

Sunday 10th February, 2019

Welcome to Windsor Park Baptist Church.

The vision statement for the Windsor Park Group is **to build stronger communities by putting our faith into action.**

If you have any questions, or need directions around our buildings, please chat to people wearing yellow lanyards or go to the Information Desk in the foyer. If you'd like someone to pray for you, please feel free to approach someone wearing a red lanyard or come to the front of the auditorium at the conclusion of services. Whether its information or prayer, we're here to serve you.

If English is not your first language, a copy of the transcript of the morning service message is usually available at the Information Desk and is available on our website or app with the audio/video of the message from Monday morning.

Our services today:

9.00am 10.45am 6.30pm

It's Vision Sunday as Grant Harris (Senior Pastor) speaks at all services about the vision of the Windsor Park Group for 2019 and beyond.

Connect in 2019

Our Sunday gatherings are a small part of our faith community here at Windsor Park. We encourage you to connect with the bigger picture of Windsor Park outside of a Sunday; and there are a bunch of ways to do that:

Life Groups: Operate in many difference shapes and sizes and days and locations.

Interest Groups: There's nothing like hanging out together with shared interests.

Ministry Teams: There's a space for everyone to serve, in fact little happens at WP without ministry teams.

Electronically: Check on the back of this newsletter for a range of ways you can connect with us online.

Take the initiative this year and connect with us!

The Pastor's Pen

Kia Ora Koutou

President Donald Trump concluded his State of the Union speech on Monday by calling for unity. 'No matter the trials we face, no matter the challenges to come, we must go forward together.' Many commentators have spoken of the irony in these words given his record of only wanting his own way, but nonetheless they are true words, not just for the USA, but for the world.

These words are also true for the local church. If we believe in the power of God to transform lives, and if we believe that the local church (inspired by the Spirit) is the hope of the world, then unity between those of us who are followers of Jesus is essential. Being united doesn't mean we need to all agree on every decision, and it doesn't mean we need to think alike all the time. On the contrary, our diversity should be our greatest strength.

Unity in the church means that we'll love God by loving our neighbours as ourselves. It means church (the community of God's people) isn't about us and our comfort and getting our own way. On the contrary, it's placing the interests of others ahead of our own and living our lives according to what God tells us through his word (think the one another's). I am more convinced than ever that unity in diversity is the greatest miracle and the one we should be asking for. No matter the trials we face, no matter the challenges to come, we must go forward together.

Ngā manaakitanga

Grant Harris (Senior Pastor)

Coming up / Classifieds

Women's Prayer Time: 9.30am – 10.30am every Thursday, Prayer Room. Come whenever you can. Contact Mel for more information melanie.pavis@windsorpark.org.nz

ICONZ is an action, adventure, activity and values-based programme for boys. The Windsor Park ICONZ group kicks off for 2019 on Tuesday 12th February @ 6.30pm with a Family Night at Long Bay Park. Please contact Phil for more details 021 069 1573 phil.yeaman@gmail.com

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Do you love to sew? Do you love Freeset? The next Sewing Bee for Sew4Freedom will be held in the Rimu Room on Wednesday 13th February from 9.30am – 3pm. Bring your sewing machine and join in. Morning tea provided. Come for as long or as little as you like! For further information please contact Jenny incwadinz@gmail.com

Windsor Park Tramping is going on a tramp on Saturday 16th February. For details collect a brochure in the Foyer or go to the Windsor Park website, click on Connect and then on Tramping.

Soul Food - Women's Craft & Chat: Come along with your project and enjoy the friendship of other creative souls! Saturday 16th February, 2 – 5pm, Rimu Room. Please contact karenapark@xtra.co.nz 021 802 352 for enquiries.

Parenting Course in Mandarin - 在普通话育儿课程 Come along to an Information afternoon on Sunday 17th February, 3.30pm – 5.30pm, Small Fries 2 Board Room. Ying and Crystal are presenting an information workshop for the Toddler's (0-6yrs) Parenting Course in Mandarin. Contact Ying, the facilitator from Parenting Place, 021 045 6199.

An **Art group** will be commencing on 4th March, 1pm-3.30pm for women interested in painting in acrylics. This is a beginners - intermediate class. Bring your own gear or you will be shown what you need to get to paint. Tuition will be offered as you need it. Cost \$10 per week. Afternoon tea provided. For further details ring Shirley 022 018 0752.

Windsor Books starts in March: In 2019 we'll read and talk through "Breaking Cover" (M. Assad); "Heaven" (M.Habets) and "Screwtape Letters" (CS Lewis). Please pick up the Windsor Books flyer and sign up at the Information Desk or contact the Church Office info@windsorpark.org.nz

Family/Whanau Support and Education Group: This Equip support group runs for up to 8 weeks and is for adults supporting a person experiencing mental health distress. Monday 18th February – 8th April, 10am – 12pm, Whangaparaoa Community Hub, Shop 8/707 Whangaparaoa Road. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Marina marina.young@equip.net.nz or 021 815 412.