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***I thank my God in all my
remembrance of you, always in
every prayer of mine for you all
making my prayer with joy.
Philippians 1:3 - 4.***

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*Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the
word of the Lord may speed ahead and
be honoured*

2 Thessalonians 3:1

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Your forgiveness and patience are appreciated.

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For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

EDITORIAL - What Are You Doing About It?

News. So much news bombards our senses every day. Hourly news broadcasts on the radio, television news, internet feeds, newspapers and even word of mouth, all vie for our attention. And then there is the Ecclesial News.

I am a bit of news addict. I like knowing what is going on – especially when it comes to news about the people I love in the body of Christ. For that reason I have always looked forward to regular issues of the Ecclesial News.

In the survey we are running at the moment, it appears that the most popular part of the Ecclesial News is the section summarising births, deaths, baptisms, engagements and marriages, followed closely by news from ecclesias we know. They have been my favourite bits too, and it seems like it has always been that way.

Even before the Ecclesial News began, people were sending news back and forth between ecclesias and from the mission field. Paul told the Ephesians, “*So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts*” (Ephesians 6:21 – 22 ESV).

While it is all very interesting to hear the news, the big question is, what are we going to do about it? When news came to Nehemiah about the trouble and disgrace the Jews were facing in Jerusalem, he did something about it. Because he was in Susa, he couldn’t physically help in any way – but he could pray. And that’s exactly what Nehemiah did. He prayed. Because of his prayer, God used Nehemiah to build up the walls of Jerusalem and the people within the city.

When Paul sent his news to the Ephesians, he also told them to keep “*praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication... and also for me*” (Ephesians 6:18,19).

Let’s do the same. As we read through this issue of the Ecclesial News, let’s read it with a heart of prayer. There are all sorts of prayers that can flow from the news you are about to read: thanks for births and baptisms; thanks for lives that have been lived and the hope of the resurrection; prayers for those who are mourning; prayers for relationships that are growing; prayers for ecclesias and the people in them; and asking for blessings on the preaching and events that are coming up, to name a few.

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The Ecclesial News is not just here to inform. It is also a pointer to pray.

Let’s be like Paul who heard news about his brothers and sisters and gave thanks. He said, “*We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing*” (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

He also prayed for them. “*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*” (Philippians 1:9 – 11).

So as we read this issue of the Ecclesial News, let us pray.

With love and prayers,
Robert Prins

EVENTS

1 – 11 May 2025

Mission Trip to India including a Bible Camp and CYC camp.

31 May – 2 June 2025 (King's Birthday weekend)

June weekend Camp, Wellington.

Speaker Bro Hayden George.

20 – 22 June 2025

Dunedin Bible Camp

Venue: River Ridge Retreat, Catlins Valley

Title and Speaker to be advised

28 June – 5th July 2025

Winter School at Napier Girls High School, Napier.

Speakers: Bro Con Mitsos on "King Hezekiah," and Bro Jacob Lewis on "Paul's Travelling Companions." Applications open online 2 February 2025* at www.cfbs.org.nz.

1 July 2025

Applications open for the New Zealand Christadelphian Bible School at www.NZCBS.co.nz.

25 – 27 July 2025

Auckland Combined Ecclesial Weekend.

Venue: Pakuranga Ecclesial Hall.

Speaker: Bro Nathan Lewis, Christchurch North

Topic: Freedom in Christ

(see the advertisement on page 58 for more details)

1 August

Applications open for Summer School at www.cfbs.org.nz. *Note: application opening dates may change, check the website www.cfbs.org.nz to confirm.

Saturday 9 August 2025

Palmerston North Fraternal Gathering

Time: 12.00noon - 5.00pm

Venue: Ashhurst Village Valley Centre, Cambridge Street, Ashhurst.

Details of speaker and theme to be provided in due course

2 August

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Early August 2025

Mission Trip to South America: 2 weeks in early August for a Conference in Chile. Spanish speakers are needed. (See the advertisement on page 59 for more details).

9 August 2025

Palmerston North Fraternal

Ashhurst Village Valley Centre

9 - 10 August 2025

Bay Of Plenty Fraternal

Venue: Senior Citizens Hall, Maitland St., Greerton, Tauranga. Starting 2.30pm.

Speaker: Bro Hayden George (Hutt Valley)

12 – 17 August 2025

Mt Zion Christadelphian Conference held at

Lakeland Camp, Queenstown. Speaker: Bro Tony

Lines on Romans- Live Unto The Lord. More

details at <https://mtzion.nz/>.

8 – 10 August 2025

North Camp for young people. Speaker Bro Andy Norton on Christ in Corinthians.

5th – 7th of September 2025 (Friday night at 7:30 – Sunday memorial meeting)
 Tahunanui School Hall
 Brother Carl Parry from the Salisbury Ecclesia in Adelaide
 Philippians “Finishing the work begun”

19 – 21 September 2025
 New Lynn Fraternal Weekend
 Venue: New Lynn Hall
 Bro Jason Gilmore, NSW: “Finding Messiah in the Wilderness”

26th – 28th September 2025
 Tawa CYC Camp
 Wellington
 Brother Rob Oosthuizen, ‘Stirring up the Spirit – Lessons from the Returning Exiles’

24th – 27th October (Labour Weekend)
 Tautuku CYC Camp
 Venue: Tautuku, Catlins, Southland
 Speaker: Bro Wynton Perrot: ‘Light It Up – Keep Your Faith On Fire’

2 November,
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18 December 2025 - 10 January 2026
 Mission Trip to the Solomon Islands. 2 weeks including the South Pacific Youth Conference from 26 – 29 December.
 Contact: Bro Brydyn Melles 027-627 2808
 Email: christadelphianmsf.nz@gmail.com
 (See the advertisement on page 57 for more details).

25 December 2025 – 2 January 2026
 Summer School at Blue Skies Centre, Kaiapoi.
 Speakers: Bro Stephen Whitehouse on “Joseph,” and Bro Mark O’Grady on “The Spirit.”
 Applications open online 1 August 2025* at www.cfbs.org.nz.

29 December 2025 – 4 January 2026
 NZ Christadelphian Bible School. Speakers: Bro Joseph (Joe) Palmer, (USA) and Bro Darryn Horrell, (Pakuranga Ecclesia). Titles and other information will be posted to the website www.NZCBS.co.nz

Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.
Ephesians 6:18

FAMILY NOTICES

Baptisms

*Rejoicing in the joy of God's
presence the Angels of God
celebrate the rebirth of new lives
to warm the hearts of the Family
of God*

Anna Yearsley, Christchurch West

Ari Brinkerhoff, Christchurch North

Jared and Victoria Gombert,
Christchurch North

Moriah Lewis, Christchurch North

Travis Scott, Christchurch North

Alexa Oosthuizen, Invercargill

Daniel Welsh, Invercargill

Tony Payn, Nelson

Susanna Davies, Wellington

Births

The new life of hope

Aria to sis Leah and Ryan Mulligan,
Hamilton

Joshua to sis Danika and Daniel
Connolly, Hamilton

Anna to James and Elizabeth
Simpson on 19 March Christchurch
West

Asher to Sam and Sarah Alexander,
previously Christchurch West

Albie Mack Crouch, to Sis Nat and
Bro Asher Crouch, Pakuranga

Freya Josy Green to Belinda and
Josh Green Wellington

Deaths

*Asleep in Christ awaiting the
glorious resurrection to come
forth as the dew of the morning
at the Master's return*

Bro David Featherstone,
Christchurch West

Bro John Beer, Invercargill

Bro John Ching, Nova Scotia (ex
Wellington)

Sis Vivienne France, Adelaide (ex
Tawa)

Sis Katherine Cassidy

FAMILY NOTICES

Engagements

Proposed companions together in the Hope of Israel and fulfilment of the covenants.

Sister Rhiannon Brown of Riverton to Brother Gideon Osborn of the Okanagan Ecclesia, Canada

Weddings

Companions together in the Hope of Israel and fulfilment of the covenants.

Sister Xinia Alderson to Pieter Van Wijk, Waitakere

Transfers

Transfers within the family of God

Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon Enstrom from Bay of Plenty to Whangarei

Sis Bella Dondero from Sacramento, Canada to Dunedin Central Ecclesia (Whilst on Study for three years)

Bro David and Sis Carolyn Bailey from Christchurch West to Christchurch North

Bro Murray and Sis Nicky Read from Bible Hall to Christchurch West

Bro Murray and Sis Lyn McLeod from Bible Hall to Christchurch West

Sis Paula Anderson from Bible Hall to Christchurch West

Sis. Rosi Rabuku from Christchurch North to Cabramatta, Sydney

Bro. James and Sis. Lydia Woods from Christchurch North to Bible Hall

Sis. Hannah Wright from Christchurch West to Christchurch North

Bro Paul Herbert from Invercargill to Waitakere

Sis Lydia Niven from Invercargill to West Ryde, Sydney

Sis Anna Oosthuizen from Invercargill to Rugby, Coventry, UK

Sis Margaret Walker from Invercargill to Southport, UK

Sis Charis Prins from Pakuranga to Cumberland, Adelaide

Bro Floyd Tunnell from Waitakere to Wellington

ECCLESIAL NEWS

There are about 1785 Christadelphians in New Zealand, according to Google, and 537 subscribers to the Ecclesial News, according to my email list. That means there are more than 1000 Christadelphians in New Zealand who are not receiving the New Zealand Ecclesial News.

The Ecclesial News is here to promote unity, fellowship and prayer within our community. For that reason, more of us need to hear about it, have access to a copy and read it.

Here are some ideas of what we can all do to help:

- **Recorders:** Please provide a paper copy of the Ecclesial News for those that do not have access to the online version.
- Please have this issue of the Ecclesial News announced in your ecclesia and in your ecclesial emails, providing the link to the magazine and the link to sign up for the Ecclesial News emails.
- **All of us:** Pray for the strength and growth of the Ecclesial News throughout New Zealand, and that God would get glory through it.
- If you have printed out a copy to read, please share it around when you have finished reading it.
- If you feel that you can go the extra mile, print out a spare copy to give away.
- Forward the e-copy of the magazine on to others who may not have received it.
- Talk about it with others in your ecclesia.

Printed Copies

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- 1) Choose whether you would like a colour copy \$20.00, or a black-and white copy \$12.00. Postage is included within NZ. (Discounts are available for bulk ecclesial orders)
- 2) Deposit the funds into the Pakuranga Christadelphians bank account 02-0176-0024524-00 with the references 'enews' and your name.
- 3) Contact the editor (Robert Prins) nzenews@gmail.com, or phone 021 0249 8983 with your name and postal address, and confirming you have paid.
- 4) Wait for your copy to arrive in the post.

Questionnaire

We have a survey of eight quick questions about the Ecclesial News in which you can give us your feedback. Help us out at <https://forms.gle/uHQ2RfB2ySXAU2Bj7> or scan the QR code.



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Greetings to all our dear family around New Zealand. As we proceed through the year, we cannot expect any day to be the same. Current events take unusual, startling, and unforeseen turns. Events in the US continue to surprise and reverberate globally, and developments in numerous other places, including earthquakes, war, unrest and the recent passing of the Catholic church leader, all draw us to take heart that the angels are indeed busy, preparing events ready for our Lord's return. We live in exciting times.

Activity

Bro Glenn and sis Gail opened their home in February for an ecclesial BYO lunch and swim. It was good after the summer, to reconvene and catch-up on summer news. In March we held another coffee and fellowship at the Kings Plant Barn café. Our April activity sadly had to be postponed until another time due to inclement weather.

Our autumn programmes are in full swing. We have had some very interesting Bible class talks on 'Angel Encounters' – a series looking at angel encounters with various men and women of faith. Our monthly home readings

groups have also been looking at 1 Timothy in conjunction with the Australasian NZ Youth Conference where 1 Timothy was the study topic.

Bible hour subjects have again been diverse. We have had one on antisemitism and the rise in its occurrence in recent times; God's design of a family unit; 5 important things to know about God; and some DVD's by bro Frank Abel on things like climate change.

Sunday School

Sunday School reconvened and are studying from Solomon through latter OT lessons this year. They started with a pancake breakfast and have also enjoyed a combined Sunday School with Waitakere.

CYC

The CYC start-up was a beach day held at Cornwallis beach, with a BBQ and jet ski rides in the harbour. This was the first WAC event (combined West Auckland CYC), which is proving to be successful thus far. We are trialling alternating a week of Bible study with a week of activity and Bible readings discussions. We have already looked at subjects such the Sword of the Spirit, and Women of the Bible, as studies. Other activities have included a walk up Mount Eden (which has amazing views of the cityscape), bowling, a fire pit and games evening, and the now annual breakfast CYC at bro Craig and sis Becca Alexander's. At ACYC this year, we are looking at Israel's feasts and PK hosted the Passover at sis Varna's café, complete with roast lamb and unleavened bread.

The main youth event has been the NZYC Conference at Matamata, which many of our young people attended and thoroughly enjoyed. By all accounts it was an 'epic' event and our young people returned enthused and spiritually uplifted. One of the coaches left from the New Lynn Hall to transport our kids and Australian young people we billeted, down country. It was lovely to witness the excitement and camaraderie of the young people as they left to go down to camp (but tired and exhausted ones upon returning!). We thank our Heavenly

Father for this wonderful occasion and we also thank the organizing committee, hosts and all others who made this event possible, with a lot of hard work behind the scenes. New friendships, fellowship and small glimpses of the future kingdom serve to help strengthen our young people, the future ecclesia, in these last days.

Junior CYC also started up their year with a camp out at Whangateau (towards Matakana) and a goodly number of families from around Auckland and further out from Hamilton, attended that camp.

A couple of our younger families also attended the Family Easter Camp down at Waihi Beach which was also a full weekend of friendship and fellowship, with families attending from around the North Island.

Invitation

We warmly invite you all to our annual Fraternal Weekend from 19 – 21 September, God willing, when we will be hosting bro Jason Gilmore, NSW, who will be speaking on the subject "Finding Messiah in the Wilderness."

Travel and Welfare

Our dear bro Ashwin and sis Arti Kumar are farewelling NZ shores for new pastures in Brisbane. Their daughters, both sis Natasha and sis Nadia have emigrated over there, and especially with grandchildren as a drawcard, Arti and Ashwin have made the decision to relocate closer to their family. They have been members of New Lynn for around twenty years and we are very sad to see them leave. A lovely farewell lunch was held for them after the meeting on ANZAC weekend. We wish them Godspeed and God's blessings in their new venture over the ditch.

Bro Dave's sister, sis Liz Brooker (Tasmania), sadly fell asleep after a long battle with cancer. Bro Dave and sis Pip went over to Tasmania for her funeral and to support family there. She now rests in hope as we pray for their family at this time.

Sis Helen, Charlize and Jayden have chosen to remain in Qld at this stage. We pray for God's blessing upon them as they navigate a new normal.

We continue to visit with bro Andrew and sis Pauline and sis Patty in their homes. Bro Vin underwent cardiac surgery and is making a good return to better health.

We have been blessed with several visitors over the period, with many from 'over the ditch.' Our hall was extremely full on the

Sunday after the Youth Conference finished, with many visitors and young people from all over Oz and from other parts of NZ sharing fellowship with us.

God bless you all and keep you in His loving arms as we continue to watch and wait for Jesus' soon return.

AUCKLAND - PAKURANGA

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Meeting Times: Sunday School (in school terms) 9:20am, Memorial Meeting 11:00am,

Wednesday Bible Class 7:30pm. CYC on Saturdays.

Online Activities: Daily Readings, Monday to Saturday at 8.00am; Memorial Meeting and Bible Class (as above). Join live on GoToMeeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/325545813>

Ecclesial Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/christadelphians/home> (or google 'Pakuranga Christadelphians').

Fraternal Greetings from your brothers and sisters at the Pakuranga Ecclesia.

Birth

Baby Albie Mack Crouch was born on the 7th of April, weighing in at 3.66kg. Congratulations and much love to new parents Bro Asher and Sis Nat Crouch. May our Heavenly Father bless and guide them.

Transfers

Sis Charis Prins has transferred to the Cumberland Ecclesia in Adelaide. We will all miss our young sister and pray for God's blessing on her new life in Australia.

Welfare

Sis Doreen Mastemaker's health is causing sadness and concern. Plans have been made for her to move to Matamata to be cared for near her family. We pray for our Heavenly Father's loving arms to be around her and give her peace.

Sis Barbara Allanson is recovering well from an operation on her foot and allergy problems. Several of our elderly members have had on-going coughs and colds.

Both Sis Penny Thomas and Sis Jackie Grieve are recovering from mouth operations.



Resignation

It is with regret and sadness that we advise that Bro Adam Thomas has resigned from the ecclesia.

Picnic

Our annual ecclesial picnic was again held at Eastern Beach on the 23rd of February, after the meeting. The highlight this year was having a go at sailing in two small yachts brought along by Bro Barry Martin. The picnic was well attended by our own members plus some visitors from out of town.

Annual Camp

This year's Pakuranga camp was held at Muriwai, on the West Coast, due to our usual venue at Hunua being double booked. A wonderful weekend was had by all, the studies were led by Bro Craig Simpson from Dunedin. Bro Craig spoke to the subject, "Son of Man, in the Image of God." Thanks to our Heavenly Father, and all those who so willingly organised such a good weekend, including Bro Craig for leading the studies, and to Bro Si and

Sis Liz Sutcliffe who did a great job of feeding us all.

Travelling Brethren

We welcome the following back from their overseas journeys: Sis Cheryl Franklin and Bro Jeremy and Sis Jemima Prins, visiting family in Australia. Bro Justin Roche from Thailand, and Sis Jane Zhang visiting family in China. We have recently said goodbye to Bro Jorge and Sis Madi Marsden, who have departed from



Music at the Pakuranga Camp

our shore for an extended stay in England. We wish them God speed.

Youth Conference

The long-awaited and long planned-for conference took place near Matamata, with over 400 young people attending. The studies from 1st Timothy were led by Bro Nathan Lewis from Christchurch. We thank our Heavenly Father for His blessings on the conference and the young people who attended.

Pot Luck Lunch

This was provided on Sunday April 13, to cater for some of the Conference attendees who spent the weekend in Auckland waiting for their flight back to Australia.

CYC

The Pakuranga CYC has focused their studies on Acts, while the combined Auckland CYCs have been looking at the Feasts – Passover, Unleavened Bread and Pentecost. Their “Start-up Camp” was held over Waitangi weekend, under canvas at Wenderholm beach. Most of them went to the Conference from 5 to 12 April.

Bible Class

These have focused on “Life Issues” (2 parts), “What will the Kingdom be like” (2 parts), and “Earthquake, Wind and Fire” (3 Parts). We thank our brothers for presenting these most interesting topics.



Pakuranga Camp Praise Night

Visitors

It has been our pleasure to welcome the following visitors around the table of our Lord: Sis Lois Sandle – Whangarei; Sis Micah Simpson, Sis Alex Simpson, Bro Roger Evans and Sis Leigh Allanson-Evans – Waitakere; Bro Ronald Chittinappilly, Sis Lorraine Mundy, Sis Marilyn Lau – New Lynn; Bro Gavin and Sis Viv Longstaff (Bro Gavin Exhorted), Bro Calvin Zhu and Sis Amy Liang, Sis Rebekah McIvor, Bro Gordon Mudge, Bro Robin and Sis Varna Bennett, Sis Sacha Brady, Bro Neil Todd – Auckland Central; Bro Andrew and Sis Anita Saxon, Bro Paul Herbert – Bay of Plenty; Bro TJ and Sis Lynette Reding, Bro Ben and Sis Ally Worsnop – Hamilton; Sis Carol Brown, Sis Sharon Cawston – Dannevirke; Bro Matt and Sis Beth Berkahn – Palmerston North; Bro Paul and Sis Jan Teal, Sis Mata Teal, Sis Charis Teal – Hutt Valley; Bro Lindsay and Sis Angela Marsden, Bro Steve and Sis Steph Crouch, Bro Kah Fook and Sis Nortina Tham, Bro Luke and Sis Laura Crouch – Wellington; Sis Holly Ingram – Riverton.

From the UK: Bro Tim and Sis Helen Morse – Malvern; Bro Richard Cherry – Thornton; Sis Mara Reeves – Belfast, N. Ireland.

From Australia: Bro Ben Johns, Bro Josh and Sis Anne Johns, Sis Charis Prins – Cumberland, SA; Sis Laura Case – Enfield, SA; Sis Charlotte Samwell – Mt Barker, SA; Sis Shilo Nolan – Salisbury, SA; Bro Jamin and Sis Rosy Hunter – Woodville, SA; Bro

Levi Ryan – Boolaroo, Newcastle, NSW; Bro Benjamin Ryan, Bro Joshua Ryan, Bro Eli Ryan, Bro Jamin and Sis Janett Ryan, Sis Tilly Ryan – Hunter Valley, NSW; Sis Keira Morgan, Bro Eden and Sis Kirra Dangerfield – Gosford, NSW; Bro Daniel Jolly, Bro Levi McKinlay – Wamuran, QLD; Sis Anne Melles – Melbourne.

From Fiji: Sis Adi Toaloa – Suva.

AUCKLAND - WAITAKERE

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Memorial Meeting times: 10:30am over the winter period.

Online activities: Memorial Meeting each Sunday. Wednesdays 8:00pm, Bible Class. Contact Martin Herbert on herbone@xtra.co.nz

It was with great sadness this week that John Ching, from Novia Scotia passed away after several years of illness. Our prayers and thoughts are with his wife Sier and Elizabeth. They are regular online attendees at Waitakere, dialling in from Nova Scotia, and more recently from John's bedside. It is a blessing to have the wonderful hope of the resurrection that we all share, as we grieve with Sier and Elizabeth. We pray for strength for Johns family, and God's power, love and hope at this sad time. Below is a summary of Johns faith that also gives us strength. May God be with the Ching Family.

<https://www.christadelphians.ns.ca/tag/belief/>

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Stan and Vanessa and Benjy and Helen Shrosbree's brother-in-law (Stan and Benje's sister) in Christchurch. Bro. David Featherstone managed medical problems for several years, while his wife Dinky has been a support and carer for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Shrosbree and Featherstone families at this sad time. May God be with you and your needs at this time.

Sunday Meetings and Online

Sunday meetings continue in west Auckland with 10:30am starts now that we are heading toward the winter months.

Online meetings have been particularly helpful for those unable to attend in person due to the

recent storms and weather or while travelling over the summer. It's wonderful to have our newly located Helen and Benjy Shrosbree online from up north. We miss them and Kate but know they are being looked after up in sunny northland. Benje Shrosbree also meets us online from the Solomon Islands where he travels to work. After the sadness of the past week, it was wonderful for us all to meet with Sier and Elizabeth Ching from Nova Scotia online. Waitakere are equally strengthened by seeing our folk who meet online.

Bible Class

The Bible classes online continue. The focus of studies has been on Jeremiah with a monthly wild card, which is always enjoyable and keeps everyone on their toes. If you wish to join a Waitakere Bible class on Wednesday 7:30pm contact Martin Herbert at herbone@xtra.co.nz.

Sunday School

The Waitakere Sunday School now connects with both the Western Lampstand and New Lynn as all the Sunday schools are small and need to support each other. It's a blessing to have our children link-in with other families together.

Waitakere Sunday School had their annual sausage sizzle start-up with games connecting with all the Sunday Schools across Auckland. They had a combined Sunday school lesson with New Lynn Sunday school where they

wrote letters to the Dunedin Sunday school hoping to make pen pals with the Southerners! Sunday school topics continue with the youngest class considering various Bible stories. The middle class are exploring the origins of the Bible and OT stories. The older class are exploring first principles. This weekend we have another combined Sunday school where we are looking at friendship through a fun obstacle course.

Junior CYC

There was a fantastic Junior CYC start-up camp where the children discovered music, worship and learnt a new song from Sophie and Josh Luxmore. The kids had a blast swimming at the beach and developing wonderful friendships. A big thanks to Reuben and Hannah Alderson for their organising.

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is in full swing, and we are covering topics including 'predestination verses free will'. This term will see a rotation of different facilitators leading Youth Sunday on a variety of different topics which will keep it interesting. Each leader brings a different style and presentation of content to the young folk.

CYC

Waitakere CYC and New Lynn CYC have now combined due to low numbers. The combined CYC is now called 'West'. There has been a joint committee formed between New Lynn and Waitakere to organise and coordinate events. One large recent event for the youth in NZ included the 2025 Youth Conference held in Matamata. The post-conference was in Wellington. A few of our CYC youth attended and said it was a really uplifting week. The overwhelming positive was meeting over 400 other Christadelphian Youth. Many attended from Australia, with new friendships made and nurtured.

Illnesses

Our dear Auntie Marg Price has been in hospital but is back with a stronger heart than ever before! Both Margaret and Paul Price have had much to celebrate in recent times including Marg's health. Wynton Perrott senior has been having some procedural work on his eyes. It's only increased his clear vision of the kingdom

further! Phil Perrott is back "on deck" after his recent incident with stitches now removed from his hand. It was a blessing to see all our "front row" of wisdom back in action after their recent illnesses and events. We will continue to pray for the Ching family in Nova Scotia. Sair and Elizabeth need our prayers and love at this time. There are always those who we may know about or not, that need our prayers of support for whatever reason.

Weddings and Relocations

We wish Xinia Alderson and Pieter Van Wijk blessings on their recent wedding held in the beautiful garden setting of Christine and Roberts property in French Bay. A perfect day and family time of celebrations for all. It was an extended family time with the Australian cousins attending. Xinia and Pieter will be residing predominately in Amsterdam.

We wish blessings on Kirsty and Hal Smith-Stevens as they move their family of three girls to relocate in Dubai for a period. Hal will be working in Dubai and we will miss their family dearly but know that Vanessa and Stan Shrobbree will no doubt be making plans to visit Dubai and stay in contact with their family. May God continue to watch over our families overseas and bless them.

Mission Work

Christine and Robert Alderson have recently visited Bolivia and Chile for a two-week period. They have continued to meet with brethren in various locations and continue with their preaching efforts. It's always inspiring and encouraging to hear of their work.

Visitors

We have had visitors over the summer period to boost our numbers including several from overseas. Jan Brown, Freya and James mum was visiting from England to spend time catching up with her three grandchildren. Also, Beryl and Jason Young from Brisbane have been visiting family including their older grandchildren.

We have much to praise God for and ask that he guides, directs and continues to care for our families at Waitākere.

CHRISTCHURCH BIBLE HALL

Recorder: Bro Steve Jackson

Hall Address: 554 Gloucester Street

Meeting Times: 11.00am Sunday memorial meeting; 7.30pm Wednesday Bible class

Online Activities: Memorial meeting and Bible class are held on zoom. Please contact for details.

Greetings in the truth to all our Brothers and Sisters in New Zealand. Our ecclesia continues as a lamp stand in north-east Christchurch with a small group of loyal members who meet as a family on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We are very blessed to have speaker support from other ecclesias in Christchurch, having just finished a very interesting and informative series on aspects of the lives of King Saul, Jonathan and David. This was enjoyed by all those present and by those on zoom. We are finding the need for support to be more compelling as our numbers are very small which means there is a considerable load on the brothers who prepare talks.

Bro Keith has moved into an apartment at the Chatswood retirement village and he is well settled there and finding it much warmer as we draw close to winter.

Bro Kent Berryman is recovering from a hip replacement operation this week and is making good progress so far.

If you are visiting Christchurch, we would love to see you, and would love to have you present if you are able to. Please let us know so we can enjoy lunch together after the meeting.

We appreciate your love and prayers at this time for Christ's near return, and are waiting for that time when we will all be together as one in His Kingdom.

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CHRISTCHURCH NORTH

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Ecclesial life is wonderfully busy! As we travel and participate here, there and everywhere, we are in awe of the connections that bind us together in the Hope of Israel.

Baptisms

Every baptism is a blessing, but the beginning of this year has seen the fruit of years and untold numbers of people with five baptisms! Our baptism blessings included Bro. Ari Brinkerhoff, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Elissa Brinkerhoff. The next week we were blessed with the baptisms of Bro. Jared and his wife, Sis. Victoria Gombert. The following week we welcomed Sis. Moriah Lewis, daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Susanna Lewis, and the week after that our new brethren were joined by Bro. Travis Scott, son of Bro. Sean and Sis. Terri Scott. We thank God that He is continuing to call out a people for His name, and pray that their walk to the kingdom would be short, interrupted soon by the return of our Lord.

Transfers

We say farewell to our Sis. Rosi Rabuku, who has relocated to Sydney. We also report the transfer of Bro. James and Sis. Lydia Woods to Bible Hall. May God be with you until we see you again. We welcome Bro. David and Sis. Carolyn Bailey and Sis. Hannah Wright from Christchurch West, and look forward to the mutual uplifting of each others' company.

Disfellowship

It is with a heavy heart that we report the disfellowship of our Bro. Jim Rabuku. We pray that God would continue to work in the life of our brother, to bring him to repentance and back to us.

Sunday School

Our Sunday school began this year with King Solomon handing out "treasure" to all of our scholars, and will continue on through the life of Elijah and the time until Christ. This year we have a weekly memory verse challenge, as well as Sunday School project options that include reading, memorising, serving, crafting, acting and scrapbooking based on the Word of God. It's lovely to see how many different ways we can practice manifesting God with our children.

Ecclesial Camp

Our Ecclesia met early this year for our ecclesial camp with challenging classes on "God of Truth and the Truth about Lies," by Brother Phil Alderson, which encouraged us to all be a little more truthful in word and deed.

9 – 12's

Many of our 9-12 year olds attended the Kids Camp this quarter on David. When one young person was asked what takeaways they had learned, they replied, "Be the type of friend you would want to have for a friend...and study the Bible." Wise advice indeed!

Preaching

Our ecclesia is trialling a new venue for preaching this quarter, and are beginning weekly Bible readings groups in a community space, as well as seminars. This week we will begin with a Special Lecture entitled, "Can God Help?" We ask that God would make the seed of His word grow.

CYC

Many of our youth joined the 400+ young people attending the Australasian Youth Conference this April, and had a brilliant time with likeminded peers studying and discussing practical lessons on godliness from 1 Timothy, with some also participating in the post-conference on "Unity in Ephesus." We know years of hard work goes into putting together an event like this. Thanks to all of those who contributed and worked for their service.

Outside this, the CYC has been participating in startup camps, study breakfasts, and having a fantastic time.



Visitors

We are always thankful for the company of our visitors, and have welcomed the following to our ecclesia:

Bro Josh Tooth, Bro Ezek Wong, Bro Daniel Officer, Sis Sarah Yearsley, Bro Tim and Sis Lorna Yearsley, Sis Esther Beattie, Bro Jesse and Sis Vivi Parkinson, Sis Paula Weber, Bro Alex and Sis Louise Mundy – Christchurch West; Bro Murray and Sis Lynne McCloud, Sis Paula Anderson, Bro Murray and Sis

Nicky Reid , Bro Kent and Sis Shirley Berryman – Bible Hall; Bro Graham and Sis Ruth Travers , Bro Andrew and Sis Laurel Galbraith – Boronia, Australia; Bro Andrew and Sis Hannah Travers – Lismore, Australia; Bro Tim and Sis Cheralee Herron, Sis Kyria Herron, Sis Kezia Wigzell – Launceston, Australia; Sis Ruth Pitt, Bro Nathan and Sis Nadia Pearson, Bro Jonny Bowden, Bro Grant and Sis Ruth Bowden – Woodville, Australia; Sis Apryl and Sis Hayley Start – Kersbrook, Australia; Sis Veronika Naiwaga, Sis Connie Tamani – Suva, Fiji; Sis Naomi Alderson, Sis Josie Mailman, Bro Samuel Crawley, Sis Daphne Bryce, Bro Wayne and Sis Dinah Roberts, Sis Tara Roberts, Bro Ezra Roberts , Bro Joshua and Sis Shiloh Mansfield – Nelson; Bro Brian O'Grady, Bro Michael and Sis Miriam France, Bro David and Sis Leah O'Grady, Bro Isaac France, Bro Reuben France, Bro Josh Gore, Sis Naomi France – Tawa; Sis Anna Oosthuizen, Sis Asha Oosthuizen – Invercargill; Sis Lucy Bauer - Coventry

West, England; Sis Amelia Howarth – Rugby, England; Sis Joey Yearsley, Sis Rhiannan Bourke – Blackburn, Australia; Bro Paul and Sis Jan Teal, Sis Marta Teal, Sis Charis Teal, Bro Jotham Teal – Hutt Valley; Bro Nathan Simpson – Riverton; Bro Joel and Sis Katrina Galbraith – Mt Waverley; Sis Felicia Herron – Wamuran, Australia; Sis Pia Mugford – Brighton, Australia; Bro Tyler Jeffress, Sis Bree Jeffress, Bro Steven and Sis Jen Jeffress – Enfield, Australia; Bro James and Sis Chrissy Jolly – Tea Tree Gully, Australia; Sis Connie Davies – Walsall, UK; Sis Emily Bawdon, Sis Hannah Wesley, Sis

Lucy Walker, Bro Rob Tebbs , Bro Des France – Woodgate, UK; Bro Justin Robinson, Sis Carolyn Robinson – One Tree Hill, Australia; Bro Jeremy Morse – Bristol, UK; Sis Helen Beer , Bro Tim and Sis Suzi Beer – Invercargill; Sis Ella Bennett, Sis Jackie Grieve – Pakuranga; Sis Liz Alderson – Riverwood, Australia; Sis Alicia Cheek – Salisbury, Australia; Bro Craig and Sis Sonia Simpson – Dunedin; Sis Lois Brinkman – Hamilton.

CHRISTCHURCH PARKLANDS

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Bible Class: Wednesday 7.30 pm at Pareawa Banks Ave School, 57 Averill Street, Richmond

Seminar: Monday 7.30 pm at Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road, Sockburn

Seminar: Thursday 7.30 pm at Rolleston Community Centre, 94 Rolleston Drive, Rolleston

Love and greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters throughout NZ. We earnestly pray that this year see's the return of our Lord Jesus.

Alexander (our previous members currently living in the UK), on the birth of their second son, Asher, a little brother for Jonty.

Family News

We rejoice with Brother James and Sister Elizabeth Simpson on the birth of their first child, a little girl born on 19 March who they named Anna. All are settling in well as they start this new chapter in their lives called "parenthood"!

We also celebrate with Sam and Sarah

Deaths

After many years of failing health, and numerous hospital admissions and surgeries, we were saddened to hear of the passing away of our Brother David Featherstone on Sunday 27 April. We grieve with and for our Sister Dinky, his wife. She has been such a rock of strength, support and encouragement for David

over the years, yet we know her time of sadness and mourning will soon quickly come to an end with the sure and much awaited soon return of our Lord Jesus, when they both will be reunited, and David, God-willing, will be finally free of his mortal body of pain and suffering. With many family members living overseas, the funeral was held on Monday 5 May.

Baptisms

On a brighter and much more joyful note, within a few hours of our Brother David's passing (later on in the evening that same day), we rejoiced with Brother Tim and Sister Lorna Yearsley, (and their extended family) and the many hosts of angels in heaven, when their second eldest daughter Anna was baptised at their home. May God bless our new sister in her walk Zionwards.

Transfers

We were sad to lose Brother David and Sister Carolyn Bailey in March, when they transferred to Christchurch North to be closer and to support their 2 children and grandchildren. Our loss is North's gain, though

there will be many opportunities to see them both in the future!

No sooner than saying farewell to the Bailey's, we gained 5 more members from Bible Hall. We welcome with love (and much excitement), Brother Murray and Sister Nicky Read, Brother Murray and Sister Lyn McLeod (both ladies are sisters to our Sister Sheryn Shapcott) and Sister Paula Anderson.

We are incredibly blessed with our ever-growing ecclesial roll!

Ecclesial Events

The last several months have certainly been busy ones for our meeting.

At the end of February, the CYC had their annual "start up" camp at Okain's Bay. Much fun was had by all, and the weather, I'm told, was spectacular!

In the middle of March we had our annual ecclesial camp. This time we returned to Waipara Adventure Centre. Instead of having talks from a visiting speaker, our theme for the weekend was on GP proclamation, with the



Christchurch West CYC



Christchurch West Camp Personalities

focus on each individual member's "personality." Each of us had to do a quiz beforehand, which determined our "preaching style" and subsequent group that we were matched with. It was really fascinating to undertake, eye-opening as to how unique we all are with all our different strengths and weaknesses. All individual members, but all part of the one main body. All the different functions are necessary for the performing of the Ecclesia of God. Many thanks to Brother Tim and Sister Lorna Yearsley, and Brother Brydyn Melles for organising and running the camp.

Many of our CYC members attend the Australasian Youth Conference held in Matamata where over 400 young people attended. Their study theme was on 1 Timothy. In the week following, post conference involved a road trip down to Wellington, with more studies being given by Brother Ben Brinkerhoff on Unity in Ephesus.

Over Easter weekend, the Nelson Ecclesia hosted their 2-yearly study camp held at Lake Rotoiti. Brother James Jolly from Adalaide

gave his talks on "Moses – My servant, The second greatest man." The numbers were quite small (due to the conference and post conference finishing), but this made for a more friendly and close-knit weekend and helped stronger friendships develop and continue.

Then over Anzac weekend, 96 people from all over Christchurch and NZ, attended the annual "9-12 year-old kids camp," with the venue being Glenroy Lodge once again. Brother Joel Struckman from Nelson, gave a series of interactive talks on King David (the man after God's own heart) in the mornings. In the afternoons, teams competed against each other in fun and very energetic games. A highlight once again was kids being able to slide down the very steep hill on boards or bits of cardboard to one side of the property!

Brother Brydyn Melles has spent three weeks travelling overseas for work and mission work, including attending another conference in the Philippines.

We continue to have several brothers and sisters suffering from quite bad ill health, so we

continue to support them and include them all in our prayers.

We rejoice with the news that our world-wide earnest prayers have been answered, with the release and sparing of the life of our Brother in Iran. We understand that he may by God's grace not even be given an extended prison sentence, if he is able to pay a court mandated fine. Joyful news indeed for his Sister wife and child.

Visitors over the last several months:

Mary Simpson – Bay of Plenty; Carol Bell, Glen (exhorted) and Nikki Davies, Philip and Deb Alderson, Joseph O'Grady, Matthew

Crawley – Christchurch North; Andrew Fletcher – Palmerston North; Lynette Alderson – Victoria, Canada; Hugh and Kathy Graham – Nelson; Simon and Cindy O'Grady – Wellington; Marcus and Sarah Bundersen, James Bundersen – Eastern Suburbs, Perth; Ben and Tara Osborne, Mia Osborne – Lismore, NSW; Merylyn Gray – Parklands; Neil Todd – East Torrens, Adelaide; Bella Dondero – Sacramento, California; Sandra Wood – New Plymouth; Mark Wood – Blenheim; Eli Mundy, Kaelah Dondero, Helen Beer – Invercargill; Murray and Carol Green, Holly Weight – Kaikoura; Hannah Mansfield – Yagoona, Sydney.



Christchurch West Kids Camp

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DUNEDIN CENTRAL

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We once again are heading to the dark winter nights, which remind us of the dark days of conflict and strife around the world. Are we heading to “there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was” as expounded by Daniel? It is surely time to set our spiritual house in order and have our lamps well-trimmed, awaiting our master’s return.

Over the weekend of April 5th and 6th we held our Dunedin Fraternal, which was well attended with visitors from other ecclesias. Bro Tim Keating of Timaru gave the presentation on the subject “Dwelling in the Secret Place.” The presentation divided into three talks entitled “One Who Inhabits Eternity,” “Dwelling in the Secret Place,” and as the exhortation, “Face to Face.” It was a study that

gave us a deep and revealing meaning of the glory of God.

We have had a couple of students move to Dunedin and attend our ecclesia. Sis Bella Dondero from Sacramento is studying linguistics for the next 3 years. Lily Ewington has grown up associated with the Dawn ecclesia in Waikato and has moved down to study. We need to make sure we make an effort to look after these young people and encourage them to participate in the ecclesial family environment, including the CYC.



Bro and Sis Ian and Marjorie Bowen have just left (27th May) for a trip to India for about four weeks assisting in some missionary work. We wish them well and pray for a safe journey. They will no doubt have much to tell us about their experience on their return.



In January we were unable to use the facility at DNI due to renovations, so we met in homes with a Teams link between the homes. It was nice to have the experience of a small family group meeting (a throw-back to Covid times!). But it was also great to return to the hall and re-unite with the whole ecclesial family.

The CYC

From August to the end of the year we had a paper by Caleb Vuli, and an anonymous question night at the Simpsons where some very thoughtful questions were pondered over. The highlight was hosting members from the Invercargill CYC, who came up and enjoyed sand duning and playing laser tag. Dinner was pizza followed by a visit from an ice cream truck. We also hosted them for lunch after the meeting the next day. Members from the CYC presented papers and did other activities including a planning session night at the Vuli's where we said our farewell to Micah who's leaving for his studies in Christchurch. This year started off with a combined camp hosted by the Invercargill CYC at Omaui near Bluff. Four of our members attended and enjoyed the lovely warm weather and friendships with plenty of activities and swimming in the sea. We have a great year planned ahead and have the pleasure of welcoming new members and visitors including Bella and Lily.

Welfare Report - February 2025

During the past 7 months we have had only a few problems involving our members welfare. However, to the individuals concerned, the

disruption to normal life would have been serious and uncomfortable.

Brother Lindsay Aitchison has had a major back operation, and even though he has had a slow recovery, he is now getting back to normal.

Brother Henry Tonnon has had a major ankle reconstruction but thankfully he has now recovered.

Sister Lucia had an E-bike mishap and is still not fully recovered.

Sister Bev also had an E-bike accident damaging her back. Improvement is slow and continuing.

I'd like to thank our past two welfare members, Sister Marjorie Bowen and Sister Rachael Green for their work over previous years, and now I would like to welcome Sister Stephanie Archer and Sister Anita Smith to our welfare team.

Our small welfare team needs the help of Ecclesial members to inform us of any welfare needs of our Ecclesial family so we can respond.

Finally we must always remember others not so fortunate as ourselves in our prayers.

Brother Kelvin Lyon (on behalf of the Welfare committee).

Gospel Proclamation Report

We've had some really great efforts over the last six months as well as different visitors, which is really encouraging.

Sarah, Alison, Wayne and Helen started a Sunday morning conversational English class called 'Learn the Bible, Learn English'. After advertising on Facebook and putting out a few fliers, we were blessed with two lovely students. Our group runs during Sunday School time- 9.45 – 10:30, and is an informal mix of cultural discussion, Bible topics based loosely on sections of The Way of Life, and practical help. At the request of our students, Wayne Green has helped with CV's, cover letters and job hunting skills. Alison Vuli, Helen Tonnon and Sarah Bowen, have contributed recipes, cooking demonstrations and Bible verses. Most of all, our class has been a chance to share friendship and faith, something which our new friends have embraced. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for this opportunity to serve. We may still get others interested in this over time. The Facebook and Instagram advertising for the Learn English class also brought about two local requests for Bible packs and there has been one other Bible pack request in the last six months as well.

We are also keeping in touch with contacts through a regular email newsletter and more regular Facebook and Instagram posts. The other major ideas were to have some more interactive evenings, such as a couch interviews, games, music, first principle workshops or question and dessert nights, which would benefit both our own members and any interested friends.

Most importantly have been the prayers for more people to come. We are very thankful for two new University students who will be a boost for our young people. There are other contacts who keep in touch. Please continue to pray for people who may be searching for God to find us.

Visitors

Over the past few months, we have enjoyed the company of the following visiting Brothers and sisters: Brighton Ecclesia, Adelaide – Sis Daphne Archer; Eastern Suburbs Ecclesia, Perth – Sis Carolyn Digney; Riverwood Ecclesia, NSW – Bro Bentley Archer; Sydney – Bro and Sis Cameron and Kaitlyn Archer; Golden Groove, Adelaide – Bro's and Sis's Steven and Beth Mansfield, Ross and Julianne Hyndman; West Ryde Ecclesia, NSW – Bro and Sis Rowan and Lydia Shead; Bay Of Plenty Ecclesia – Bro and Sis Andrew and Anita Saxon; Christchurch North Ecclesia – Sis Sharyn Nicholls; Christchurch West Ecclesia – Sis Beulah Edwards; Timaru Ecclesia – Bro and Sis Tim and Natasha Keating; Riverton Ecclesia – Bro's Russell and Jason Kells, James Pankurst, Nat Thoms, Richard Brown; Clydevale – Sis Carole Dunlop; Invercargill Ecclesia – Bro's and Sis's Peter and Alanna Niven, Daryn and Nichola Roberts, Tim and Suzi Beer, James and Hannah Godfrey, Bro's Joe Rushforth, Malcolm Scott, Sis Avis Clark

We once again are heading to the dark winter nights, which remind us of the dark days of conflict and strife around the world. Are we heading to "there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was" as expounded by Daniel? It is surely time to set our spiritual house in order and have our lamps well-trimmed, awaiting our master's return.

HAMILTON

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Loving Greetings to all our brothers and sisters. This issue is catching up on the news for the new year.

Family Matters

We share sorrow with bro Richard Stedman and his wider family in the sudden death of his 19 year-old granddaughter just before Christmas. Also concern and prayers are with sis Karyn Box and sis Lorraine Byrne, whose mother, sis Doreen Mastemaker of Pakuranga, is seriously ill in care. In contrast, we now have two new littlies to swell our numbers: With great joy a baby girl, Aria, was safely born to Sister Leah and her husband Ryan Mulligan; in addition, sis Danika Connolly and husband Daniel Connolly were blessed with their third child, Joshua. Not only that, but two other families have another baby due soon. More about that in the next issue – watch this space...

Events

At Hamilton's Mid-March Fraternal Weekend, Bro Justin Roche of Pakuranga presented his series on "Creation of the Cherubim" (relating to Gen 1 and 2), revealing the What and Who, Why and Where, and When relating to Cherubim.

As a follow up to the Unitarian Christian Association (UCA) World Conference held late last year in Cambridge, a series of weekly

meetings was arranged for 2025 at the Hall. This is to encourage an exchange of views from Bible readings (rather than debate doctrine), to position that "this is who we are." Several attendees at the conference had identified themselves as living in the Waikato, and showed interested in meeting the Christadelphians on a wider scale. However, there was no result during this period, so we did Bible readings among ourselves instead. Some other groups with similar origins to ours (USA mid 1800s) are amalgamating to some degree on a pragmatic basis and tolerating differences in doctrine; for example, a local pastor has said that their Churches of Christ congregation in Hamilton was meeting in Baptist premises with that congregation, and knew of other groups doing similarly. That man's beliefs are known to be similar to ours, so it would seem that there is no special need to be met for many Unitarian association members.

Occasionally our Sunday morning music comprises live accompaniment with the singing. Recently this included a Hurdy-Gurdy (if you don't know what that is, just come and find out), along with three flutes, two violins and a piano.

A Quip from a Senior, "If I feel 64 then that's what I am".

Ecclesial Visitors

We welcomed visitors from UK on a family visit: bro Steve and sis Rebecca Bilton, Exeter, UK.

Recent visitors from Australia were: bro Ray and sis Nancy Timms, Toowoomba, Qld; bro Peter Davies, together with his wife Miranda, of West Ryde, NSW; bro Mark and sis Bronwyn van Leeuwen, Castle Hill, NSW; sis Maxine Swensson, Lakemba, NSW; bro Neil Todd (ex Pakuranga), Adelaide area, SA; bro Ron McBride, Gosnells, Perth, WA.

From within NZ we have welcomed: sis Lois Sandle (Kaitaia), Whangarei; sis Jackie Grieve,

bro Andrew (exh) and sis Naomi Knox, sis Juliet Knox, bro Justin (exh) and sis Katherine Roche, bro Ron and sis Catherine Houben, bro Shaine and sis Glynis Williams, Pakuranga, Auckland; bro Roger (exh) and sis Leigh Evans, Waitakere Auckland; bro Gordon Mudge, (Turua), Auckland Central; bro Billy and sis Eleanor Phillips, bro Jared (exh) and sis Verity Crouch, Wellington; bro Stephen Connolly, bro Jothan Teal, Hutt Valley; bro Reg Stedman, Kaiapoi; bro John (exh) and sis Fiona Worsnop, Parklands Christchurch; bro Simon Alderson, Invercargill.

HASTINGS

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Sessions for children and young people

Online activities: 7:30pm Sunday online Bible Class; 7:30pm Thursday online Bible readings

Wynton and Rachel Perrott, Shiloh, Zion and Eden returned from a week-long mission trip to Tonga in April. This time they had Bro Ari Burley and Jordy Burley from Lismore along to support the effort as well. By all accounts it was a great trip and the team were able to provide some pastoral care for Bro Manase's teen and young adult children (Bro Manase passed away in December). They also assisted with practical tasks such as repairs on the mission house, sharing meals and Bible studies with the brothers and sisters and young people, as well as undertaking some outreach work within the local communities. You can read their report and see photos of their trip on page 55 of this issue.

The weather has cooled down now and the days are getting shorter but so far thankfully we have not had too much of the extreme weather experienced by other parts of the country. We have however started off the winter coughs and colds with a few members down with a bout of covid recently, but hopefully all are on the mend now.

We farewelled Bro Steve Villis off for an extended work trip to Spain, and also farewelled our tertiary students back to their studies. We only have our children with us full time for a few short years, but it's always a boost when they come back home to visit.

We had Bro Daniel Welsh visiting Hastings ecclesia for a couple of months. He was staying out at The Peony Farm with the Kirk family. It was great to have him with us and to get to know a new member of our ecclesial family.

Our thoughts and condolences are with Bro Mal Smith on the recent loss of his sister, and also his brother-in-law. He had to go back to Australia for two funerals.

Some of our older members are battling

various health issues and also dealing with the difficulties and complexities that come with ageing. We have a number of our members over 80 years old now. It is wonderful to have them with us, as they bring their experience of many decades in the faith.

We have had a few visitors, and it is always great to see you. Please let us know if you're planning to visit Hastings so we can put you on the speaking roster!

HUTT VALLEY

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INVERCARGILL

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Various homes

Family News

Our ecclesial news opens this time with the wonderful news of two more young people taking on the life saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alexa Oosthuizen the youngest daughter of Bro Rob and Sis Rachelle Oosthuizen was baptised on 12th January. Bro Hamish Beer gave Alexa the encouraging words that she had joined the winning team! He reminded her that each of us has a tool box with tools we can use on our journey of faith. That tool box includes reading the precious word of God and being constant in prayer. It also includes fellowship – we have a whole family supporting us along the way. It's our job to help out our fellow brothers and sisters as they would do for us.



Alexa's Baptism

Daniel Welsh who has been a long standing friend of the Invercargill Ecclesia was baptised on the 8th March. Bro Daniel came to an interest in the Truth through working with Sis Helen Beer. Bro Rob Oosthuizen encouraged him with a couple of analogies from Daniel's own life. Daniel was a lifeguard for 8 years in the UK and Rob likened his baptism to a reversal of roles. Rather than someone who saved others he was now being saved by the only one who could save. The other analogy had to do with Daniel's love of travelling. He has been to many places all over the world. Bro Rob told him he now had a Heavenly passport to bring him to the Father's coming kingdom – a destination that will bring so much joy when he arrives. We are so blessed to have our new brother and sister joining us on the journey to that kingdom. It is so encouraging in these challenging times that our Heavenly Father is still drawing out a people for himself.



Daniel's Baptism

It is with sadness that we write of the peaceful falling asleep of Bro John Beer on the 31st March. Bro John was baptised on 12th June 1967 and spent many years as a member of both the Riverton and Invercargill ecclesias. He had a deep love for the Truth which he was always willing to share with others and looked

forward with absolute certainty to the coming kingdom. Bro John was always ready to help out with ecclesial events and work. He also loved the great outdoors and spent a lot of time tramping and fishing, sometimes walking for hours to catch the 'big one'. Bro John now awaits the resurrection by God's grace at the return of our Lord Jesus. Sis Pam and the Beer family are in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sis Avis Clarke has been receiving treatment for the last few months and is progressing well. Bro Paul Jackson had back surgery in March and is making steady progress. God willing this operation will give Bro Paul relief and more mobility. We know there are others dealing with challenging situations in their lives and we ask our Heavenly Father's continued care for those in need in the different circumstances of their lives.

We have a few transfers of members to different parts of the world and wish our Brothers and Sisters all the very best in their new ecclesias. Bro James and Sis Hannah Godfrey have recently decided to go back to Sis Hannah's home in Newfoundland. It has been lovely getting to know them in

Invercargill and we will be sorry to see them go but wish them all the very best.

Ecclesial Events

Sunday school started for 2025 with the annual picnic. This was a beautiful God given day, supported by our international ecclesial family! We welcomed our ecclesial family from Riverton and Dipton, as well as Bro Geoff and Sis Helen's and Bro John and Sis Pam's family from Australia. We headed out to the Drummond rugby club which offers a hidden tranquil space with wide open fields, as well as inside shade from the blazing Southland sun! After lunch there was a series of games and challenges finishing off with a waterslide. There was fierce competition, with both children and adults getting involved in the activities. From 3 legged races, to egg and spoon races, and family relays, everyone joined in the fun, creating a lively atmosphere full of energy and joy. There were also adult challenges, which brought out plenty of laughs and camaraderie. One of the most beautiful aspects of the picnic was witnessing the younger generation of Sunday School children being supported by children and adults from all



Fierce competition at the Sunday School Picnic

generations. It was a heartwarming sight to see the children playing, learning, and enjoying each other's company, all while being guided and encouraged by the older members of our family. The multi-generational support and love truly exemplified the spirit of our most precious faith. (Author - Sis Amanda Beer).

The CYC startup camp this year was held at Omaui. It was a fun weekend that mostly involved swimming at the beach. The young people did their best to get through the whopping amounts of food they were blessed with. Thanks to Bro Andy and Sis Bek Pankhurst and Bro Simon and Sis Kate Alderson for organising an awesome weekend for CYC, and to the Dunedin CYC for coming down to join them.

Our annual Study Week was held from the 6th – 9th March. This year our speaker was Bro Matt Norton from the Hunter Valley Ecclesia, Australia. His theme: “People of the Bible – God Calls and Uses All Sorts”. In his enjoyable enthusiastic way, Bro Matt led us through a look into the lives of a young Joseph, Rahab, Saul and David challenging us to see them through a different lens, whether it was complicated family situations, invasion or political situations. We saw that all of these people had character faults at the time God called them. But God still saw something in them that He could use to make them part of his plan. Joseph saved His people in Egypt. Rahab became part of the direct line of David and ultimately Jesus. Saul was an example of what human nature wanted as a king but failed miserably. David despite his character flaws was still known as a man after God's own heart. It is reassuring that God does not look for perfection in those He chooses to be part of His plan; He looks for a heart willing to be moulded in His ways. Bro Matt finished with an exhort about the wonders of Creation and showed us how amazing and precise this world is, and all the things that had to come together in great detail to make it habitable for life. The hand of the Creator is truly magnificent in all His



Photos of the Omaui CYC camp

ways and we look forward to the time of His new Creation when all things will be restored to their former glory.

Thanks to all those who have visited Invercargill and especially those who have exhorted us. We appreciate your efforts on our behalf. May our Lord Jesus return soon.

KAIAPOI

Recorder: Brother Wayne Bates

Hall Address: 12 Williams Street, Kaiapoi

Meeting Times: Sunday 11am; Tuesday 7.30pm

Greetings in the One Hope that we share.

Last September we held our annual ecclesial camp at Glenroy Lodge with the Timaru ecclesia. Brother Brendon Clark gave the studies which were extremely uplifting and encouraging for us all. It is always lovely to spend a weekend with brethren of like precious faith.

Last October Brother Stuart and Sister Robyn Ackerman with their daughter and son-in-law, flew to the USA to spend time with their son, daughter-in-law and grandson. They spent 6 weeks there and had a wonderful time. They enjoyed being able to spend time with family and particularly with their grandson Boaz.

Brother Reg Stedman flew up to Hamilton over the easter weekend. This was an accomplishment in itself as Bro Reg is nearing a goodly age of 98.

A few of the brethren have been able to travel near and far over the last few months, making the most of what warm weather we have managed to get over the summer time.

Brother Wayne Bates had an operation last year to remove his kidney (he was diagnosed with kidney cancer) and the prognosis at that time was good, unfortunately his cancer has returned, Brother Wayne is having ongoing immunotherapy treatment and is in need of brethren's prayers.

Sister Judith Lloyd's husband, Ken, has recently had a heart operation which set him back for a few weeks, but has recovered immensely and is looking forward to his next fishing trip in July.

Visitors around the memorial table

Brother Brook and Sister Olivia Yates, Sister Beulah Edwards, Brother Jared and Sister Clare Bates, Brother Gary Garraway, Brother Peter and Sister Geraldine Fullwood, Sister Trisha Mandac, Brother Genesis Mandac, Brother L.Clarenz Mandac, Sister Imogene Ashton – Christchurch West.

Brother Bob and Sister Mary Tooth, Brother David and Sister Christine Tooth – Timaru.

Sister Carol Bell, Sister Carol Taylor, Sister Suzie Beyer – Christchurch North.

Sister Rachel Mearns – Hamilton.

NELSON

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Meeting times: Sunday, 11:00am

On 16 March we welcomed Tony Payn into the saving name of Jesus Christ down at the Maitai River. Tony is a contact via our Sunday afternoon readings group and it was a pleasure to meet his family and rejoice with him on this special day.

We had our Sunday School picnic at Rabbit Island in February. A treasure hunt, races of many sorts, a tug-of-war (the kids beat the teachers – are the scholars getting bigger?), a huge lolly scramble and, of course, a lavish afternoon tea. Lots of fun.

Many from our meeting travelled to the Kaikoura Fraternal in early April to hear, and particularly see, Bro Vit Jurevicius from Adelaide as he showed a potter and an artist at work as Metaphors of God. A very enjoyable

time of fellowship, and the painting made its way back to Nelson after some spirited bidding.

Our young people have worked hard at various fund-raising activities to help fund the camp that was held at Lake Rotoiti over Easter. Bro James Jolly braved the rainy weather and gave talks on Moses. He was interactive and the question-and-answer session was well received. It was a smaller camp but was enjoyed by everyone I spoke to, as they all had to talk to each other with no groups forming. The food was a highlight, and despite the weather they managed a walk round the lake to see the enormous eels. There was the usual gym and game activities, a quiz night and the camp was so good even the host parents enjoyed it.

NEW PLYMOUTH

Recorder: Bro Anton Parmentier

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Venue: The Fitzroy School hall in Sackville Street, Fitzroy New Plymouth

Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting Sunday at 10.30.am.

Greeting to all Brothers and Sisters around New Zealand.

The way things are going round the world certainly makes one look forward to the kingdom. We need a righteous ruler which somehow we seem to lack today.

Sis Jesamine had her teeth removed and is waiting for her new dentures. Sis Margaret Taylor had recent surgery on her shoulder and is making progress. Sis Sandra Wood has gone to Blenheim for a few weeks to see her brother, Mark.

Our welcome visitors have certainly filled up our little hall recently.

From Wellington: Bro Philip and Sis Katrina Green. Bro Philip took the place of the presiding brother to give a break from the usual ecclesial duties; from Palmerston North: Bro Matt and Sis Beth Berkahn. Bro Matt gave us the words of exhortation; from Wellington Bro Lyall and Sis Ngarita Davies. Bro Lyall Davies gave the exhortation on Mary and Martha; from Adelaide Australia: Bro and Sis Matt Wigzell and Son, also Sis Abigail.

PALMERSTON NORTH

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Meeting times: Breaking of bread, Sunday 11:00am; Bible Class, Thursday 7:45pm (In homes)

Loving greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The last three months has been a quiet time for the ecclesia often with small meetings due to brethren away and sickness. However, we have spent this time planning for our ecclesial witness later in the year.

We look forward to a combined meeting with the Whanganui brethren at Whanganui on Sunday 11 May and also our fraternal gathering

which is to be held, God willing, on Saturday 9 August at the Ashhurst Village Valley Centre.

Visitors

Visitors we have welcomed around the table of the Lord in the last three months: Bro Mark and Sis Delene Holm, Wellington; Bro Guy and Sis Keren Alexander, Bro Lindsay Alexander, Hutt Valley; Bro Lindsay and Sis Angela Marsden, Bro Anders Holm, Wellington.

RIVERTON

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Hello everyone. Greetings in the Hope of Israel.

The Sunday School prizegiving for 2024 was organised by Brother Jason and Sister Michaela Kells, our Sunday School superintendents. They had put together a video of the good shepherd looking for a lost lamb. The Good Shepherd, played by a hand puppet, and a soft toy lamb were the main characters. CYC members also helped act some of the parts. The video started at Brother Jason and Michaela Kells' farm, and proceeded to travel through many of Southland's towns and country roads, as the good shepherd sought his lost lamb. The presentation was enjoyed by all. Our appreciation goes to Jason and Michaela for the time and extraordinary effort spent on this presentation.

In February, the Sunday School started the year with its annual picnic close to the shore of Lake Te Anau in the Fiordland National Park. Brother Will and Sister Renee Patino had arranged a lot of games for the Sunday School

children, which was a lot of fun for everyone present. After lunch, those who were young in body, and a few young in heart, tried out the cool waters of the beautiful lake by jumping or diving off a pier near our picnic spot. We thank Brother Will and Sister Renee Patino for organising and running this event.

On the 6th to 9th of March this year, Invercargill held their Study Week led by Brother Matt Norton of the Hunter Valley Ecclesia in Sydney. His subject was 'People of the Bible – God Calls and Uses All Sorts.' All the Southland Ecclesias were invited, and appreciated his presentation. We also appreciated the Invercargill Ecclesia organising this event.

We are all waiting for the return of our Lord and master, Jesus the Christ. He is the only real hope for this world filled with evil, wickedness, and utter madness. May He soon come.

TASMAN BAY

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We have been pleased to share the fellowship of Brother Jesse and Sister Emunah Woods and their two children who have been with us for the past 18 months.

We enjoy our time all together meeting in each others homes and sharing lunch together afterwards.

We have recently had an extended stay from Sister Sara Rudland from Barton-under-Needwood (England) and will be sad to see her return to the UK.

We welcome visitors. To find out whose home we are meeting at, please contact Tim Dwyer 022 187 7140 or Tim Woods 021 978 939.

TAWA

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With winter fast approaching, we know that we need to continue to keep our lamps burning brightly – it's hard to believe that we're nearly half-way through the year already. The Tawa ecclesia has been keeping busy over the last few months. Many of our members are looking forward to the upcoming Winter Bible School and topping up on some much-needed spiritual refreshment, God-willing.

Lots of people in our ecclesia have been very busy preparing for the recent New Zealand Australasian Youth Conference, and the Post Conference. There was a flurry of activity leading up to the week, and then it was exciting to see the Post Conference attendees back in Wellington afterwards, as well as to swell our numbers on the following Sunday. Between committee meetings, fundraising, song and praise practises, building sets, cooking food, organising activities, and hosting attendees, it has been a very full few months! Those who attended Conference come back very tired but buzzing, and inspired to keep the charge of godliness in their lives. It sounded like a fantastic few weeks filled with God's word, along with time to develop friendships in the faith. We're thankful for everyone who contributed in so many ways, and especially to the Father for blessing our young people with such a wonderful opportunity.

We recently held a series of special lectures on Sunday evenings, focusing particularly on politics and the state of the world. Our GPG committee put together flyers to hand out and we were blessed to have a couple of visitors

along – it was encouraging to spend time with them sharing the precious hope of the Gospel. As always, prayers are needed for the spreading of the truth in every city.

Our Brother James Stephenson has recently been giving a Bible Class series on Job. This has been a thought-provoking series with many lessons so far. It is useful to think about the interactions of Job's friends and the impact that their words had on Job, and his relationship with God. We also should take thought about the impact that our own words might have on other people.

CYC is going well and they are enjoying a variety of talks, book classes and activities in their programme. Work is underway, and bookings will shortly open for our CYC annual camp coming up 26th-28th September, God willing. Bro Rob Oosthuizen is scheduled to speak on 'Stirring Up the Spirit – Lessons from the Returning Exiles.' It sounds like it'll be a great weekend, and we encourage young people from around the country to join us.

Our Sister Sylvia has recently completed her Chemotherapy treatment which has gone well but is leaving her very tired. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for His care of her each day, and to you all for your continued prayers and support.

We thank our loving Father who continues to bless the work of our ecclesia, and we pray earnestly for His Son's soon return from heaven.

TIMARU

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Meeting Times: 10:30am Sunday

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Fraternal love to all our Brothers and Sisters wherever you are.

We look at the world around us and realise that the only solution is the coming of our Lord. We pray that this day is close, and that we are all ready and waiting for him as a faithful remnant.

The start of 2025 has been very busy for our small congregation.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be our Brother Bob and Sister Mary Tooth. Firstly, Sister Mary had a serious fall in January that left her in hospital for several days and very frail. As she was recovering, Brother Bob had felt not quite right for a while. After a series of doctors' appointments, Brother Bob had to have a major operation. His recovery so far has been slow, but the latest news is that the outlook is positive. One positive out of these frailties is that all three of Bob and Mary's children who live out of Timaru have been home to see them, and all of us in the ecclesia. Brother Lloyd and Sister Debra Neale have been to the North Island for a holiday and to catch up with family. They had a wonderful time.

Brother David and Sister Christine Tooth recently been to Cheviot for a week's holiday. It is a lovely setting there and a place many of us have enjoyed over the years.

Our prayers are with Brother David Featherstone's family in Christchurch. He now awaits the resurrection. He came to Timaru many times over the years and was a wonderful Brother.

Our prayers are with Brother Wayne Bates' family. He is a good friend to many here in our ecclesia and has had many health issues of late. The insurance saga on the ecclesial hall has now entered its third year but it seems that we are finally close to returning to our hall. In the meantime, we are meeting in a lovely small complex in the Timaru Botanical Gardens. If you are in Timaru and want to know exactly where this is for our Sunday Meeting – please ring Edward Patterson on 027-6126050.

Ecclesial activities such as Bible Class (now in homes due to no ecclesial hall) and Sunday School have commenced for the year. Family Bible Readings at the Patterson's on Friday nights, and trips to Christchurch for our children are also important parts of our calendar. We continue to be indebted to the Christchurch ecclesias who assist us.

As always, we have had a number of visitors with us. Thank you for adding so much to our small ecclesia. Many of the Brothers who have come here have also exhorted for us. Thanks so much to you all for your service.

WELLINGTON

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Hi Everyone,

The end of Summer came suddenly to Wellington, but after 3 miserable days we are back to sunshine, though tempered with Autumn.

Bereavements

We are feeling for those families in the Wellington area who have been hit with bereavements over the last few months. Danielle and Kent Larsen and family have lost a loved father and grandfather with the passing away of Kent's father. We pray for the family of Sis Vivienne France who fell asleep in Christ in Adelaide.

We were very saddened by the really unexpected passing of Sister Katherine Cassidy (Tawa) who has been suffering many years from MS. No-one never heard her say a complaining word and she often cheered up her visitors with her strong faith.

Sis Doreen Simpson formerly of our Ecclesia lost her husband. And we were sorry to hear of the passing of our Brother John Ching who formerly lived in the Wellington region (Hutt Ecclesia).

Health

Sis Gaylene Mellor still struggles with her health issues, and sis Lois James, though mainly house bound is always an active online member who entertains us with some of her

sayings and funny histories. Sis Margaret Leith has been very tired since her big fall and is mainly on-line but always hoping she can get out a bit more. Bro Viv James is in Rest Care and is always cheerful when visited but sleeps a lot.

Wee baby Freya Green had to have an operation recently as well.



Freya Green

Bro Zak Read ended up in A&E recently with a major allergic reaction to a bee sting on the back of his head. By God's grace he got treatment and is back home.

Baptism and Transfer

Susanna Davies became a Sister in Christ on February 15th, which was a time of rejoicing for us all. We welcome her into Christ's family.

We formally welcome bro Floyd Tunnell (from Waitakere) to Wellington Ecclesia. Love his enthusiasm and a great boost to our CYC.



Susanna Davies Baptism

Activities

We now have a Social Committee and we have had a couple of fun activities. The latest was a walk to a waterfall, a picnic lunch and playtime – needless to say it was a lovely day.

A small group of Brethren have started participating in Street Fairs. So far we have had two stalls. It's a great idea as we only have to pay for the stall space and no advertising is needed. The stalls are so well attended and we have had some good discussions. The stalls are mainly based around children's activities, at the

moment based on Noah's Ark, and they have proved popular. They make good opportunities to speak with the parents.

We have started up a coffee and chat class on Sunday morning. Discussions on a selected topic drawn by lot from the group submissions. This forum is working well.

Sisters Class is back on tap and our organisers are mainly the younger sisters with Ariel Bartlett as Secretary. We have great talks and charity initiatives. Our current charity is the Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Appeal.

Many of our young ones attended the Youth Conference at Matamata and had a great time. After the Conference 100 of the young people came down to Wellington to attend the Post Conference activities. Among many fun activities they had a series of talks on "Unity in Ephesus" as a follow up on the Conference Studies. These were open to the three Wellington area Ecclesias.

We had a kitchen mishap – a pipe burst but it has got us started on getting a new kitchen. Not a change in size from our old kitchen, but hopefully better arranged with more bench space. Thanks to the many who have put effort into the design.



Wellington Street Fair Stall

The pipe did not burst at a convenient time though (is it ever?). We had everything in boxes, with no stoves, and for a while, no dishwasher. In that time we had a baptism lunch, a working bee, pooled lunch, and then the Post Conference informal meal, followed by the formal dinner – but by the time of the formal meal, the workers (Keys Construction and Marsden Electrical) had made it workable. Thanks to the cooks and all their helpers who had to work in difficult situations. (Ironically it was Sis Jan Teal from Hutt Ecclesia and then Sis Varna Bennett from Auckland Central who were the first cooks in our new kitchen during the Post Conference occasions.

Visitors

Mina Butler, Jorge and Madi Marsden, Justin and Catherine Roche, Neil Todd – Auckland Pakuranga; Phil and Jill Perrott, Joshua and Anna Tunnell – Auckland Waitakere; Shay Davies, Sharon Nicholls – Christchurch North; Tim and Lorna Yearsley, Sarah Yearsley – Christchurch West; Hayden and Juliet George, Letisha Jackson, Shirley Taylor – Hutt Valley; Simon and Kate Alderson – Invercargill; Samantha Kirk – Palmerston North; Lizzie Beer – Riverton; Jessie and Muni – Tasman;

Dani O’Grady, Joseph O’Grady, James and Jeanette Stephenson – Tawa; Zac Forbes, Israel and Sarah Pankhurst – Whanganui.

Sis Rose Cox from Leamington Spa, UK was with us for a period of 3 months. James and Hannah Fitness, had an extended stay visiting family. Caroline Hyndman was visiting family, Wilston Queensland; Lynette Alderson – Victoria Canada; David Styles – Shelbourne; Ben Flint – Ty Hillam, St Lakes NSW; Benjamin Ryan – Newcastle, NSW; Topou and Tangata – Tonga; Ami Brumby – Adelaide.

WHANGAREI

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The drought of January and February is certainly over with rain in the last couple of weeks making up for the shortfall and some.

We are very pleased to welcome Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon Enstrom who have moved from Tauranga to join us, an answer to our prayers. They have been regular visitors but now it is great for our ecclesia for them to shift to our area.

Our Zoom Bible class and home readings are well attended and we enjoy the fellowship with one another.

Visitors

Bro John* and Sis Fiona Worsnop Parklands, Bro Daniel* and Sis Rebecca Walton New Lynn, Sis Sharon and Keturah Nicholls – Christchurch North, Sis Maxine Swenson – Sydney, Bro Ray and Sis Barbara Allanson – Pakuranga, Bro Glenn* and Sis Gail Williams – New Lynn, Bro Ashwin* and Sis Arti Kumar – New Lynn, Sis Sharon Cuspance – Rugby UK, Bro Charles* and Sis Chelsea Fraser – New Lynn.

*We thank those brethren who administered to us.

AUSTRALASIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025 (NZYC)



In April this year the 38th Australasian Christadelphian Youth Conference was held in Matamata, New Zealand (NZYC 2025). The Australasian Youth Conferences are held in New Zealand every 10 years, so it was a particularly special week for the Christadelphian community in New Zealand. It was wonderful to be part of likely the largest gathering of Christadelphians ever to be held in New Zealand to date.

The Australasian Youth Conferences have a legacy of encouraging, inspiring and edifying young people on their path to God's kingdom and are a chance to hear the word expounded;

to personally study and discuss with others; and to develop friendships based on a common hope. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father who enabled this life-changing experience for so many young people.

We would also like to thank the Ecclesias across Australasia for their support of the Conference. We know you have contributed in so many ways, with prayers, time, finances, resources, and enabling and encouraging your young people to attend. We would encourage you to talk to the young people in your Ecclesia about their Conference week, the friendships they made, and the lessons they learned.

The topic for the Conference was 1st Timothy. This letter is full of practical encouragement to a young man and has a timeless message on how to live a godly way of life in an ungodly world. It also contains wonderful advice on ecclesial life in the face of a growing apostasy. The theme for Conference was 'Keep the Charge' taken from Paul's repeated words to Timothy. The call is for us all to keep that charge and to uphold a spirit of godliness ourselves.

The main focus of the Conference programme was the discussion groups each morning. It was wonderful to hear the young people discussing the principles and wisdom found in Paul's letter, and how it might apply to their own lives. Afterwards Brother Nathan Lewis held short wrap-up studies to pull together the key themes from the section discussed, and gave everyone the same final takeaway points. These studies were a highlight of the week as he clearly explained principles and showed us all some positive and practical lessons.

The evening sessions were a mix of activities and studies. The activities included a moving play following the life of Timothy and Paul; an agora themed evening with market stalls; a quiz to get our brains buzzing; and a beautiful evening of song and praise. We were joined by Brother Mark O'Grady for a two-part evening series on godliness, providing an excellent overview of the principles of God manifestation and inspiring the young people to commit to lives of godly service.

There were a number of other highlights during the week including a Kiwiana games afternoon, electives and waterslides. There was also an epic day trip – we loaded all 400 young people onto buses and headed to Rotorua's incredible Waiotapu geothermal park, then to the luge for an afternoon of adrenaline. The views from the gondola were beautiful, especially as the sun began to set across the lake. After a dinner at the luge, 400 tired but happy young people made their way back to Conference for a special supper evening.

After the week concluded there were 100 attendees who also attended Post Conference. This group did a road trip down the North Island to Wellington, enjoying the sights and adventures of New Zealand. Once in Wellington they were billeted to families and continued with activities in the Capital. In the evenings Brother Ben Brinkerhoff led a series on Unity in Ephesus – a perfect follow-on from Conference. The young people learnt so many lessons about how to live in unity with each other, replicating Christ to our brethren.

NZYC 2025 was an inspiring and encouraging week. It is our prayer that we all take Paul's charge to Timothy to heart, striving together for lives of godliness until our Lord appears from heaven. We were so richly blessed by our Heavenly Father. We praise and glorify Him for the wonderful opportunity He provided.

WOMEN AT THE WELL



62 sisters in Christ, both youthful and seasoned in wisdom, gathered from near and far for a spiritually enriching weekend in the peaceful village of Methven. Amid joyful conversations and heartfelt catch-ups, we dove deeply into God's Word, led by Jackie Grieve and Rachelle Oosthuizen.

Rachelle turned our hearts toward God's overwhelming generosity, helping us reflect on what it truly means to live an abundant life in Him. Jackie shared powerful insights on God's forgiveness, drawing from Scripture and

equipping us with practical tools to walk the often difficult road of forgiving others.

Between sessions, we shared in early morning meditations, scenic walks, local explorations, and peaceful moments soaking in the hot pools.

The weekend was a beautiful success—made possible by the grace of our Heavenly Father—leaving each of us renewed, uplifted, and ready to step back into daily life with hearts spiritually refreshed.

WHAT'S COOKING IN CAMBODIA?

A \$3 Beef Lok Lak if it were me visiting the local restaurant, one minute from the Bible Education Centre. The BEC in Phnom Penh is the central hub of the Cambodian mission field. With its meeting space, outdoor hangout areas, plentiful accommodation and abundant air-con, people from all over the city and globe are popping in regularly. Currently, Sophie Emerson (Wellington/Adelaide) and Jonny David (Madurai/India) are on the ground spreading the good news but there is plenty of demand for more workers!

The work is diverse but the most common task is teaching the Bible in simple English to university students. Many of them are from the two dormitories operated by the mission, a boy's and a girl's dorm, about five minutes from the BEC. Group classes are held each evening, from which many students choose to go on to separate classes – often inviting their friends from university to join them. Twice a week Thavan (the local manager and Sophie's fiancé) takes the tuk-tuk to another dormitory, an hour out of town, where we have been

teaching a group of about 20 teenagers who are interested to learn the morals found in the Bible.

Other tasks are focused on the longevity of the Cambodian ecclesia. Currently Arranging Brethren are being formed so they are a step closer to autonomy, but the need for fieldworker support is still strong as we have many projects under way. The Farm, based about two hours from the city has been very well established and there are many different crops such as dates, coconuts, mangos and livestock such as cows and pigs. There is a BEC up in Siem Riep that is ready to be used as a base for a young family who would like to support the work up in one of the coolest cities in the world. A BEC has been constructed down in Sihanoukville (Beach city) and John and Janet Harrison (NZ/Australia) are arriving soon to support the work there.

Cambodia has proved to be an excellent country for our brothers and sisters escaping dangerous situations abroad. Our mission field

is currently being used as a city of refuge. This has helped us to secure a guardian family who stay at the BEC looking after fieldworkers and organising music and worship. Six refugees have safely made it to Australia through Cambodia with the help of the Fieldworkers and Christadelphian support. Brother Arian (17) who came over with his mother, father and brother was baptised during Easter and is now heavily involved in activities at the BEC in Phnom Penh.



Teaching at the BEC



Trapaeng Prasat Meeting Structure

Probably the most exciting work happening is the formation of a new ecclesia in Trapaeng Prasat. Located north of Siem Reap near the Thai border, TP has a large group of young families who are extremely interested in the Truth. Brother Sophorn, who studied in the Dorms has been spreading the gospel up there for about a decade. The community there has built a structure (see picture) that we can use for truth camps and seminars. They are an enthusiastic bunch who love to play group games and belt out Khmer hymns. A truth camp is being held this month but more fieldworkers are needed in order to meet the demand for Bible teaching in Trapaeng Prasat. The most exciting thing about this forming ecclesia is the fact that Sophorn (Bearer of many nicknames including 'The Angel') independently began preaching and bringing the group together.

There is always a demand for fieldworkers in Cambodia. It is one of the best countries in which to do mission work due to the welcoming locals, low cost of living, delicious cuisine and access to western products and services. There are great support networks thanks to ACBM, WCF and AinA. Riding around in tuk-tuks and motos is also a hoot, and if you want to borrow my XR250 while I'm not there we can work something out :D

If anyone is interested in hearing more about what is going on in Cambodia, how to apply to get there, or how to get financial support, please feel free to contact me at zacharyneilforbes@gmail.com or phone 0204336444. If you would like me to visit your ecclesia to give a presentation about Cambodia, please get in touch!

With Love in our Lord,
Brother Zac Forbes

PHILIPPINES MISSION

There is something about visiting the Philippines that is addictive. Bro. Darren Tappouras was explaining his addiction on this trip, as to why he had been going for years. As my second time in as many years, I think I might just agree. There's something alluring about the friendly, beautiful nature of Filipinos that draws you in and makes you never want to leave.

This year I visited the brothers and sisters again in Cagayan de Oro Ecclesia (CDO) in Mindanao, before heading up to join a small group of foreigners – mainly Aussies, a few Canadians, and one rather quiet demure brother Raju Devis (being one myself, I'd obviously know) – in Cebu to visit the ecclesia and then go to the conference there over Easter.

While in CDO, I spent many hours eating the Filipino delicacies they had specially made, singing lots of songs in preparation for the conference, and enjoying some very wholesome fellowship. I also spent a day at the Bible Education Centre and gave some talks there. It is frequented by many high school and university students, as it is very conveniently located between a school and a uni.

While we were in Cebu, we did some leafletting and advertising for two seminars at a local fast-food restaurant (Jollibee, for those in the know). The haul from off the

street was 56 interested friends and about another 30 from the ecclesia including us. Seeing them all actively paying attention, taking notes, asking questions, and genuinely interested in what the speakers were saying, was so encouraging.

Friendships were strengthened, spiritual food consumed, faith increased. As always, I left having received so much more than what I gave. And now I leave again with a piece of my heart over there for all my ecclesial family.

I encourage all those thinking about mission work to visit the Philippines. You will not regret it, and just maybe you'll find you'll have to keep going back too.

I am very grateful for the generosity of the ACBM NZ committee and the Missionary Support Fund for assisting with this trip.

Bro Brydyn Melles



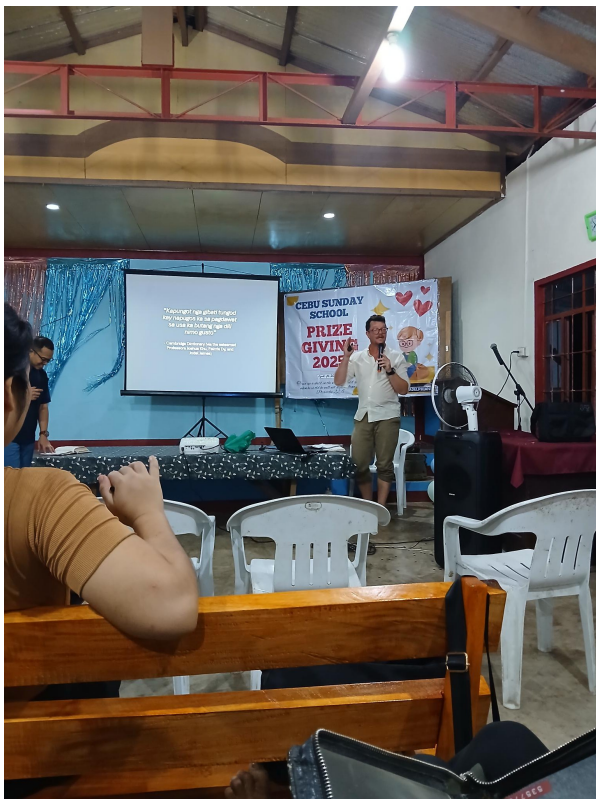
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Cagayan de Oro Memorial Meeting



Cagayan de Oro Ecclesia



Brydyn giving a talk in Argao Ecclesia, Cebu



Seminar at Jollibee in Cebu



Enjoying fellowship



leafletting in Argao, Cebu

TONGA MISSION TRIP



We're excited to share this update from our April trip to Tonga.

Last year in October we were blessed to go to Tonga with Zak and Abi Read, Aaron and Lydia Middlemiss, Ty Hillian and Shem Carrol (Aus), along with about 15 youth from Wellington and Hawke's Bay. The trip was a great success on many levels, allowing a fantastic opportunity for our youth to help other youth, and the rest of the small ecclesia in many practical and spiritual ways.

A lot of the trip involved setting up the Mission House in Tonga. This has provided a base for the small ecclesia and visitors to welcome friends and have fellowship. Previously, the meeting was held under the mango tree where Sisters Kalo, Valerie and Brother Ralph lived. As idyllic as that was, it wasn't very weather proof!

Brother Manase had offered to oversee the Mission House, and was to be based there along with his 3 children Nathan (18), Hadasseh (16) and Laiseni (14). Sister Talita is

based in Lismore, Australia where she works to help the family.

As many of you will know, Brother Manase unexpectedly passed away not long after we had been there. It was a great shock to everyone near and far.

Warren and Sheryn Shapcott were a great support, at the time of Manase's passing, attending and officiating the funeral. Zak and Abi Read and Ty Hillian (AUS) also provided invaluable support.

This year in April, we were determined, by the grace of God, to get back to Tonga to support our family in Christ as much as possible. Our immediate family (Wynton, Rachel, Shiloh, Zion and Eden) were all able to go, along with two invaluable volunteers from Australia, Ari and Jordana Burley (Matt and Leah Burley's kids). In a lovely twist of providence, Talita (Manase's widow) belongs to the same ecclesia as the Burleys, so Ari and Jordy know her well.





Also, by God's grace and foresight, Ari's plumbing skills were exactly what was needed this visit, as there were significant issues with the plumbing. While the Mission House is rented, often it's more efficient in Tonga to fix it yourself, and generates more good will as well. Ari's skills were definitely tested as it sometimes felt like plugging a sinking boat! But Tongan/Kiwi/Aussie ingenuity and determination prevailed ... for the most part.

One of the main goals of the trip was to provide pastoral care for the youth living at the Mission House. This largely came from our youth getting alongside the Tongan youth, sharing real life help. Some highlights were:

- Ari teaching Nathan to weld and use building tools
- Eden doing a cooking class
- Zion sharing breathing exercises and stress management techniques
- Jordy and Shiloh teaching cards games and singing.

It should be noted that Ari was able to do significant fundraising in the Australian CYCs, which enabled him to purchase basic building tools to leave at the Mission House for other volunteers to use.

The Tongan youth love to come and stay at the Mission House while anyone visits, which boosted our travelling gang to about 12 to 15 people for most of the trip. We hired a flatbed truck to be able to transport everyone, with the highlight being praise and worship songs blaring while everyone sang along!

Each day we would aim to help at the Mission house, do outreach of some sort, have a welcome wharf jumping session or beach visit, and finish sharing a meal with the ecclesia and Bible study.

Outreach could be delivering sandwiches in poorer areas, reconnecting with the local women's centre to give donated hygiene packs, getting to know the local community etc.

There is so much that can be done to help our spiritual family in Tonga by just being there with them. Fellowship, for a small group of believers, is invaluable. If anyone is thinking of visiting, please do it! Your help will be greatly appreciated and your own faith journey benefit enormously.

Of course there are some challenging times (like loss of power and water, and breakdowns etc) but God will use your gifts, if you allow him too, often in unexpected ways. His spirit is at work in Tonga and in all of us.

If you think you may like to visit Tonga, the Mission House is available for accommodation. Please get in touch!

With love in our Lord Jesus,

Wynton and Rachel Perrott
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- **Solomon Islands:** 2 weeks including the South Pacific Youth Conference from 26 – 29 December

These trips are being arranged in conjunction with the ACBM and the NZ Missionary Support Charitable Trust with the aim of growing the involvement of brothers and sisters in New Zealand in this exciting and rewarding area of our ecclesial life.

Places are limited but expressions of interest are welcome and should be directed to either:
Bro Robert Alderson - Secretary of the NZ Regional Committee in NZ (robaldnz@gmail.com) or
Bro Malcolm Scott - Secretary of the NZ Missionary Support Trust (suhmal@gmail.com).

If you are unable to volunteer to travel to mission areas, then you can help others through prayer, by sponsoring them or donating to the NZ Missionary Support Trust (03-0791-0402312-00).

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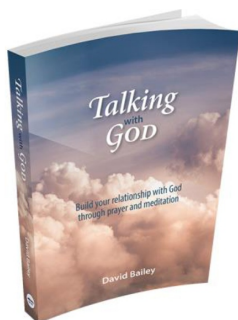
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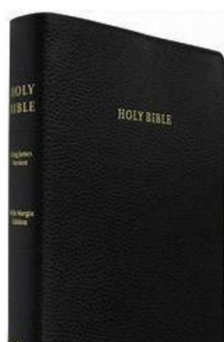
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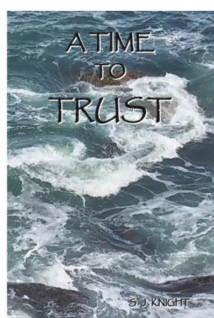


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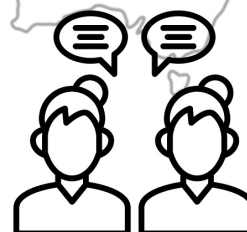
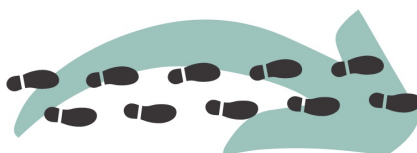
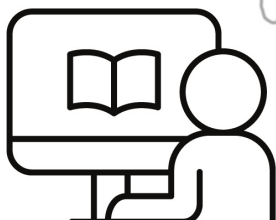
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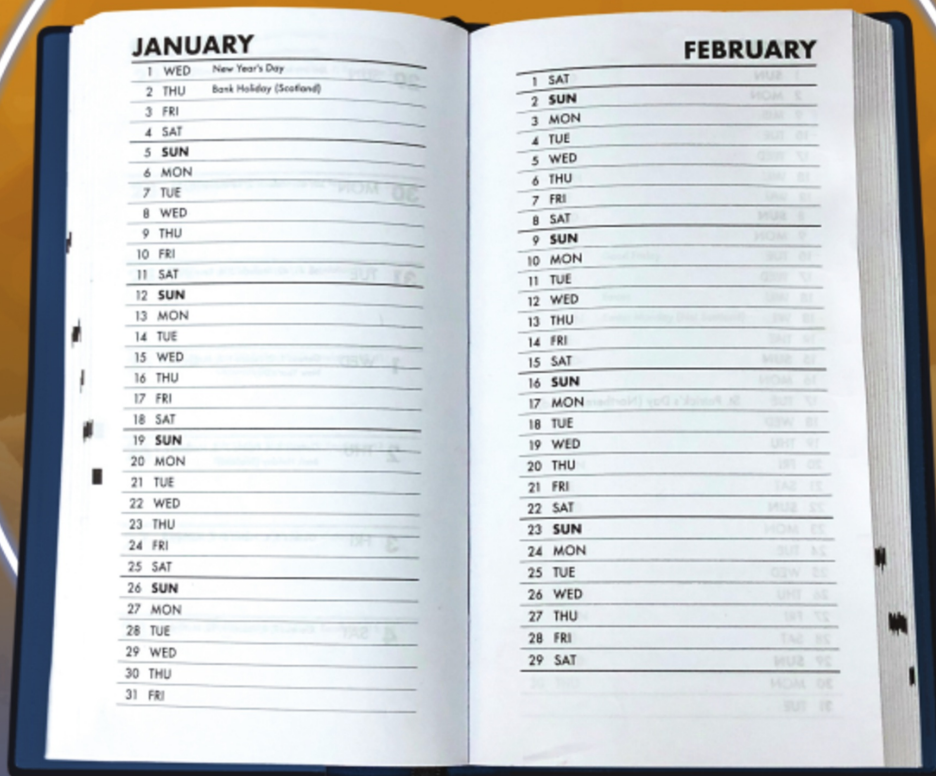
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