

Council Snippets

From the meeting of 27th April 2017

- The Council as a collective are currently reading through the book "Everyday Supernatural". This month covered being filled with the Holy Spirit. The questions were asked: What do you believe? And what do we desire? Our lives are like 'broken' flasks; we have to keep asking to be filled with the Holy Spirit again and again. "Ask, Seek & Knock".
- David Roke (Overseas Missions Convenor) spoke to the Council about a short term mission trip to Vanuatu from 17th June to 1st July. David Roke, David McFarlane, John Nicole and Rick Tillett will be part of the group going comprising of St Andrews and St Pauls Presbyterian church in Wanganui. St Andrews has been asked to come up with \$10,000. A request has gone out to the congregation to contribute.
The Council has supported the trip in principle.
- The Combined Vision Team (CVT) has been set up comprising of Elder Pamela McKenzie, Elder Chris Garland and Rev Lorne Campbell from St Andrews along with representation from St James and Trinity. They are currently meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday to clearly hear

from the Lord as to the way forward for the three congregations.

- The Council are pleased to confirm the renewal of the Rev Tony Gamley's contract for a further year as confirmed by Northern Presbytery.
- There will be a combined Pentecost service at 10am Sunday June 4th. There was a discussion as to the time of the service but all felt that during winter hours it was more difficult for the older members of the congregation to come out at night time therefore the service will be held at a different time in the morning.
- Anzac Day saw a turnout of some 19 boys and 25 girls from ICONZS and Girls Brigade along with helpers to the Dawn Parade, followed by a breakfast back at the church.