

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 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 video of the service from Monday morning.

### Our services today:

**9.00am 10.45am 6.30pm**

It's Mother's Day!

Today we'll be hearing from four Windsor Park women (actually five including a Soapbox story) who'll be telling stories of how God has their backs through different seasons of life.

### **2019 Church Survey**

At our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Iain Bradley, the Chair of our Elders board, spoke of a survey that the Elders had put together to get feedback that will help them consider the journey we've been on as a faith community and where we're heading into the future. If you're on our database you should have received a copy of this survey recently. A big thanks to those who have completed it; and thanks to those who will! A hard copy of this survey is available at the Information Desk for those who don't have email, and for those who have email and haven't received it, you're obviously not on our database, so let us know your details and we can fix that!

**This is the last week for completing the survey.**

## The Pastor's Pen

Kia Ora Koutou

There's a song I used to sing when I was younger that was based on Ecclesiastes 3:11; the lyrics said, *In His time, He makes all things beautiful, in His time ...* there were some other lyrics but they never had the impact of those first lines. It always bugged me that God's timing always seemed to be different to my timing; I always wanted (and still do) God to do things in my time, not His. It's been very rare that both our timings have lined up together!

This past week it's been my pleasure to be part of a Windsor Park team of 11 people serving in Pango Village, Vanuatu, as we continue to seek God's heart for how we might serve this village for the long term. Yes, we've done some great service projects, we've tested people for basic eyesight and given out hundreds of reading glasses, we've (not me specifically!) fitted bras to hundreds of women, we've held educational classes and handed out NZ-made reusable menstrual kits to hundreds of teenagers and women, we've taught sewing, we've hopefully been the hands and feet of Christ, it's been amazing, but we're praying the best is yet to come as we seek to build sustainable mission that empowers this community to look after itself. It's a slow process, but in His time He'll make all things beautiful ... please join me in praying for God's continued wisdom in this initiative.

Ngā manaakitanga

Grant Harris (Senior Pastor)

## Coming up / Classifieds

**ncompass:** 10am, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Kauri Room.

**Living Victoriously in Christ.** Recognising our identity as children of God in Christ enables us to live victoriously through all of life's circumstances. This month at ncompass we'll have the opportunity to hear stories on how others do that and their experience of a faith that's alive. Great time of connection and inspiration. Delicious morning tea provided. All welcome!

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**Windsor Park Tramping** is going on a tramp on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. For details collect a brochure in the Foyer or go to the Windsor Park website, click on Connect and then on Tramping.

**The Grief Share Course:** This course is founded on a Christian worldview and welcomes anyone trying to process their loss and handle grief after the death of someone in their life. The course format is a DVD session followed by group discussion. There are two courses starting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May and they will run for 15 weeks (including a two week break in the middle). Day time course: 12.30pm – 2.30pm; Evening course: 7pm – 9pm. They will be held at East Coast Bays Bible Baptist Church, 1092 East Coast Road, Torbay. The cost is \$25 for the workbook (optional but recommended). Please register with Victoria Haldane 021 803 205 after hours or victoriajayne@outlook.co.nz Spaces are limited to a maximum of 10 people each session. For any questions please phone Corina Fryer 021 026 96726.

**Steady Steps:** Age Concern North Shore will be presenting "Steady Steps" – a free presentation that will provide information and simple tips to help prevent a slip, trip or fall occurring. Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 11am in the Kowhai Room followed by a light morning tea. This will also be helpful for carers. Registration is essential as places are limited. For any questions and to register please contact Holly holly.walton@windsorpark.org.nz You can also register at the Information Desk on Sunday or by contacting the Church Office 477 0002.

**Tax Receipts** for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 are available in the foyer today and at the Church Office during the week.

**Operatunity Concerts:** The next Operatunity Concert in the Auditorium is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 11am 'The Dancing Years' Single tickets including lunch are \$35 each with discount options for extra concerts or groups. Tickets can be booked online [www.daytimeconcerts.co.nz](http://www.daytimeconcerts.co.nz) or by phoning 0508 266 237.