

Sunday 5th 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

In the morning services Pastor Grant will spend time interviewing Charles Hewlett, the new National Leader of the Baptist Union of NZ.

In the evening service we continue our *In\Visible* series by looking at the spiritual practice of keeping an 'even if' faith that keeps growing even in the face of adversity.

2019 Church Survey

At our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 14th April, Iain Bradley, the Chair of our Elders board, spoke of a survey that the Elders had put together to get feedback that will help them consider the journey we've been on as a faith community and where we're heading into the future. If you're on our database you should have received a copy of this survey recently. A big thanks to those who have completed it; and thanks to those who will! A hard copy of this survey is available at the Information Desk for those who don't have email, and for those who have email and haven't received it, you're obviously not on our database, so let us know your details and we can fix that!

The Pastor's Pen

Kia Ora Koutou

Today we farewell Pastor Andy Doncaster and his family (Ashley, Keegan and Kyle) as they relocate to Mosgiel where Andy is taking up a youth role at East Taieri Presbyterian Church. The Doncaster family have been part of our Windsor Park whanau for about a decade since shifting to Auckland. It was in 2011 that I sat with Andy as he sensed God calling him into vocational ministry ... and then we supported him through his theological and leadership training at Carey Baptist College and then ultimately into a position of pastoral leadership here at Windsor Park. It's been a wonderful journey to see the family adapt and grow and change over these years, and one thing has been consistently obvious – they've always sought to be obedient in responding to the challenges and changes that life brings, putting God in the middle of that. We're thankful for the contribution that the whole Doncaster family have made to Windsor Park, and send them out with our blessing and support to the deep south!

A recruitment team has been formed by the Elders to appoint a new Youth & Young Adults Pastor and we're confident that this vacancy will be filled in time for the start of Term 3. Please pray for wisdom for us and the applicants as we go through this process.

Ngā manaakitanga

Grant Harris (Senior Pastor)

Coming up / Classifieds

ncompass: 10am, Thursday 16th May, Kauri Room.

Living Victoriously in Christ. Recognising our identity as children of God in Christ enables us to live victoriously through all of life's circumstances. This month at ncompass we'll have the opportunity to hear stories on how others do that and their experience of a faith that's alive. Great time of connection and inspiration. Delicious morning tea provided. All welcome!

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There will be no Mandarin translation of the 10.45am service today. It will be next Sunday 12th May.

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

Soul Food - Women's Craft & Chat: Come along with your project and enjoy the friendship of other creative souls! Saturday 11th May, 2 – 5pm, Rimu Room. Please contact karenapark@xtra.co.nz 021 802 352 for enquiries.

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.

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 Applications close 4pm Monday 6th May.

Accommodation available in Long Bay/Torbay for a couple or a single person. Fully furnished double bedroom and lounge, with separate toilet and shower. Shared kitchen upstairs. No bond and rent will include utilities. Available immediately to mid-end November. Serious applicants to contact Jolene on 021 390 401 for further details.

Gardener needed on an ongoing basis in the Glenfield area. Please phone Jillian 021 179 7069.