

Sunday 19th 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

We jump back into our 2019 series, In\Visible today as we continue to look at Practices in Exile. Today we're looking at wisdom – Pastor Grant Harris is speaking in the morning services and Chriselle Lees-Thomas in the evening service.

Catching Up

At Windsor Park we generally preach and teach in series, which means that while each week stands alone, it's also part of a bigger story – just like the whole Bible! If you're away for a week or more, we encourage you to catch up on what you've missed. There are two main ways you can do that:

- Download the Windsor Park App where you'll find the latest newsletter and you can watch services you may have missed. You can also give through the App, link to our social media or websites ... and we're working hard to make the App as user friendly as possible.
- Similarly our website, www.windsorpark.org.nz contains all of these features too.

We value your feedback on how else we can help you, so feel free to email us ideas: info@windsorpark.org.nz

The Pastor's Pen

Kia Ora Koutou

On Wednesday night Jo and I had the pleasure of hanging out in one of Windsor Park's Life Groups; they had invited us to come along and get to know them better and also for them to ask us a bunch of questions, which ranged from church vision to do I cook at home?! We loved this evening, hearing stories, reflecting on the history of Windsor Park / Murrays Bay, getting grilled! Spending an evening with people in a lounge just reinforces the value of small group connection ... the night before we had trouble exiting the young adult group that we lead! They just wanted to sit around and chat.

Life Groups, ministry teams, serving, volunteering, getting to know a smaller group of people to do life and faith together with is simply the heart of Windsor Park; you'll never get the full benefit of what church is supposed to be from just attending on a Sunday, as good as Sundays are (of course they're not perfect!). If you're not part of a Life Group, I encourage you to take the initiative and contact us to see where you might fit. Naturally this also includes having people willing to open their homes and facilitate these groups, to which we're super happy to provide training and resources – which we know from early results of the survey, we need to improve.

Ngā manaakitanga

Grant Harris (Senior Pastor)

Coming up / Classifieds

Our next **Refresh** evening is coming up on **Tuesday 28th May from 5.45pm to 7.45pm** in the Kauri Room. Refresh is a fantastic time-out for women parenting alone. Bring your children along and we will look after them and give them a good time while you relax and enjoy a delicious dinner and great company. We will spend this Refresh with **Juliagrace** as she shares her story and songs with us. RSVP essential for catering purposes. \$5 per adult and \$10 for the family. Sponsorship available if needed. Any questions please contact gayle.vanhoffen@windsorpark.org.nz or phone the Church Office 477 0002.

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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 22nd May 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

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 29th 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.

Thank you to those who donated glasses cases and knickers for Shirley Smith to take to Vanuatu. They were very much appreciated.

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

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 28th 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.

Operatunity Concerts: The next Operatunity Concert in the Auditorium is on Wednesday 12th 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 or by phoning 0508 266 237.