLERANT Let another go first
Bake cookies to share Give a compliment
Help a student make friends Donate your gently used items
Give a balloon away Lend a pencil Respect others
Celebrate something new every day Do a favor
Encourage a friend Use a reusable water bottle
Walk a dog Forgive mistakes Smile at someone



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Kindness:

is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back. *Plato quotes*

Kindness can be as simple as a smile, a thank-you or a word of encouragement. It's a way of connecting, even if only for a brief moment, with those we pass in our daily lives. It doesn't have to cost anything or take much time - what's important is that it's an act of genuine care and thoughtfulness for another person.



You can gain more friends by being yourself than you can by putting up a front. You can gain more friends by building people up than you can by tearing them down. And you can gain more friends by taking a few minutes from each day to do something kind for someone, whether it be a friend or a complete stranger. What a difference one person can make!

Leo F Buscaglia quotes



Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

All of the quotes and inspiration on this page have come from:

www.actionforhappiness.org/take-action/do-kind-things-for-others

Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.



**Merry
Christmas**



Merry Christmas to all the residents at Good Samaritan. A barbecue was held on Monday night with lots of festive food and good cheer. Many thanks to all who helped make it such a great night.



Were you planning on eating alone today?



Why not pack it up and come down to the Esplanade. If you have nothing to bring—don't worry—**Bring YOURSELF!** There will be a bbq and drinks.

We will meet at 12.30pm—if you do not have transport we can arrange pick up at the church. Please see Makia Liki

Bring your togs if you wish or a good book if that is your preference, or just come along for a good chat. This will be a time for you to share a meal and fellowship with your church family instead of home alone.



Don't be shy—come along, we would love to see you there!

