

Sunday 24th March, 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

We're hosting a multi-ethnic celebration in our morning services and then at our 6.30pm service we're hosting Gracia Burnham as below:



**GRACIA
BURNHAM**
in Auckland

Sunday, 24 March, 6.30pm
Windsor Park Baptist Church
550 East Coast Rd, Mairangi Bay



Learn more and RSVP at ethnos.nz/events

The Pastor's Pen

Kia Ora Koutou

Over the last week we've seen scenes we hope are never repeated in NZ; the senseless tragedy of a mass-shooting that claimed 50 lives (the 8th worst of these events in human history) has galvanized people of all races and religions with expressions of grief and compassion. We all hope that in the midst of these events there will be some positive social change that dilutes the divisions that exist between people who we believe are all created in the image of Christ, no matter what religion or philosophy we choose to accept.

We couldn't think of better services than what we're having today at Windsor Park:

Firstly, planned months ago, our multi-ethnic celebration in our morning services is intended to help us as a faith community celebrate our diversity and yet our oneness in Christ – could there be a better weekend to do that when we look back over the last week?

Secondly, planned 9 months ago, the evening service will hear the powerful story of grace and forgiveness that Gracia Burnham brings after being held in captivity for over a year in the Philippines and losing her husband in the gunfight that ultimately gained her freedom. This story took place around the time of the twin towers tragedy.

Both of these services will reassert the power of God to overcome all obstacles!

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 March 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

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ONLY 2 SPACES LEFT - Quiet Day for women of all ages:

An opportunity to come aside and listen to what God might be saying to you. Saturday 30th March, 10am – 4pm, 11 Helvetia Drive, Browns Bay. \$15 includes lunch. Register at the Information Desk or contact the Church Office 477 0002.

Link Lunch: Sunday 31st March. A time for meeting and sharing with the Windsor Park family. Sign-up as a Host or Guest and let's get to know each other. See the insert in this newsletter or registration forms are available at the Information Desk.

Reasons for Faith seminar: Sunday 31st March, 3pm, Rimu Room. **Wrestling with the Current NZ Context while balancing Truth and Grace – Mark Powell.** Description: NZ is now largely a post-Christian country. How did we end up here? How do we wrestle with this and engage with society? Should we withdraw or should we march in the streets? Are these the only two options?

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 021 815 412

The Family Participation Forum presents "Thinking ahead about legal issues" Are you thinking about EPOA or guardianship for a loved one? Or what happens when they are placed under the Mental Health Act? Thursday 28th March, 7pm, caféwindsor Please RSVP to Debbie.Crichton@waitematadhb.govt.nz

Operatunity Concerts: The next Operatunity Concert in the Auditorium is on Wednesday 24th 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 or by phoning 0508 266 237.

An opportunity to be a **relief teacher at KingsWay School:** Applications are invited from NZ registered teachers and an application form is available on the school website www.kingsway.school.nz/about-us/staff/employment.