

Sunday 24th 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

Pastor Grant Harris (Senior Pastor) introduces our 2019 series, In\Visible. Today he introduces the theme of exile, something we see throughout the Scriptures, and introduces the question, 'how do we live in exile?'

In\Visible: Faith and Life in New Zealand

Our series, In\Visible, will continue throughout the year – there are a bunch of series within the bigger theme ... but we'd strongly encourage you to get familiar with the report that is the foundation and is what instigated this series. You can find it at www.faithandbeliefstudynz.org

We'd also encourage you to:

- Grab a copy of the In\Visible booklet that outlines the series and the weekly readings.
- Sign up to the weekly emails that send you the weekly readings and a few thoughts to reflect on. Sign up at www.pressingon.org.nz
- Join a Life Group; there's nothing like doing life and faith together in a more intimate space.

The Pastor's Pen

Kia Ora Koutou

As a Baptist church we're defined as being congregationally led; which means that all staff are ultimately accountable to the members of the church. Each year the members of the church agree on a team of Elders who are delegated the task of taking responsibility for the overall governance of Windsor Park on behalf of the members. Elders serve for 2 years which can be renewed for two further terms of two years – a total of 6 years before a mandatory year-off kicks in. We have a team of eight Elders who meet monthly and at other times as needs arise. Because of the rotational nature of our Elders team we have two vacancies this year and we'd love to hear from anyone who may be interested in talking about Eldership, or you may wish to recommend to us someone who you think might be suitable. Elders must be members of the church and we have some guidelines about the character requirements (which are straight from Scripture) – we can send these notes to anyone who might be interested. We've also recently updated our membership booklet that explains the covenantal nature of relational membership that we have here at Windsor Park. If you're interested in learning more about membership (or if you'd like to become a member) or Eldership, drop me a line at grant.harris@windsorpark.org.nz and I can send you the relevant information and put you in touch with the appropriate person.

Ngā manaakitanga

Grant Harris (Senior Pastor)

Coming up / Classifieds

Do you love to sew? Do you love Freeset? The next Sewing Bee for Sew4Freedom will be held in the Foyer on Wednesday 27th 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

Parenting Course – Toddler Years: Tuesday 5th March – 9th April, 7pm – 9pm, Small Fries 2 Board Room. Please contact Jacqui jacqui.caetano@windsorpark.org.nz

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Our next **Refresh** evening is coming up **on Tuesday 26th February 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, great company and resourcing speakers. 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.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 2nd March, 7.15am – 8.45am, Kauri Room. Guest speaker: Bruce Edmonds 'Church Family on a Mission'. \$20pp/\$35 for father & son. Numbers limited to 90 men. Please register at the Info Desk or the Church Office. Payment is required at time of registration.

Welcome Lunch: Are you new to Windsor Park and would like to learn more about your church? Come with your family for lunch on us. Sunday 17th March, 12.15pm, Rimu Room. Please email graeme.thomas@windsorpark.org.nz or sign up at the Info Desk.

Life Groups for In\Visible - As we begin our 2019 teaching journey through 'In\Visible: Faith and Life in New Zealand' it's an ideal time to start connecting with others and doing the journey together. We have a range of life groups which cover the diversity of our church community but there's also a specific opportunity for those of you who are *single and in your 50's* to get involved in a new group starting up in Albany. If you're interested in connecting with others for the In\Visible journey then please email graeme.thomas@windsorpark.org.nz or you're most welcome to start connecting by joining the all-age, all-ethnicities, all-stages of life group that gathers in the Kauri Room on Thursday evenings from 7pm. Feel free to just turn up!

mainly music is making sailing boats out of **laundry washing powder scoops** e.g. Persil. If you have any to donate please leave them at the Information Desk or the Church Office.

Easter Camp Helpers: Adults and young adults needed to help at Easter Camp on the gate crew. No cost. Limited numbers. Contact Darren & Emma Tolmie to find out more 027 375 7353 or 027 476 1401.

FamilyLife Weekend To Remember: 5th – 7th April, Waipuna Hotel. This weekend getaway is all about helping couples learn God's plan for marriage and how to grow closer to Him and to one another. Register at www.familylife.nz