

Sunday 3rd 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

Pastor Grant Harris (Senior Pastor) is speaking in the morning services, and Chriselle Lees-Thomas is speaking in the evening service. They're in Week 2 of our series, In\Visible, taking us through Lamentations 3.

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 most of you will be aware, we're one of approx. 240 churches that make up the Baptist Union of NZ (we believe that we're better together as well as having some shared core doctrines). One of the responsibilities of being part of the BUNZ is participating in the process of appointing the National Leader (who seeks to lead a united front as best as they can!). Assembly Council (the governing board of the BUNZ) and Mission Council (the governing board of the NZ Baptist Missionary Society) is nominating Charles Hewlett as the next National Leader. As a church we're invited to vote for, or against, this nomination - we're actually allowed 8 votes because of our size. The Elders have met and intend to this week vote affirmatively for Charles unless there are those who think we shouldn't - of course we'd love a discussion if that is you. A copy of Charles' bio is available at the Information Desk today. We know him well, he's preached at Windsor Park several times, and after fulfilling his current employment commitments at Greenlane Christian Centre, the Hewletts intend to make WP their home church. We think this is exciting for the denomination as we look to the future, particularly as we continue to progress through our 2019 series, In\Visible, that is looking at faith and life in NZ. Please contact me if you'd like to make any comments (grant.harris@windsorpark.org.nz)

Ngā manaakitanga

Grant Harris (Senior Pastor)

Coming up / Classifieds

The sermon at the 10.45am service on the first Sunday of the month is now being translated into **Mandarin**. Instructions on use are available at the Information Desk and if you have any questions there will be someone there to help you.

Soul Food - Women's Craft & Chat: Come along with your project and enjoy the friendship of other creative souls! Saturday 16th March, 2 – 5pm, Rimu Room. Please contact karenapark@xtra.co.nz 021 802 352 for enquiries.

Coming up / Classifieds

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!

Malcolm Gordon Worship Seminar: Saturday 23rd March, 9am – 3.30pm, Manuaku City Baptist Church, \$20 per person. For further information contact Angus angus@albanybaptist.org.nz

Operatunity Concerts: The next Operatunity Concert in the Auditorium is on Wednesday 6th March, 11am 'From Phantom to Les Mis.' Feast on the blockbusters of the most loved musicals. 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.

Driving Miss Daisy Milford is looking for casual drivers – people who like driving and helping people. If you live handy to Mairangi Bay and would like to do something fulfilling while making some pocket money, please give Alan a call on 551 3050 or email milford@drivingmissdaisy.co.nz

Looking for a friendly, excellent communicator mum that is currently raising child/ren aged between 6months and 5 years and can join me as an exhibitor at The Baby Show Autumn Edition, to represent NZ owned children's sleepwear brand. Saturday 9th March, 9am-5pm; Sunday 10th March, 9pm-4pm. If interested, please contact Sylvie 021 037 2009 (text preferred).

Interested in social justice through fair and ethical trade? Come to the 2019 Fairfield Conference, 8th – 9th March, AUT, CBD Campus, Auckland. Register at www.FairfieldConference.org.nz (maximum cost \$50 includes all food).