

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 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**

Today Pastor Grant will look at the second of our 'practices in exile', today looking at how the act of repentance changed, and still changes, whole communities.

### **2018 AGM**

As part of our three services today we'll be holding our 2018 AGM as the Elders formally present the 2018 Annual Report. Members will also vote for Elders and affirm those who serve on our other governance boards. We started doing this in our services last year as we believe that the 'business' of the church is as much an act of worship as anything else, so why separate these functions? It will only be about 15 minutes of the service. If you haven't read the Annual Report there'll be some copies available at the Information Desk or it's on our website. The function of voting for Elders is only available to members – if you're not sure if you're a member, you're probably not, but we'd love you to be – grab a copy of our Philosophy of Membership brochure from the Information Desk and we can chat about that with you. Happy reading!

## The Pastor's Pen

Kia Ora Koutou

We all know that the landscape of our society has changed after the tragedy that unfolded in Christchurch recently. Let's still remember to pray for the Muslim community as they continue to grieve and adjust to life after such a terrible event. While it fades from our screens, the lives (& futures) of so many people have been irrevocably changed.

The flow-on effects of this tragedy continue to be felt in many sections of our community; I'm sure you all saw that two-thirds of Auckland's ANZAC Day services next week have been cancelled with just 26 services to be held across the region, down from 84 last year. Security is a major concern for the police at the moment as the terror threat was lifted to high for the first time in NZ history. While police say there is no particular threat, they are more present than ever before in our community. This affects us. With the Easter season being 'high-season' for churches, police have been visiting places of worship over this last week (including Windsor Park) asking us to simply be aware of our surroundings and to contact them immediately if anything out-of-the-ordinary raises any concerns. While I'm comfortable that we have great Health & Safety processes in place, I simply ask that we all be aware of our surroundings and please let me (or any of the staff) know if you have any concerns. We're better together in all seasons of life.

Ngā manaakitanga

Grant Harris (Senior Pastor)

## Coming up / Classifieds

**Reasons for Faith Seminar: TODAY, 3pm, Rimu Room. Are miracles just natural phenomena? Professor George Seber.** Gold coin donation suggested.

**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.

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**Windsor Park Tramping** is going on a tramp on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. For details collect a brochure in the Foyer or go to the Windsor Park website, click on Connect and then on Tramping.

**Communion Steward** needed to help with the first service setup. This involves filling the cups, preparation of the bread and setting up the Auditorium for communion which is on the first Sunday of each month. Plus about two other occasions each year, one of them being Easter. The time required is about 45 minutes. Does this sound like you? Email [graeme.thomas@windsorpark.org.nz](mailto:graeme.thomas@windsorpark.org.nz)

**Shirley Smith** is going up to Vanuatu again with a small group from Windsor and wondered if anyone would be interested in donating glasses cases for reading glasses that have been already donated. Also we are needing 100 pairs of new coloured knickers for young women to go into the feminine hygiene packs. Size 12-16. If you can help please leave them in the Foyer, at the Church Office or give them to Shirley.

**Bays Youth Community Trust** is a not-for-profit organization with more than 10 years' experience working with young people facing challenging life situations. They have an opening for a Team Leader. The ideal applicant will have a minimum of three years' youth work experience. Please download an application pack from [www.equip.net.nz](http://www.equip.net.nz) Applications close 4pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Equip presents Waves:** a free eight-week programme that aims to support adults aged 18 and older who have been bereaved by suicide. It will be held in May/June at the Equip office. To express your interest please contact Marina Young [marina.young@equip.net.nz](mailto:marina.young@equip.net.nz) 021 815 412

**Operatunity Concerts:** The next Operatunity Concert in the Auditorium is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 11am 'Hits of the 60's & 70's'. 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.