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WHATIPU WITH WING HEAD AND PARATUTAE ISLAND JILL PERROTT

***The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did for one of the least of  
these brothers and sisters of mine, you  
did for me.'***

***Matthew 25:40 NIV***

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*So then, as we have opportunity, let us  
do good to everyone, and especially to  
those who are of the household of faith.*

*Galatians 6:10*

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*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil;  
cling to what is good. Be devoted to one  
another in love. Honour one another  
above yourselves. Never be lacking in  
zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour,  
serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.  
Share with the Lord's people who are  
in need. Practise hospitality.*

*Romans 12:9 - 13 Niv*



## EDITORIAL - Southland Hospitality

This issue of the Ecclesial News is coming to you from New Zealand's Deep South where Sharon and I are sojourning for three months. As far as I know, this is the first issue of the Ecclesial News that has been produced in the South Island, let alone as far south as Invercargill.

It has been an amazing blessing to have had the opportunity to travel from Auckland to Invercargill and to be welcomed into the Southland ecclesias like family.

One of the things we have most enjoyed about Southland is discovering that the legend of Southland hospitality is a very real thing. Only days after we arrived, we were welcomed to a shared Sunday lunch in Invercargill, and the following weekend were included in a 'Come Dine with Me' afternoon where the members of the Riverton ecclesia were either hosting or hosted by each other for Sunday lunch. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship and conversations on both occasions. As well as those first two memorable Sundays, we have had numerous invitations out, experienced the legendary Riverton Bible class suppers, met people for coffee, walks, bonfires, dinners and been so engrossed in talking to people that we have almost had to lock up the ecclesial halls all by ourselves!

Southland hospitality can be shown anywhere. We are told to "*practice hospitality*" (Romans 12:13 NIV). The word *practice* means to *put something into action* rather than only learning theories about it. It means to *do something repeatedly* to improve skill. And yet another meaning is *the usual way of doing something*. With these meanings of *practice* in mind, hospitality should be something that is seen from us on a very regular basis.

Hospitality is the friendly and generous treatment of friends and strangers. That could mean anything from a greeting or a chat, to sharing a full three-

course meal or having a family to stay for a month. We can all be hospitable in some way – and food is a great help.

Even if showing hospitality seems unnatural or awkward, we can improve and grow with practice. The more we practice hospitality, the better we will get at it.

The scriptures also say to "*Show hospitality to one another without grumbling*" (1 Peter 4:9 ESV). Yes, showing hospitality can seem like hard work, but the payoff for our hard work is huge. I remember one time when we grumbled about being asked to host people we had never even met, but our guests turned out to be such an inspiration to us that we will never forget them. Maybe we entertained angels without knowing it!

Travel is more limited in the middle of winter, so now is the time to practice hospitality in a smaller way within our own ecclesias and communities. But as the weather warms up and travel resumes once again, let's show our hospitality to the other people who come our way as well.

Many of our ecclesial reports in this issue of the Ecclesial News have lists of visitors, which just goes to show the spirit of unity and hospitality we share. So let's make each other very welcome in our conversation, in our homes, with food and in our prayers.

No matter where we are, from Cape Reinga to Bluff or anywhere in between, the fellowship we have in New Zealand as united brothers and sisters in Christ is unique because we are family.

Sorry Southland, but I propose we move the legend on from *Southland Hospitality* to *Kiwi Hospitality*.

With love in our Lord,  
Robert Prins

## EVENTS

31 July to mid August 2025

Mission Trip to South America: 2 weeks in early August for a Conference in Chile.

Saturday 9 August 2025

Palmerston North Fraternal Gathering

Time: 12.00noon - 5.00pm Commencing with lunch

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

Speaker: Bro Ashton Kirk on “Imperfect Men, Perfect Promises: The Personalities Behind the Patriarchs”

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) on Back to the Future

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.

Saturday 30 August

HIS Heritage International School

Zoom meeting for recorders and arranging committees. (See advertisement pages 60, 61)

5th – 7th of September 2025 (Friday night at 7:30 – Sunday memorial meeting)

Nelson Special Effort,

Venue: Tahunanui School Hall

Brother Carl Parry from the Salisbury Ecclesia, Adelaide on Philippians “Finishing the work begun”

Saturday 6 September 2025, 1:30pm

Ladies Day Out

Venue: Pakuranga Ecclesial Hall

Sisters class annual event

17 – 21 September 2025

Tawa Ecclesial Special Effort

Venue: Tawa Ecclesial Hall

Speaker: Bro Anthony Steele (Woodville) on “Build like Nehemiah”

Friday 19 – Sunday 21 September 2025

New Lynn Fraternal Weekend

Venue: New Lynn Hall

Speaker: Bro Jason Gilmore, NSW, speaking on “Finding Messiah in the Wilderness”

24 September – 6 October

House for rent in Waikato

See advertisement on page 67

26th – 28th September 2025

Tawa CYC Camp

Wellington

Brother Rob Oosthuizen, ‘Stirring up the Spirit – Lessons from the Returning Exiles’

4 October

HIS Heritage International School

Zoom meeting Q&A session for everyone.

(See advertisement pages 60, 61)



Saturday October 11th 2025, 10:00am – 2:00pm  
New Lynn Hall Open Day

11 – 12 October 2025

Parklands Spring Fraternal, Christchurch

Speaker: Bro Ross Melles

Please email [sec.parklands@gmail.com](mailto:sec.parklands@gmail.com) for further details.

Sunday 12 October 2025

Combined meeting with the Whanganui Ecclesia at Palmerston North ecclesia

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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Thursday November 13 to Sunday November 16, 2025 (Canterbury Show Weekend)

Holy Ever After - Building Better Marriages

Where: Thursday night at the Christchurch North Hall, Friday and Saturday Sessions at the Scenic Hotel Cotswold (88-96 Papanui Rd. Merivale)

Speaker: Bro Steve Dangerfield, accompanied by his wife, Sis Annie. To build strong marriages, to strengthen our families and ecclesias for the glory of God.

See advertisement on page 69

14 – 16 November 2025

Teapot Valley Fraternal, Nelson

Bro Shane Kirkwood speaking on "John the Baptist, the Lord's Best Man"

18 December 2025 - 10 January 2026

Mission Trip to the Solomon Islands. 2 weeks including the South Pacific Youth Conference from 26 – 29 December.

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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](http://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](http://www.NZCBS.co.nz)

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29 May - 1 June 2026

June weekend, Wellington

Speaker: Bro Will Patino

10 - 13 July 2026

NXT GEN Camp,

Auckland

*Let brotherly love  
continue. Do not neglect  
to show hospitality to  
strangers, for thereby  
some have entertained  
angels unawares.  
Hebrews 13: 1 - 2*

## 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*

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Heidi Alderson, Invercargill

May Nelson, Dunedin

Oliver Barber, Wellington

Daniel Crawley, Nelson

### Births

*The new life of hope*

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John Benjamin Marsden, born 7th May, son of Hannah and Carl, Wellington

Jason Thomas, to sis Ally & bro Ben Worsnop, Hamilton

Toby George, to sis Rosie & bro Nathan Hughes, Hamilton

Oakley Allan James Oswald Gledhill to Antony and Judith, Nelson

Chloe Ruth Thoms – daughter to Bro Nathanael and Sis Samantha Thoms on 12th June 2025, Riverton

### Deaths

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

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Sis Doreen Mastemaker, 7 May 2025, Pakuranga

Bro Glyn Pyper, 28 June 2025, Pakuranga



## FAMILY NOTICES

### Engagements

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

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

Sis Charis Prins (formerly of Pakuranga,) to Bro Jeb Johns, Cumberland, South Australia

### Marriages

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

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Tamara Meads to Aljon Perez, Christchurch Parklands

### Transfers

*Transfers within the family of God*

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Sis Leah Beer from Murray Bridge SA to Invercargill

Sis Kaye Drummond from Isolation to New Lynn

Sis Connie Davies from Wellington Ecclesia to Walsall Ecclesia in the UK

Bro Ari Burley from Lismore Ecclesia to Wellington Ecclesia

Sis Rachel Mearns from Hamilton to Parklands

Bro Aljon and Sis Tamara Perez from Kaiapoi to Parklands

Bro Peter Ross from Christchurch North to Launceston

Sis Ruth Pitt from Woodville to Christchurch North

Sis Sheryl Beer from Nelson to Tasman

Bro Jake Young from Christchurch North to Nelson

Sis Sasha Brady from Kendron Brook, QLD to Pakuranga

Bro Zac Forbes from Pakuranga to Wanganui.

## ECCLESIAL NEWS

There are about 1785 Christadelphians in New Zealand, according to Google, and 572 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.
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- Forward the e-copy of the magazine on to others who may not have received it.
- Talk about it with others in your ecclesia.



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3) Contact the editor (Robert Prins) [nzenews@gmail.com](mailto:nzenews@gmail.com), or phone 021 0249 8983 with your name and postal address, and confirming you have paid.

Or fill in the order form by scanning the QR code here or at <https://forms.gle/uHQ2RfB2ySXAU2Bj7>

4) Wait for your copy to arrive in the post.



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## AUCKLAND - NEW LYNN

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Regular meeting times: Sunday 11am Memorial Meeting; Sunday 1.30pm (winter) Bible Hour; Sunday 6.30pm (summer) Bible Hour; Wednesday 7.30 pm Bible Class; Sunday 9.15am Sunday School; Saturday WAC, CYC, ACYC.

Our fraternal love to you all from your family here at New Lynn. We are grateful for all God's blessings and the hope we have of eternal life through His Son.

### Working Bee

In early May we held our annual working bee; our hall is over 50 years old and needs fairly constant maintenance. Our young builders (Ben W, Brad and Zay) replaced some old and rotten weather boards whilst others gave the kitchen a good spring clean, rehung curtains, cleaned mould, mowed lawns, trimmed bushes, water blasted various areas, cleaned drains, Sunday school rooms and other such tasks. A lovely morning tea was appreciated by all, during that hard work.

### CYC

The CYC held an afternoon fundraiser in May – a quiz (Jeopardy) with coffee and delectable cakes and sweet treats. Ben A, Kauri and Saniya organised a great afternoon, with thanks to all those who also donated the sweet treats and coffee, and to those who came and supported them. Ben's quiz was very competitive, with 5 teams vying for the lead. The CYC really appreciate this support from the local brothers, sisters, and younger members.

Four of our CYC members attended the PK camp in May and enjoyed bro TJ's talks, and some of our older young people / couples also

attended the Next Gen camp over Matariki weekend, the venue this time being closer to Auckland and so somewhat more accessible. Thanks to those who organise these much-needed events for our younger members.

Other CYC's have included a lovely Progressive Dinner in June, including a dessert stop at Ben & Georgia's new place; a talk by bro Jamin Adey on baptism. The ACYC continue to look at the Feasts of Ancient Israel, looking at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and another looking at the Feast of Pentecost and most recently, a talk on the Feast of Trumpets. The Junior CYC have also been active with activities including a pizza making event at the O'Connor's place.

### Winter School

Many of our families and CYC enjoyed winter school in Napier. Bre Con Mitsos and Jacob Lewis gave excellent talks on Hezekiah (bro Con), and Paul's travelling companions (bro Jacob). An evening series and family nights centred around the theme of 'Joy' was also held; the evening skits around serving in the ecclesia with either joy and enthusiasm – or with reluctance and excuses were very powerful. The talks were uplifting and we learnt lessons about humility, faith, service in the Lord, and constancy in serving the Lord with Joy, even amidst trial and testing. The weather was somewhat mild for the time of year which was a nice background to the week

(with fewer ills and chills as a result) and uplifting to all.

### **Other Activities**

The annual combined Auckland ecclesial fraternal weekend was held at the end of July at which bro Nathan Lewis spoke. His theme 'Freedom in Christ' was very thought-provoking, sometimes challenging, with classes on shame, concealment, and fear. Held at the PK hall, this is a lovely annual fraternal event where the Auckland (and wider) family can meet, catch up and come together in fellowship. It gives much needed encouragement during these last dark days and certainly over a winter's weekend. We thank bro Nathan for his classes and the wider team for their hard work put into this event.

Bible classes have continued with our theme looking at Angel Encounters (Daniel, Mary, Peter, Paul) whilst bro Craig also presented his studies on 'The Law as a Schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.' Our monthly home readings groups also remain on roster, looking at Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Our Bible hours are changing to bi-weekly presentations in a variety of formats, changing out what might work better regarding more effective preaching. Bro Robert Alderson came and gave us a great presentation on the work the ACBM does in South America. Bro Glenn did a great talk on Gratitude, even in the face of adversity. Gratitude is not just a passing emotion or response to an event, but an enduring thankfulness to God for all He has done for us, even when we have hard times and trials.

As a pivot to, and in addition to our current preaching schedule, we are very excited to be planning, God willing, a Hall Open Day on October 11th for the local community to come in and have a look around. Work has been going on in the background to produce some great new banners (with help from and thanks to sis Suzanne Beer, Wellington) and ideas taken from the Hamilton open day held last year. In addition to banners, we are planning various other activities, displays and

refreshments, which we will be preparing over the next couple of months; we will be advertising shortly, to the local community. All are welcome to come and visit on the day. To this end, we have also launched a new ecclesial website to direct interested contacts to; this is a work in progress but a step in the right direction regarding online presence and advertising. We pray for God's blessings upon this venture and hope it may lead to hearts searching for Truth in these last days.

We also invite you all, to our annual Fraternal Weekend from 19 – 21 September, God willing, when we will also be hosting bro Jason Gilmore, NSW, who will be speaking on the subject "Finding Messiah in the Wilderness". Please contact bro Paul or sis Liz Marley for further details.

### **Travel & Welfare**

We formally welcome sis Kaye Drummond as a member of New Lynn – she lives in isolation up near Mangawhai and has been zooming into our services for many years.

Bro Ashwin and sis Arti moved over to Brisbane and we hear that they are settling down well over there. Bro Dave D went to the US East Coast for work and visited with his brother who also lives over there. Bro Mark and sis Nicky Malloy have undertaken an extensive trip around Europe whilst our bro Robert Chittinappilly has been back to India visiting family; his mother has not been well so a visit has been good. Sis Lorrie Munday has also been to UK to visit her daughter Sis Andrea and her family. Bro Steve and sis Jude have been over to Oz, along with their girls, sis Kez, sis Charlotte and families, for a big family get together with sis Nicole. Bro Phil and sis Carolyn have also been to Adelaide visiting bro James their son and his family. Sis Helen Durnford has taken a trip to Alaska and returned safely. Bro Evan and sis Beth are about to embark upon a trip to UK/Ireland. Warmer weather, right now, seems very appealing, (of course, apart from Alaska!)

Seasonal winter ills and chills have set in and the frailty of the flesh has been even more



sadly apparent in the last little while. Aside from colds and flu's, we report that bro Brian Lean, sis Jude and bro Clive have all suffered falls in the last period, with bro Brian breaking his wrist. Both Brian and Clive are happily recovered now, by God's grace, although sis Jude has ongoing issues. Both our brethren Steve Nightingale and Glenn Williams underwent surgeries and been in hospital, whilst bro Caleb has had shingles and also another hospital procedure. Bro Andrew Rock had a minor stroke, and whilst he has recovered from this, remains very frail and in decline. We

continue to visit with bro Andrew and sis Pauline and sis Patty in their respective homes. Bro Vin and sis Adey also remain fragile with their health over this period. We pray for all these our dear family in the Lord, especially our elder members and for their continued daily trials.

We have been very blessed with several visitors over the period. We thank all for their fellowship. 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.

### Deaths

Sister Doreen Mastemaker fell asleep in the Lord on May the 7th. Our dear sister in her 90s was highly respected for her love of the truth and her dedication to the word of God. After a family funeral, a service in her remembrance was held in the ecclesial hall on the 24th of May.

Bro Glyn Pyper fell asleep in Cambridge on the 28th of June, just 6 months after his wife Sis Helen Pyper. A private family funeral was held.

We extend our love and deepest sympathies to the families of Sis Doreen and Bro Glyn.

### Transfers

We welcome by transfer Sis Sasha Brady from Kendron Brook, Queensland. Sis Sasha has already been involved in our Sunday School for quite some time.

Sadly, for us Bro Zac Forbes has transferred back to Wanganui after spending a few years in Pakuranga and doing mission work in Cambodia.

Not transferred, but house-sitting for 3 months in Invercargill, are Bro Robert & Sis Sharon Prins.



### **Auckland Combined Ecclesial Weekend (ACEW)**

We thank our Heavenly Father for His blessing of love, fellowship and guidance over the weekend from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th July. Bro Nathan Lewis from Christchurch, led four studies on the theme of “Freedom in Christ”, as well as a special CYC session entitled “finding Christ Everywhere”, and also exhorted us on Sunday, entitled “The Finality of Freedom”. We thank our Bro Nathan for his words and dedication over the weekend. The combined Auckland Sunday School students beautifully sang for us before the memorial meeting.

### **Health**

It's been a cold, wet winter, some of our number have had minor coughs and colds. Some others need on-going specialist treatment and we pray for our Heavenly Father's loving care, guidance and blessing on their recovery.

### **Travellers**

Bro Ron & Sis Catherine Houben Have just arrived home from the UK and Europe, where Bro Ron was doing a series of studies in the UK. Sis Jenifer Pan has returned from visiting her parents in China. Bro Justin Roche has returned safely from a missionary trip to Thailand. Bro David and Sis Jenny Luxmoore have left for an extended trip, visiting Canada,

UK and Europe. The following have travelled to Australia to visit family and friends, Bro Andrew, Sis Naomi, Sis Julliet and Josiah Knox, Bro Philip & Sis Catherine Nightingale, Bro Barry & Sis Val Martin and Bro Jeremy & Sis Jemima Prins. We pray for our Heavenly Father's care and safe travel for those still away.

### **Curry Lunch**

Bro Rumen Lal and his family provided a very tasty Indian lunch for us all, after the memorial meeting on Sunday 18th of May. We thank our brother for this annual event.

### **Hall Repairs**

For 3 weeks the ecclesial could not be used as further repairs were carried out as a result of the flooding in June 1924. The memorial meetings, Bible classes and Sisters class were all done on-line. It was also an opportune time to do some 'spring'-cleaning, down-sizing and sorting out of stuff that needed sorting. A big thank you to our brothers and sisters who gave up hours of their time, to complete the work.

### **Flood no.2**

This happened in the hall library when the toilet cistern burst asunder. Thankfully it was not a major event.

**Yet another flood**

This happened at the time when a home Sisters' class was taking place. During a massive downpour, and as result of a blocked storm water drain, two cars parked on the flooded road were water damaged and consequently written off.

**Visitors**

We've had the pleasure and company of the following visitors around the memorial table:

Sis Lois Sandle – Whangarei; Bro Roger Evans & Sis Leigh Allanson-Evans - Waitakere; Bro Ronald Chittinappilly, Sis Susy Chittinappilly, Bro Charles & Sis Chelsea Fraser, Bro Paul &

Sis Liz Marley, Sis Kauri Marley, Sis Lorraine Mundy, Sis Marilyn Lau - New Lynn; Bro Gavin & Sis Viv Longstaff, Bro Calvin Zhu & Sis Amy Liang, Sis Rebekah McIvor, Bro Robin & Sis Varna Bennett – Auckland Central; Bro Andrew & Sis Anita Saxon - Bay of Plenty; Bro Ben & Sis Ally Worsnop - Hamilton; Bro Zac Forbes – Wanganui; Sis Carol Brown – Dannevirke; Bro Paul & Sis Jan Teal – Hutt Valley; Bro Daniel Welsh – Invercargill; Sis Holly Ingram, Sis Rosie Simpson – Riverton.

From South Australia: Bro Steven & Sis Suzie Johns, Bro Ben Johns – Cumberland.

From Fiji: Sis Adi Toaloa – Suva

## AUCKLAND - WAITAKERE

Recorder: Bro.Martin Herbert

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Hall Address: Glen Eden Intermediate School, 23 Kaurilands Road, Titirangi, West Auckland 0604

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

Online activities: Memorial Meeting each Sunday. Wednesdays 8:00pm, Bible Class.

Tamaki Makarau has been cooler with a lot of rain this season. The option of being online for meetings has been appreciated, particularly by our older folk who find travelling in the weather and busy traffic more difficult at times. Recently we had a memorial meeting held in the home of Vanessa and Stan Shrosbree. This allowed all the North Shore Auckland folk to meet and then share a super delicious lunch afterwards. This was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and spending time together. Those who attended were so grateful of the kindness and hospitality of the Shrosbrees.

**Bible Class**

Bible class topics this year are on the theme of the prophet Jeremiah. We also have topics that we call “wild cards “whereby the speaker can deliver any theme of interest. This is always a surprise and great learning for all.

**Sunday School**

Sunday School has been pumping over the last couple of terms! We recently enjoyed a combined Sunday School with New Lynn, where we explored the theme of friendship in the Bible. The highlight was a blindfold



obstacle course that reminded us of the importance of supporting and trusting one another just like good friends do.

We've also had two combined sessions at the Waitākere Hall with Pakuranga Sunday School, while renovations took place at their hall. This meant double the size, double the energy! The singing was loud, the learning was rich, and beautiful friendships continue to be formed.

Our classes continue to cover a wide range of spiritual foundations, from first principles and Bible origins to simple Bible stories for our youngest learners. We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated teachers who arrive each week with creative, thoughtful lessons and fun activities to help the Bible come alive.

Looking ahead, Sunday School will be hosting a quiz night for the whole ecclesia in August! We're looking forward to a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship, and a bit of friendly competition!

### **Junior CYC**

Junior CYC continues to meet monthly, with exciting evenings that include pizza nights, indoor games, and kite making. Our young people are also learning about baptism and discussing how they can contribute meaningfully to ecclesial life and worship.

### **Youth Sunday**

Paul Herbert has been doing a series on Suffering and why God allows it. Josh has also been going through the Temptations of Christ with each Sunday morning session ending with the temptation of the hot sausage rolls. This term there will be different facilitators leading the class on a variety of subjects adding interest to the class.

### **CYC**

West CYC continues to focus on a range of talks and social activities. Two of our CYCers, Misha and Alan are off to South America with

a group of twelve from around New Zealand for a preaching initiative. They will attend the Comvivencia Bible School in Chile and then in Bolivia. They will be visiting and preaching in Chile, Santiago and La Pas, Bolivia. We pray for God's loving care and hope it's a fruitful trip.

### **Transfers**

Floyd Tunnel has transferred to Wellington. We miss his positivity and smile.

Paul Herbert has transferred from Invercargill to Waitakere. We are blessed to have him.

Val Green has moved to the far north to assist Stephine Green at her home in Kaiwaka. She remains a member of the Waitakere ecclesia and will stay connected online. She is such a valued member of Waitākere who brings a bright sparkle to us all every time we see her. God bless Val. We will dearly miss her.

We love seeing Benje and Helen online from Kerikeri and Port Moresby. We miss them!

### **Welfare**

Judy and Wynton Perrott have been in Perth visiting Judy's 94-year-old sister Alwyn King. Whilst away, Wynton was hospitalised in Perth for a heart condition. We are grateful to Judy's Perth family for their quick medical intervention of Wynton, and care and love to Judy and Wynton while overseas during such a difficult time. Judy just turned 80 and is enjoying good health at the retirement village with Wynton.

Margaret Price has been back in hospital again for her heart problem. She is now progressing well and enjoying her catchups with others again. We pray for Margaret's health.

God bless all those who need his care at this time.



## AUCKLAND - WESTERN LIGHTSTAND

Recorder: Bro Nathan Alleyne  
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Kia ora koutou,

With several of our members now based around Australasia, including Brisbane, Newcastle, Mangawhai and Christchurch, we continue to meet both online and in person to

maintain our fellowship.

If you're in the Auckland region and would like to attend our in-home meetings, held in either Te Atatū Peninsula or Titirangi, please contact Nathan Alleyne to confirm the location. We would welcome any support you can offer.

At least once a month we join the Waitākere Ecclesia where our tamariki attend Sunday school each Sunday.

## BAY OF PLENTY

Recorder: Bro Geoff Wickham  
 Hall Address: Greerton Senior Citizens Hall, 33 Maitland Street, Greerton, Tauranga 3112  
 Meeting Times: 11.00am Sunday memorial meeting

In March we farewelled Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon Enstrom to Whangārei ecclesia after 3 years with us. Then in July we said 'Goodbye' to Bro Mark and Sis Mary Simpson after 26 years devoted service to this ecclesia. They have been dedicated shepherds throughout this time and we will miss their fellowship in our midst. They are moving to the Deep South to be near their family members. These moves have depleted our membership considerably, such that we are actively seeking support from visitors to our Sunday gatherings.

So far this year, the Bay of Plenty Sunday School class have been exploring the Old Testament as a book of living and breathing history. We have looked at how events recorded in the Bible tie in with archaeological discoveries from Israel and surrounding

countries, and world history. Along the way, we have also been looking at Bible prophecy and how God's promises that have been fulfilled can strengthen our faith in those which have not yet come to pass.

At our fortnightly Sunday morning Bible Class we have enjoyed and benefited from reading Bro John Launchbury's book, 'Change us Not God'.

During the last quarter we have been pleased to welcome Bro Matt Simpson and Bro Paul Herbert (Waitākere); Bro John and Sis Ann Walton and Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon Enstrom (Whangārei); Bro Aaron and Sis Lydia Middlemiss (Wellington); Bro Gordon Mudge (Auckland Central); Bro Nathan and Sis Rosie Hughes and Bro Rob and Sis Carol Worsnop (Hamilton).

## CHRISTCHURCH - BIBLE HALL

Recorder: No Recording brother at present

Hall Address: 554 Gloucester Street

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Phone Contact: Kent 021 428 477

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.

The recent transfer of five of our members has left our ecclesia very small. Those of us who remain at Bible Hall are doing our best to support and care for one another—particularly those who are feeling the effects of aging and the natural challenges that come with it.

We are especially thankful for the continued support from the brethren of the Christchurch North and West ecclesias, who have kindly provided Sunday morning exhortations on a semi-regular basis. We always appreciate

hearing their uplifting messages, and their help is a real blessing to the brothers in our ecclesia who are carrying extra responsibilities.

As we witness the unfolding events in the world around us, we are reminded that we are indeed living in the last days. With that in mind, we look forward—eagerly and prayerfully—to the return of our Lord Jesus.

See our appeal on page 49.

## CHRISTCHURCH - KAIAPOI

Recorder: Bro Ian Ashton

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Email Address: ian.ashton54@gmail.com

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Meeting Times: Sunday 11am; Tuesday 7.30pm

Greetings in the One Hope that we share.

The world is in such turmoil and in need of cleansing; may our Lord Jesus Christ return soon.

### **Recorder**

Bro Wayne Bates has stepped down as recording brother due to his ongoing illness.

Kaiapoi brethren would like to thank Bro Wayne for his tireless efforts as recording brother since Kaiapoi was established. We greatly appreciate all he has done and his hard work.

Our new recording brother is Bro Ian Ashton who has kindly stepped into this role.

**Welfare**

Regarding bro Wayne's illness, he has had some good progress with his cancer treatment and has been able to attend the last 3 memorial meetings. It is wonderful to have him at the meeting and we pray that Yahweh's hand is upon him continually.

Bro Stuart & Sis Robyn Ackerman are proud grandparents to another grandson Nathan Samuel, born to Bro Andrew & Sis Jess Ackerman who reside in America and attend Thousand Oaks ecclesia. Bro Stuart & Sis Robyn are travelling to see them all in mid-September.

Bro Reg Steadman turns 98 this year and attends every meeting rain or shine. He is an example at his age to achieve this.

It has been a very cold and tough winter this year and of course with winter comes sickness.

Sis Rhana Ashton has been quite sick with a bad bout of bronchitis and hasn't been well for a few weeks.

Bro Stuart & sis Robyn had been unwell in June for a few weeks but are much better now. There have also been the usual colds and coughs which pop up every winter.

It will be good to soon see the start of spring & feel some warmer weather to rejuvenate us for another year...

**Visitors**

We would like to thank all our visiting brethren that have exhorted at Kaiapoi. This is immensely appreciated from all the brothers and sisters at Kaiapoi ecclesia.

Visitors around the memorial table included:

Bro Peter & Sis Geraldine Fullwood, Sis Trisha Mandack, Bro Genesis Mandack, Bro Clarenz Mandack, Bro Jared & Sis Clare Bates, Sis Imogene Ashton, Bro Graham Garraway, Bro Mark & Sis Sarah Weber Christchurch West; Sis Rachel Bell, Bro Joel & Sis Beth Cowell, Christchurch North; Bro Chris & Sis Julie Cowell, Tawa.

## CHRISTCHURCH - NORTH

Recorder: Bro. Nelson Thelning

Hall address: 4 Ranger Street, Mairehau Christchurch 8052

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Regular meeting times: Sunday School: 9:00am Sunday; Memorial Meeting: 11:00am Sunday;

Bible class: 7:30pm Wednesday

As the world around us becomes more polarised, we are warmed and strengthened by the love of our brethren around us. We stand united in the hope that *"The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his*

*people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more."* Joel 3:16-17.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday school continues as vibrantly and steadfastly as ever. At the moment we are considering the last days of the kings of Judah, and the beginning of the Babylonian captivity. The scholars have just turned in their projects, and we continue to be amazed by the faithful witness of the heroes of old.

### **Bible readings groups/Seminars**

In the beginning of the year we started a Bible reading group in Wainoni, and we're pleased to report that we've had some consistent interested friends, both here and in the seminars. We're continuing with these, as well as having the occasional special lecture.

### **Kaio**

We've started a Kaio evening on Sunday evenings. The Kaio idea was started by brethren in Canada, and the idea is for everyone to bring something to read/ study/ meditate or listen to, for your own personal study or meditation. Afterwards, there is fellowship over hot drinks and supper, and we have an opportunity to practice talking about our own personal study. If you want to know more about the concept, you can find details here: <https://campkaio.com/>.

### **Transfers**

Our Bro Peter Ross has formally transferred to the Launceston Ecclesia in Tasmania. Sis Ruth

Pitt has transferred here from the Woodville ecclesia in Adelaide, we pray that her time here would be of mutual benefit.

Bro Reuben and Sis Ruth Oosthuizen are moving to Australia at the end of the month. After a fruitless job search in Christchurch. God has opened a door in the form of a permanent job in Australia. We pray that they will have a beautiful time, and will miss their beautiful hearts and willing service.

### **CYC**

In addition to all of the usual study and social events, the CYCers recently participated in an ultimate frisbee sports challenge. Discs were thrown, friendships were made and strengthened, and a fantastic time was had by all.

### **Visitors**

We are pleased to welcome the following visitors:

Sis Ruth Pitt, Bro Grant and Sis Ruth Bowden, Woodville; Bro Daniel and Sis Esther Hughes, Parklands; Sis Alexa Oosthuizen, Sis Asha Oosthuizen, Bro Rob and Sis Rachelle Oosthuizen, Sis Helen Beer, Invercargill; Bro Samuel Crawley, Sis Daphne Bryce, Sis Naomi Alderson, Bro Arthur and Sis Denise Pankhurst, Nelson; Bro David and Sis Pam Pankhurst, Riverton; Sis Paula Weber, Christchurch West.

## **CHRISTCHURCH - PARKLANDS**

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Regular meeting times: Sunday 10:30am Memorial Meeting at above address.

Online activities: Tuesday night Bible Class 7pm on Zoom. Please email for Zoom details.

No report this time.



## CHRISTCHURCH - WEST

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Website: [bibleeducation.org.nz](http://bibleeducation.org.nz)

Memorial meeting: Sunday 11 am at Pareawa Banks Ave School, 57 Averill Street, Richmond

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

Seminar 1: Monday 7.30pm at Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road, Sockburn

Seminar 2: Thursday 7.30pm at Rolleston Community Centre, 94 Rolleston Drive, Rolleston

Love and greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters throughout NZ. In light of recent current events, we earnestly pray we will see our Lord Jesus Christ returning this year!

### **Ecclesial Events**

The last 3 months have been quieter and less busy with ecclesial events. We are indeed in the thick of winter at the moment. Christchurch has been quite cold, with many mornings of late reaching negative temperatures and providing beautiful frosts.

We have had no births, deaths, baptisms or transfers to report in this last quarter. However we are delighted to welcome Sis Kaye Harris (nee Beaumont) back into fellowship after many years in the wilderness. We are greatly encouraged by her enthusiasm to be back in the meeting as together we prepare for our Lord's return.

Over the last 3 months, our Bible Classes have finished Bro Brendon Clark's six-part fascinating series on Aaron, where key events in both Aaron and Moses' life were scrutinised. Bro Ben Brinkerhoff (North Ecclesia) led six insightful classes on "In Search of

Conscience", and Bro Chris Yearsley completed a four-part series on "Waiting for Christ's Coming" based on Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Bro Brydyn led three classes on the letter of Jude, and we have just begun standalone studies by different brothers on the theme of "Keeping the Charge" – looking at various biblical characters, their personal witness, and stand for their convictions.

Our "in home" homegroups this year continue the theme from last year studying the book "Challenges to our Conscience". For each class we read 2 corresponding chapters in preparation, and then openly discuss what we have read, and how we can each apply the principles discussed in our own personal lives, whether at home, at work or school, and in our ecclesia. The two homegroups we have held this year were on the themes of "Lifestyle" and "Parenting".

On the 1st May we were meant to have a Special Bible Lecture around the title of "Can God Help", but this had to be postponed that same afternoon as a state of emergency had been declared in Christchurch because of

prolonged and very heavy rain! God willing, we hope to run this public lecture again soon.

On Sunday 4 May we held our annual combined North/West meeting, where much fellowship was shared together over a BYO lunch afterwards.

### **Sickness**

Being winter, we have seen a noticeable absence of many of our members due to various colds and flus doing the rounds. One of these members was Arlo Yates (oldest son of Brook and Olivia Yates), who had to be taken to hospital in an ambulance due to having a bad bout of pneumonia. After a day or so, he was discharged home, and quickly recovered. A very scary experience I'm sure for his family, and we thank God for his eventual recovery. Our Brother Eddie and Sister Cathy Struckman have now moved into the Albarosa Rest Home.

### **Travel**

Many of our members have travelled abroad and these include: Bro Ross and Sis Wendy, and Bro Chris and Sis Kathryn Yearsley to Melbourne to visit family; Bro Brydyn also to Melbourne to see family (and attend a chocolate festival!!); Sis Beulah Edwards visited family in Perth, and also attended the Rathmines Seniors Week as well. Bro Charles and Sis Agnes, Bro Jesse and Sis Vivi (and children) travelled to China. Bro Daryl Partridge visited Sydney; and Sisters Esther Beattie and Debra Green went over to Australia to attend the QLD Woman at the Well camp where Sis Sarah Chann (from Kaikoura) was the guest speaker. Sis Sarah gave very powerful and moving presentations around the idea of moving from a place of knowing God, to experiencing God. A total of 18 NZ sisters travelled over to attend this and support our fellow Sisters in Christ, including an infirm and wheelchair bound sister as well!

### **Mission Work**

Brothers Ross and Brydyn Melles will travel to Chile and Bolivia this week (31 July) for several weeks, along with Bro Glen Davies from Christchurch North, and seven others from around NZ to restart the South American Convivencia/Bible School which hasn't happened since COVID. Time will also be spent doing preaching as well, and sharing much needed fellowship with the ecclesias there. A big requirement needed before travelling was learning some Spanish to aid in their mission work. The South American brothers and sisters travelling to the Convivencia are very grateful for the donations received from ecclesias that has provided them the ability to participate in such an amazing opportunity.

### **Visitors**

Visitors over the last several months

Bro Floyd Tunnell, Waitakere; Bro Ben Flint (formally from Australia); Bro Jotham Teal and Sis Grace Clark, Hutt Valley; Bro David and Sis Pam Pankhurst, Riverton; Sis Josie Smith, Lismore, NSW; Bro Kosal and Sis Sarah Chann and Bro Murray (exhorted) and Sis Carol Green, Kaikoura; Bro Aaron and Sis Louise Bird, Moreton Bay, Brisbane; Bro Bryce Mansfield, Yagoona, Sydney; Bro Malcolm and Sis Suhasini Scott and Bro Tim and Sis Susi Beer, Invercargill; Bro Rodney and Sis Zoe Alderson and Bro Samuel Crawley, Nelson; Sis Maria Widemann, Sis Moriah Lewis, Bro Ben (exhorted), Sis Elissa and Sis Ahava Brinkerhoff, Sis Sharon Nicholls, Sis Rachel Bell, Bro Travis Scott, Bro David (exhorted) and Sis Carolyn Bailey, Bro Ben and Sis Liz O'Grady, Christchurch North; Bro Chris and Sis Maria Wright, Whangarei; Bro Evan and Sis Beth Smith, New Lynn; Bro Peter and Sis Shiling Meads, Hamilton; Sis Penny Thomas, Pakuranga.

## DANNEVIRKE

Recorder: Bro David Gibbs

Venue: In homes

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Love and Greetings to you all from our small corner of the world. Our wee house meeting has undergone many changes over recent years. For some time we met at the home of our elderly Sis Joy and at the same time at the elder care residence of Sis Jenny Gibbs. Sis Joy fell asleep in the Lord at age 94 and now we meet with Sis Jenny at Eileen Mary rest home as she is mostly confined to her bed.

We are thankful that we are able to join meetings and classes online to supplement our ecclesial lives.

Recently Sis Tracey Sinclair underwent an operation so we do ask for prayers for her recovery.

May God be with you all, even so come Lord Jesus.

Brother David Gibbs

## DIPTON

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No report this time.

## DUNEDIN - BAYFIELD

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The Dunedin Bayfield ecclesia meets on Zoom on Sunday Evenings (Usually fortnightly), broadcasting at 7.45pm from the Bayfield Motels 210 Musselburgh Rise Dunedin. Should any brother or sister wish to attend, please contact the Secretary for the Zoom link.

## DUNEDIN - CENTRAL

Recorder: Bro Jason Archer

Hall Address: Dunedin North Intermediate School, 34 North Road, North East Valley, Dunedin

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Meeting Times: 11.00 am Sunday; Bible class 7.30 pm Wednesday in various homes

Website: [www.dunedinchristadelphians.org](http://www.dunedinchristadelphians.org)

We are over halfway through year 2025, and we still wait for our master's call, but with many things happening around the world, it surely a time to *"look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh"* Luke 21:28.

### Gabriel's Gully

On June the 9th a number of our members enjoyed a road trip up to Gabriel's Gully, the site where Gabriel Read's discovery of gold in an Otago valley in 1861 changed the course of New Zealand history. Gabriels Gully was the site of the first major gold find in Otago which led to the gold rushes of the early 1860s and



Gabriel Gully Group



transformed the province at the time, making it the wealthiest in New Zealand. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day, and stopped off at Lawrence to look through the local museum which housed information and displays regarding the gold rush. After lunch we carried on to Gabriels Gully and enjoyed the site and fresh air. It was hard to imagine it was the location of a tent encampment that exceeded the population of over 10,000. Sis Suzanna provided entertainment for each car with puzzles to solve on the drive up, and if solved made up a map of the area. A fun and enjoyable day had by all.

### Baptism

On Sunday 15th June we had the great pleasure of welcoming into fellowship our new Sis May Nelson, who had given a good confession of the things of the Holy Scriptures and submitted to the waters of baptism. It was great to see her grandparents Bro & Sis Peter and Alana Niven, as well as other family and friends who travelled from other centres to join in the celebration of Sis May's baptism. Bro Peter assisted in the actual baptism in the nicely heated swimming pool at the Biernat's home.

Sunday 27th July It was great to see Bro Joseph Vuli with friend Sis Rachel Smith who had travelled all the way from Glasgow Scotland back to see family. Also to see Bro Sefton Vuli who now



resides in Wellington (we hope temporally).

### River Ridge Camp

Over the Matariki weekend, our Dunedin ecclesia enjoyed a refreshing and spiritually reviving camp held in the beautiful Catlins, with 49 overnight campers and 10 day visitors.

This year, we introduced a new format of interactive, all-age workshops centred around the theme: "How do we use our words to build up?" (Ephesians 4:29).





**River Ridge CYC Group**

**From Left:- Shayah Alderson, Chelsea Biernat, Heidi Alderson, Layla Simpson, Xanthe Biernat, Kayla Mundy, Kaelah Dondero & Bella Dondero**

Sessions included practical and creative activities—from baking in teams and Scrabble word games, to conflict resolution discussions and visual demonstrations on gossip.

The hands-on approach was a big hit, especially with our younger members who found the workshops engaging and fun. The weekend wrapped up with each participant setting a personal goal to take home. It was also a wonderful time to unwind and connect with each other along with enjoying great food, and the ever-popular ‘spotlight’ game.

We’re grateful for the time together and the valuable lessons shared!

## **CYC**

A Season of Fun, Learning & Fellowship. The CYC has been buzzing with a variety of exciting activities and thought-provoking discussions lately. One highlight was our Strange Food Night, where members bravely sampled delicacies like crickets and freeze-dried asparagus—an experience not for the faint-hearted!

We were also privileged to hear from Bro Chris Bowen, who gave a captivating talk on what happens after death. As a professional

embalmer, Chris offered a unique and insightful perspective on both the physical and spiritual aspects of death. His talk left a lasting impression, and the group was fully engaged throughout.

Our next CYC event took place at River Ridge, where we focused on the theme of communication. The weekend was filled with meaningful learning and plenty of fun.

Bro & Sis Rodney and Sarah Bowen led a session on putting others first, based on Luke 6, using real-life scenarios to challenge the young people in their decision-making and empathy.

CYC members also took part in the South Island Frisbee Challenge in Christchurch—a weekend packed with friendly competition, great food, and strong camaraderie. The Dunedin team made it to the semi-finals, but more importantly, enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. A big thank you to Christchurch CYC for hosting such a fantastic event!

## **Sunday School**

Our Sunday School is in full swing after the





holiday break. Most of our classes are focused on the Kingdom period, and our teachers are putting in plenty of effort to make the classes exciting for our young people. Our older class has followed a range of Bible topics relevant to their lives and walk as youth learning the ways of God's Kingdom. A big thanks to the New Lynn and Waitakare Sunday School for sending their lovely letters to us. Your replies will be in the mail very soon!

Earlier this year two of our sisters shared some Facebook ads giving information about a Learn the Bible, Learn English class. We were overjoyed to have two lovely students come along, but over time we have had as many as five students, as our students have brought friends and family along. Our objective was to offer friendship and support in NZ, as well as a chance to learn the gospel message. With this in mind, Wayne has helped our students with CVs and cover letters, Alison has shared her knowledge of food and Helen has brought plants to share. We have also cooked fritters together and talked about many aspects of our cultures. We have introduced our students to the Bible for the first time, and talked about God, Jesus and the gospel message. Things are kept fairly simple, with a focus passage, some discussion around that – and sometimes some role plays! It is such a blessing to have these

new friends come along! If you are interested in starting a similar group in your ecclesia, please get in touch. It really is easy!

### **Gospel Proclamation Report**

The main outreach work for our Ecclesia at the moment is our new, Learn English, Learn the Bible class which started at the beginning of this year. This class is going really well with two regular friends attending each week and we have also enjoyed meeting their children and one or two other friends who have visited the class too. We continue to advertise in the local paper offering Bible packs and topical articles, and are exploring some online options for this.

### **Visitors**

Over the past few months, we have enjoyed the company of the following visiting Brothers and sisters: Glasgow Scotland – Bro Joseph Vuli & Sis Rachel Smith; California USA – Bro Ben Dondero; Auckland Western Lights – Bro Graham Mearns; Auckland New Lynn – Bro & Sis Evan & Beth Smith; Christchurch – Sis Sabrina Officer; Riverton – Bro & Sis James & Haley Pankhurst, Sis Ada Ingram; Invercargill – Bro & Sis's Simon & Kate Alderson, Tim & Susie Beer, Davis & Rachel Maynard, Peter & Alana Niven, Sis's Alexa Oosthuizen & Asha Oosthuizen.

## HAMILTON

Recorder: Bro Brendon Mudge

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Regular Meeting Times: Sunday Memorial Meeting 11.00am at Hall, Bible class on Wednesday at 7:30pm at various venues

Loving Greetings to all our brothers and sisters.

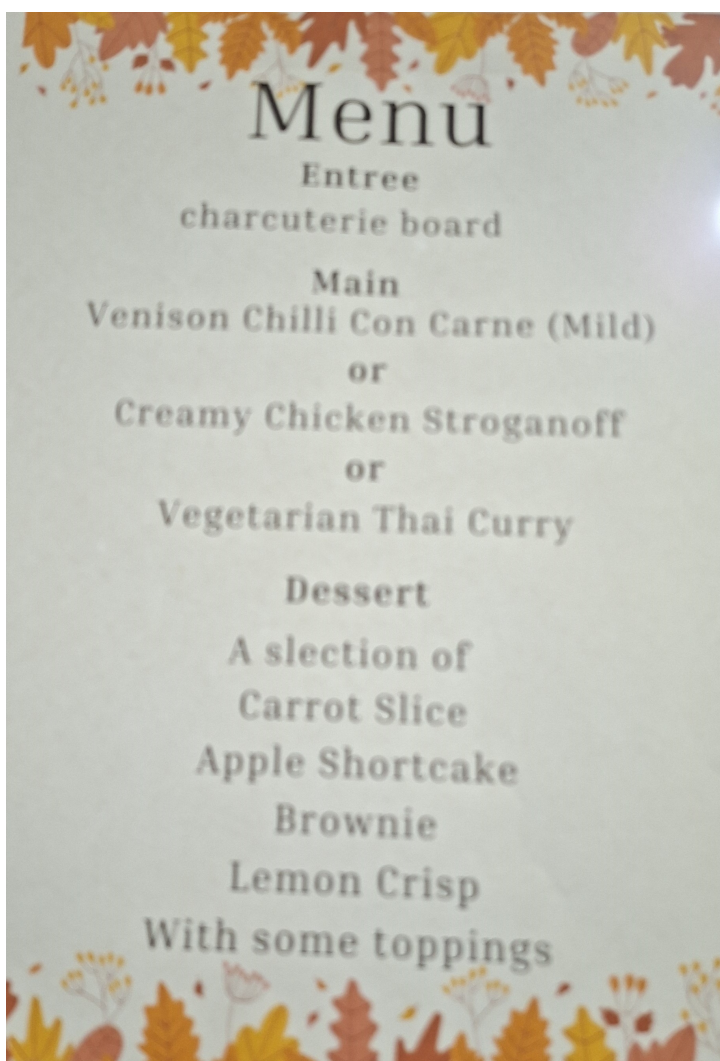
### Family Matters

Our ecclesial nursery has been expanded again by another two infants: firstly sis Ally and bro Ben Worsnop had another child, Jason Thomas, whose cousin followed a week or so later, Toby George to sis Rosie & bro Nathan Hughes. All are well, with thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Sis Karyn Box has now had her spinal rebuild operation, modified from the original intention to best suit her condition. Karyn has been recovering slowly at home, still in pain while the healing continues. The operation was performed within a week of the funeral service of her mother, sis Doreen Mastemaker, with the hospital making the booking the same day; this left no time for mourning, with her sister Lorraine still in bereavement, and factoring in daily family responsibilities.

On a less severe note, sis Beverly Price had a few health problems, with a stay in hospital for a check out, and a couple of other seniors are having their ongoing health problems.

We were pleased to have sis May Niven return to Hamilton as newly baptised for a two-month training course in her career, staying with the Ewington's of Dawn fellowship.



Midwinter Dinner Menu

### Events

Annual Midwinter Ecclesial Dinner

The original list of organisers-chefs included Ally & Rosie but changes were made on account of their “imminent deliveries”. So, “the show goes on” with a simplified preparation.





Hamilton Dining Hall

This time the usual 3-course menu with options resulted in: Hors d'oeuvres from shared platters on the dining tables (sort-of-spread-charcuterie); Main Dishes were plated and served to the table from a choice of a chicken/pasta dish, chili con carne (using venison), and a vegetarian dish; Dessert was sorted with a selection of pre-prepared sweet slices on the table. The evening-long entertainment was a revolving slide show against the main blank wall of people past and present, most at a younger-age-than-now, on different occasions over the past several years. The room was festooned with blossoms, foliage and wayside weeds placed around in corners and blank spaces as well as being used in table decorations. Once again the Youth were the front of house staff.



Kitchen staff prepare desserts

### **Ecclesial Visitors**

Recent visitors from overseas were bro Ray & sis Nancy Timms, Toowoomba.

From within NZ we have welcomed bro Jeremy & sis Jemima Prins, bro Robert & sis Sharon Prins, sis Jackie Grieve, Pakuranga; bro Nathan & sis Kez Alleyne, Auckland West; bro Jamin (exhort) & sis Amber Adey, Waitakere; bro Phil Stedman, Nelson; sis May Niven, Dunedin.

## HASTINGS

Recorder: Bro Ashton Kirk

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Regular meeting times: 11:00am Sunday Memorial Meeting, 9:30am Sunday - Sunday

Sessions for children and young people

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

The winter is upon us, but we send our warmest greetings to all of the household of faith throughout the country.

A number of us enjoyed attending parts of the recent Winter School in Napier. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear the studies, and to enjoy fellowship with both young and old.

Our regular weekly schedule continues with Sunday meeting, Sunday morning classes for the young people, and online readings and Bible classes each week. A few of our members are also involved with the online Bible Seminars, and we pray that all these efforts will reach those who are searching for God's Truth.

We have several brothers and sisters in Hastings now aged close to 80 years or above. Unfortunately some are suffering with various illnesses, frailties, or with other stresses that may come with age, such as navigating elderly care for loved ones. It is a challenging time for many, and we help out where we can. It is a reality of our existence that in this life we cannot "outrun mortality" – it catches up with

all of us in one way or another eventually. On a less depressing note, we have faith and a firm hope for a much brighter future when "*Those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*" (Isa 40 v 31). The patient continuance of our elder members is also a wonderful example to us all.

On the other hand, we are very thankful to have our small group of young people, and we also enjoy it when we have our tertiary students home to swell the numbers.

We pray for God's guidance on all of our spiritual journeys, whatever stage of life we are at.

Thank you to all who have visited us in Hastings recently, and particular thanks to those who have given talks, or played the piano. If you are thinking of a weekend away in Sunny Hawkes Bay (spring is on the way...) then you are most welcome. We have spaces in our ecclesial plan for visiting speakers!



## HUTT VALLEY

Recorder: Bro Barry Hodges

Address: 11 Bracken St, Petone, Lower Hutt

Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting Sunday, 11am

No report this time.

## INVERCARGILL

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Greetings from your brothers and sisters in the Deep South.

So much has happened in the world over the last 3 months that has had us looking with eager anticipation at the Middle East. We long for the return of our Lord Jesus to set all things right. May that time be soon if it is our Father's will.

### Family News

We begin yet another ecclesial article with the joyful news that Heidi Alderson, daughter of Bro Simon and Sis Kate Alderson, was baptised in the saving name of our Lord. On a wild midwinter's day in June, we gathered at Bro Wayne & Sis Jackie Ingram's farm for

Heidi's baptism. Despite the rainy day and the river being in full flood, the baptism still took place in the river after finding an inlet so people wouldn't be swept away! Afterwards we walked back up to the house where Bro TJ



Heidi's Baptism

Reding gave a short talk on the last verses in Romans 8 about how nothing can separate us from the love of our Heavenly Father. After this we enjoyed some afternoon tea and warm fellowship with brothers, sisters and youth from Invercargill, Riverton, Dunedin, Christchurch and Hamilton. We ask our Heavenly Fathers blessing on our new sister.

We welcome back Sis Leah Beer who has come home after some time in South Australia. It is really great to have her home.

Bro Rob and Sis Rachelle Oosthuizen along with Sis Asha and Sis Alexa are away for a few weeks travelling in the USA and the UK to catch up with family. Bro Isaiah and Sis Rosie Tunnell and family are in the USA and heading to South America to the upcoming Bible School. Bro Adam Oosthuizen is heading away on his own travel. We pray our Heavenly Father will be with all our members travelling and bring them home safely if that is His will.

We are always aware of our own members, members of other ecclesia's New Zealand wide and members overseas who are struggling with many of life's difficulties, and we ask that our Heavenly Father's blessing is on them to strengthen and encourage them and keep them in His loving hands.

## Ecclesial Events

Our annual Fraternal was held in May, bringing our southern ecclesias together for a night of shared fellowship. The theme this year was Faith, Hope and Love.

Bro Eli Mundy spoke to us about the importance of faith and how we need to strength our faith daily to carry us through to the kingdom. He also reminded us to have faith in our Heavenly Father not in man.

Bro Don Clark of Cambridge spoke to us via a video link about hope and encouraged us to keep hope alive in our lives. Without it there is nothing to look forward to. A strong hope of a future in the Kingdom is essential to keep us moving on the road there.

Bro Lindsay King of Riverton spoke to us about the greatest thing of all - which is love. Without love everything else is meaningless. The love we have for our Heavenly Father, for his Son and for each other is the most important foundation that our faith and hope are built on. As well as these encouraging talks there were songs of praise from the choir and the combined ecclesias. We are always strengthened by spending time in the company of those who share our earnest desire.

Our annual Sunday School play was held in June. This year the play was based on the birth,



Sunday School Play







Invercargill Sunday School Play



Invercargill Sunday School Arts and Crafts

life and death of our Lord Jesus. The young people took us through the precious moments in the stable, the wonder of some miracles and ultimately his death. As always, the children delighted the audience with their enthusiasm and especially the unscripted moments which provide such enjoyment. From the littlest to the older ones, they love performing and showing how much they love God's ways. Afterwards we enjoyed a special afternoon tea, and the kids got to do some crafts. They could decorate a mug and make a planter. There were some very artistic examples. A huge thankyou to Bro Hamish and Sis Amanda Beer and their tireless group of teachers who put so much time and effort into not only the play but the teaching over the year. They do an amazing and essential job in the ecclesia.

At Matariki Weekend some of our families went to River Ridge Retreat Family Camp put on by the Dunedin Ecclesia. This year we had a series of Bible based workshops on Different

Aspects of Godly Living. We were put into small groups including both young and old and went round the different stations where we learnt about and discussed topics like Effective Communication, Healthy Team Dynamics, The Dangers of Gossip and a practical example baking scones or cookies to demonstrate how to work together as a team. The workshop format was a great way to include the young people and having small groups and practical examples and interaction was a great way to learn. It was a lovely weekend and everyone and the kids especially enjoyed the venue and playing outside as well as the game of Spotlight.

### India

A group of some of the members from our southern ecclesias, Bro Adam Oosthuizen, Sis Asha Oosthuizen, Elise and Heidi Alderson (all of Invercargill), Bro Wayne & Sis Jackie Ingram (Riverton), Bro Ian and Sis Marjorie (Dunedin) went on a busy trip to India with



Bro Malcolm and Sis Suhusani Scott. They shared with us the highlights and the learning opportunities of the trip one evening at the hall. One thing that stood out for them all was the enthusiasm and love the brethren, sisters and young people have for the Truth. They do not have much at all in material possessions but a wealth of love for discussing and sharing the Truth. Bro Adam has written a full report of the trip which is on page 54 of this issue.

Our southern CYC headed up to Christchurch for a South Island 'Ultimate Frisbee' competition mid-July. Shayah Alderson wrote "For the last 10 weeks some of our CYC members have been training with Tim Giles for a South Island Ultimate Frisby tournament. Eight teams from Christchurch, Dunedin, Timaru, Nelson and Southland participated in the challenge. The game is a fast-paced sport

using a frisbee and a team with a maximum of six players with four on the court at once. The game is largely like netball, using defence and offence systems. Two teams represented Southland – 'Tim Tams' and 'Purple Cheese'. We hired a bus and Uncle Russell Kells drove us up to Christchurch picking up the team from Dunedin, 'Dunner Stunners' on the way. We had a wonderful time and can't wait till the next tournament, thank you to the Christchurch CYC for organising it!" As you can see from the photo, the Invercargill team 'Tim Tams' took out top honours!

Many thanks to our visiting brothers and sisters who have come to join us over the last 3 months. We have very much enjoyed their company, fellowship, exhorts and talks. Thanks also to our online visitors who have joined us for our Memorial Meetings.



Invercargill Ultimate Frisbee winners "Tim Tams"



Invercargill Ultimate Frisbee players "Purple Cheese"

## KAIKOURA “Kowhai” Ecclesia

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# Metaphors of God

Saturday April 5

**Practical illustrations of God the Master Potter**

10.15 Morning tea

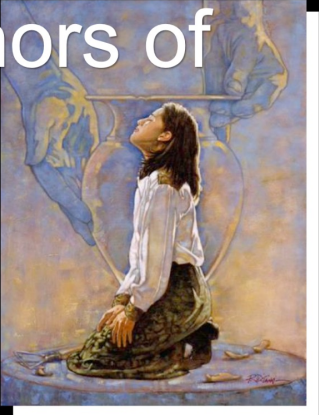
**11am presentation**

12.30 Lunch

**and Master Artist**

**7pm presentation**

8.45 Supper



**Venue: Racecourse Pavilion, South Bay Parade, Kaikoura**

For further information either ring or txt Mark on 027 4318768. or Andrea on 021 1623532

We send our love and greetings to everyone who enjoys reading the Ecclesial News. Don't forget where we are if you are ever passing through our neighbourhood! We always cherish the company of fellow brethren and sisters.

### Fraternal

An event that readers may be interested in happened not so long ago, April in fact. We held a fraternal here in Kaikoura, in which we had Bro Vit. Jurevicius (a retired arts teacher from the Adeliade Heritage College) and his wife Kathryn visit us from Australia. The purpose of their trip was twofold, to come to the South Island for a long overdue holiday, but also to be a guest speaker for the planned fraternal with a subject that he had presented previously at conference in Newcastle last year. The fraternal took the form of a true family friendly event.

The theme was titled “Metaphors of God”.

The programme ran over a Saturday and Sunday with the theme encapsulating the sheer wonder of who God is, what he does, and how intimately he knows us and is utterly amazing to each of us. Bro Vit. demonstrated how God uses metaphors to help us to understand His non-natural entities. How He uses us and our relationships to teach us about Himself.

### God the Master Potter

In this session Bro Vit. gave us a practical

The Master Potter





demonstration on how to make various “vessels” out of clay using a potter’s wheel and how God is the Master Potter of us. By applying different techniques, pressure by both hands, fingers and specialised tools and then glazing the finished article to produce the desired result, referencing Jeremiah 18:6 and Isaiah 45:9 as he worked with the clay.

### God the Master Artist

In the evening session, Bro Vit. made artists out of everyone by being interactive with the audience and getting everyone to draw a face using basic “strokes”. He then proceeded by painting a blank canvas using

various water colours to create a true masterpiece whilst talking enthusiastically about how creative our Heavenly Father is.

As described in Ephesians 2:10 “We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.....”

### Sunday Morning

Bro Vit. concluded the weekend by sharing an exhortation titled “Seeing the Face of God”



The Master Artist

It was truly a delightful weekend, enjoyed by all who travelled here to support us. We had visitors from Christchurch and Nelson. Our numbers for the weekend were approx. 50 brethren and sisters! It was wonderful.

Buoyed by this success, we are encouraged to do something else, God Willing in the future.

Take care and God Bless  
Bro. Mark Hislop

## NELSON

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We have been quite busy this year. Bro Jake Young transferred from Christchurch North to Nelson in May, while Sis Sheryl Beer transferred from Nelson to the Tasman ecclesia.

The CYC enjoyed a small but very friendly Easter camp at Lake Rotoiti over Easter. Bro James Jolly spoke about Moses - the 2nd greatest man. It was a good camp.

Bro Antony and Sis Judith Gledhill welcomed Oakley to world on 4 July. He weighed in at 3.46kg and had a bit of a bumpy birth but everyone is doing well now.

Daniel Crawley was baptised into the saving name of our Lord on 22 June in the Crawley's spa pool. There were many visitors from Christchurch especially, but also Wellington, to rejoice in this special occasion.

Bro Aaron and Sis Louise Bird came over from Oz to see his mum and we enjoyed celebrating Louise's 40th birthday with a lamb on a spit and line dancing at the Redwood Hall.

Many of the CYC had lots of fun in Christchurch for the frisbee weekend in July. They had to come home via Kaikoura, as that was the weekend of a storm in Nelson/Tasman which closed many roads. The flooding has had no major impacts on anyone in the ecclesia.

Bro Josh and Sis Leish Burley as superintendents said thank you to the Sunday School teachers recently by inviting them to a

potluck dinner to celebrate all their hard work and encourage them in their efforts.

Several members of the ecclesia have had various health issues and Covid is still making some quite ill. It has been a long, wet winter.

We are looking forward to a special effort on 5 – 7 September when Bro Carl Parry will speak on Philippians. Visitors are very welcome and will be accommodated with brethren and sisters. There is no cost for the weekend.

Our annual Teapot Valley fraternal weekend is coming up on 14th November and we welcome visitors to hear Bro Shane Kirkwood speaking on John the Baptist, the Lord's Best Man.

Recent visitors to Nelson have included: Sis Sandra Wood, Bro Mark Wood, Sis Fern Parmentier, New Plymouth; Bro Lindsay Alexander, Hutt Valley; Bro Lindsay and Sis Angela Marsden, Wellington; Bro Aaron Bryce, Christchurch Bible Hall; Bro Stephen Roberts, Bro Reuben and Sis Ruth Oosthuizen, Bro Matthew Crawley, Christchurch North; Bro Louis and Sis Amy Bennett, Bro Josh Cambridge, Bro Jonathan Crawley, Tawa; Sis Coralie Jose, Bro Josh Tooth, Christchurch West; Bro David and Sis Pam Pankhurst, Sis Michaela Kells, Riverton; Bro Aaron and Sis Louise Bird, Moreton Bay, Australia; Sis Ruth Pitt, Woodville, Australia; Sis Kathryn Graham, Wamuran, Australia; Bro James and Sis Sarah Mansfield, Sis Hannah Mansfield, Yagoona, Australia.

## NEW PLYMOUTH

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Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting Sunday at 10.30.am.

Greetings to all who are waiting for their Lord.  
May He come soon.

Things are very quiet in this part of New Zealand. We can report that Sis Jessamine has been unwell and she was unable to attend to the Sunday morning meeting. Sis Margaret Taylor spent a night in hospital to fix her shoulder.

Sis Sandra has visited her brother in Blenheim for four weeks, whilst Sis Karen Bauman went to Switzerland to visit the family of her late husband John.

Sis Fern visited family and her great-grandchildren for a number of days and was

not able to attend the meeting after she arrived home with a dose of the flu.

As always it is a pleasure to welcome visitors, and we welcomed Bro Lyall and Sis Narita. Bro Lyall exhorted us. Bro David Luxmoore and Sis Jenny visited us and Bro David exhorted. We also welcomed Bro and Sis Wigzal and their son Sam and his girlfriend. Also Bro and Sis Wilson from Australia.

May the Lord come soon to reign.

Anton Parmentier

Recorder

## PALMERSTON NORTH

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

On Sunday 11 May we travelled over to Whanganui for a combined meeting and lunch together. We very much enjoyed fellowship with one another and, God willing, will be hosting the Whanganui Ecclesia at Palmerston North on Sunday 12 October.

We look forward to our Fraternal Gathering to be held, God willing, on Saturday 9 August with Bro Ashton Kirk speaking on the theme – *Imperfect Men, Perfect Promises: The Personalities Behind the Patriarchs*.

Sis Samantha Kirk has joined with a number of New Zealand brothers and sisters to attend a Bible School in Chile and to preach in Bolivia

during the first two weeks of August. We wish them God's blessing in this work and look forward to hearing from Sis Samantha about this trip on her return.

Recently four of our number have undergone surgery. It is pleasing to report that all their operations were successful and they are now on the road to recovery. We thank our Heavenly Father for his continual care.

### Visitors

Visitors we have welcomed around the table of the Lord in the last three months:

Bro Colin & Sis Anne Thoms, Riverton; Sis Ruth Roberts, Nelson; Bro Phil & Sis Katrina Green, Bro Lyall Davies, Sis Susanna Davies, Bro Russell Beaumont, Wellington.



# RIVERTON

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Hello everyone. Greetings in the Hope of Israel.

Time has whizzed by while we await our Lords return, and we are very blessed to have the company and encouragement of each other in our Riverton Ecclesial family and the hope and vision of Gods Kingdom as the turmoil in the world continues.

Ecclesial happenings since the last Ecclesial News report are as follows:

## **Baptism**

On 28th of June, Riverton with the Invercargill Ecclesia, witnessed the wonderful new birth in Christ of Heidi Alderson, the daughter of Bro Simon & Sis Kate Alderson, in a flooded raging river on Bro Wayne and Sis Jacqui Ingram's farm. Fortunately, there was a vehicle access to the river, where the very cold brown water was calm enough for the safe baptism of Heidi, now Sis Heidi.

## **Passover Meal**

March also saw the Ecclesial "Passover Meal" hosted by Sis Samantha and Bro Nathanael as part of the Exodus Bible Class studies. The children enjoyed a "leaven hunt" and also painted door posts and lintels, for the saving alive against the angel of death that passed over. The evening came to a close with a bonfire. A great time was had by all.

## **Welfare**

We were reminded again of the mortality and frailty of the flesh as Bro John Beer, recorder of the Invercargill ecclesia "fell asleep in the Lord" after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Bro John, Sis Pam and family had been a part of the Riverton Ecclesial family for 16 years and Bro John held the role of recorder for the Riverton Ecclesia for a while. We remain grateful and comforted by the precious hope we all have through Christ.

In April, the ecclesia had its turn for Meals on wheels, which was organised by Sis Rosemary. Thank you to all who assisted.

We have enjoyed the company of our Sis Marion, who has been able to make the long trip from Patearoa to Riverton. It is great to have her with us in person, especially after the tough health journey she has been on in recent years. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for keeping Marion in his care.

## **Sunday School**

On 7th of June the Sunday School presented their production of "The Life of Christ and His Lessons". Once again Bro Jason and Sis Michalla Kells and their team had done a fantastic effort in decorating the hired hall and the making of the costumes for the children and Sunday School teachers and of course the children who learnt their parts in actions and



songs. Thank you once again for a wonderful evening for our Ecclesia.

### **India and Travel**

Bro Wayne and Sis Jacqui Ingram travelled to India as part of a Bible Camp along with Malcolm and Suhasini Scott, and other brothers and sisters from Invercargill and Dunedin. It was an exciting opportunity for Wayne and Jacqui, and we are thankful they have returned safely to our fold.

Sis Ada and Bro Ben, Bro Alvin and Sis Cindy Brown, and Sis Rhiannon Brown have also returned from their overseas adventures.

### **Events**

May saw an ecclesial Bike Ride organised by Russell & Bek Kells which involved the Jacks Point trail, Kelvin Peninsula Trail, and Frankton Trails. With God's blessing, the rain held off until they had all finished. By all reports a successful and fun day was had.

We are looking forward to the wedding, God Willing, of Sis Rhiannon Brown on the 23rd of August to Bro Gideon Osborn of the Okanagan Ecclesia in Canada. It is a busy time for Alvin and Cindy Brown as they travelled to Australia and Canada to visit their two of their daughters, Jenny and Kelly, who had both given birth to daughters for their family.

In mid-July, the combined South Island CYCs had an "Ultimate Frisbee" sports competition in Christchurch, and as expected, the Southland CYCs won the event.

In July a big group from Riverton CYC and adults went on a rather vigorous tramp up the Copland Valley, slightly south of Fox Glacier to where there are geothermal hot springs. For

many, a foot blistering experience, but beautiful views and overall it was a great weekend.

Also in July, Bro Eden and Sis Rosie Simpson had organised a "*Come Dine with Us*" lunch, where families and individuals were invited to each other's homes after the Memorial Meeting to enjoy a time of fellowship with each other.

### **Family News**

Our Riverton Ecclesial family is set to expand again in the next 6 months as both Eden and Rosie and Campbell and Danielle are set to welcome another precious baby to their family and ours. Bro Nathanael and Sis Samantha Thoms' seventh child was born on 12th June – a daughter – Chloe Ruth Thoms. Children are a blessing from God and they ensure that the ecclesia will still have a beating heart.

### **Visitors**

It is always great to welcome visitors around the table of the Lord and enjoy their company. We had Tim & Sarah Osbourn (Gideon's parents), Sis. Daphne Bryce, Bro. Mark & Sis. Mary Simpson, Bro. David & Sis. Rosemary Jackson, Bro. David & Sis. Bev Burley, Sis. Laura Ingram, Bro. Isaiah & Sis. Rosie Tunnel, Bro. Tim & Sis. Susi Beer, Bro. Robert & Sis. Sharon Prins, Bro. Simon & Sis. Kate Alderson, and I apologise if I have missed anyone who has recently visited the Riverton Ecclesia.

As always, we give our grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for his guiding and caring hand and watchful eye upon our Riverton Ecclesial Family as we patiently await our Lords return, the resurrection and the coming Kingdom filled with the glory of God.

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We hope everyone in the brotherhood is keeping well with the inevitable mid-winter coughs and colds! The Tawa Ecclesia has been keeping busy over the last few months, and with the signs of spring approaching we're reminded of the coming day when the world will 'blossom abundantly'. The last months of the year are always very full, and God-willing this year will be no exception!

Many of our ecclesial members attended the recent Winter Bible School, and enjoyed some much-needed spiritual refreshment. It's always such a joy to spend time with other brothers and sisters from around the country, drinking together from the word. We also enjoyed having quite a few visitors at our memorial meeting the following Sunday – a great opportunity for an ecclesial lunch and extended fellowship time.

Our Sunday School is going well with their lessons, and a few months ago took an afternoon 'ramble' to Makara Beach to run off some energy.



Tawa Sunday School "Ramble", Makara Beach





Tawa Sunday School "Ramble"

Our CYC has been busy with talks and activities over the last few months. They recently had a talk on 'How to do Bible Study', followed the next week with a waffle study breakfast where they could get started on the things they had learnt. The annual Tawa CYC Camp is coming up in September God-Willing, with Brother Rob Oosthuizen speaking on 'Stirring up the Spirit – Lessons from the Returning Exiles'. It looks like it'll be a great weekend, and we'd encourage any young people from around the country to attend.

The CYC recently held a fundraiser evening to help raise funds for their upcoming camp. This year it was a Moroccan themed café evening, with incredible food, decorations, dress-ups and atmosphere. There was even fake 'dirham'

to use, and a lot of bartering going on! It was a great evening, with lots of families from nearby ecclesias joining in on the fun too.

Our sisters class meets once a month and has just finished reading the book 'Solemn Moments of Remembrance' by Brother Dennis Gillet which is a wonderfully exhortational, and very readable book. We are looking forward to starting a new book soon God-willing.

We also meet casually once a month for a 'Mitre 10 morning tea' and we have included a recent photo of us there.

The Tawa Ecclesia has a special effort coming up next month God-willing, which we would love to have visitors for. Brother Anthony Steele (from Woodville, Adelaide) will be speaking on the topic 'Build like Nehemiah' from the 17th-21st of September.



Tawa CYC Morocco Evening



Tawa Sister's Monthly Morning Tea



## TIMARU

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No report this time.

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Wednesdays 7:30pm; GPG activities usually 7:00pm Sundays

Online Activities and links: Meetings and all organised activities <https://www.gotomeet.me>

password: 325545813

Ecclesial website: [thisisyourbible.com/wellington](https://thisisyourbible.com/wellington)

Loving Greetings from Wellington.

While Wellington is progressing through winter very well (as at writing) our thoughts are with those in other regions where there has been flooding and disruption.

We have been thrilled this month with the baptism of our new brother Oliver Barber. Oli attended our Sunday School as a young boy and now as an adult he has made the decision to commit his life to God and the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The day was a very

happy occasion and an opportunity to meet Oli's wife, His two lovely daughters and many of his Mailman cousins.

We welcome the birth of the third son to Hannah and Carl. His name is John. He also has five doting sisters. John is the name of both grandfather's (Chris and Lindsay's) middle names. Benjamin is actually the name of Bro George Marsden but they had an uncle living with them whose name was Benjamin so baby Benjamin became George. A lovely family but it looks like we are going to lose them to



Christchurch along with the Larsen family. Lifestyle blocks are a draw with the excellent home-schooling system down there. However we are not saying goodbye to them yet though both have been blessed in selling their homes in a sluggish market.

## Travels

We welcome home Bro and Sis Steve and Steph Crouch who have recently been visiting Canada where they attended the wedding of Gabrielle Davies (their family spent a few

years in Wellington), and also were able to add a New Zealand flavour to Bro John Ching's memorial service in Nova Scotia.

Lindsay and Angela have just left for Boston USA for a month where their daughter and Son-in-Law, Lisa and Joel are currently residing, and to visit some Bible Schools while there. Safe Travelling.

## Health

Our prayers continue to be with Sis Gaylene Mellor. She took the amazing step of attending Women at the Well in Brisbane which she was really looking forward to. Quite a few from Wellington went over but unfortunately some caught the Australian flu including Gaylene who developed pneumonia and ended up in hospital back in Wellington. She is recovering quite well now but still needs our prayer for her continued health issues.

Sis Lois James is currently in respite care and our thoughts are with her that she will improve sufficiently to return home. She is in the same home as Viv so they are a couple of lovebirds and given a lovely space together during the day.

Sis Margaret Leith turned 95 in June and she was well enough to have a beautiful coffee and cake occasion after the Meeting. She is currently getting over a lingering cold.



Social Committee activities.



Wgtn. Happy Occasions





Our thoughts are with Margaret and Trevor Nicholls, as his mother, Adrienne, is very unwell in palliative care. Many of us know Adrienne as she attended many occasions with us especially as her grandchildren were growing up

## Activities

Our Sisters Class has been very active these last few months as you will be able to see from the photos. We had a lovely evening to raise funds for the Pink Ribbon appeal, a casual cafe break and other occasions. Ariel gives us a weekly quote to keep us amused or encouraged in our sisterly walk.

## Social Committee Outings

We are enjoying these activities. The last one was over Matariki weekend with many away but we went to Te Rauparaha Centre and visited a History of Porirua Show (elderly residents telling us of their experiences growing up in Porirua and the many aspects of living off the land and sea), followed with a clever hands on light show of the Matariki stars and other aspects of light for the kids (and adults). After this we crossed the road to a new Food Court for our choice of food.

## Worship Group

Our Worship Group are still meeting regularly but they have moved from the hall to homes. Each evening is led by different volunteers.

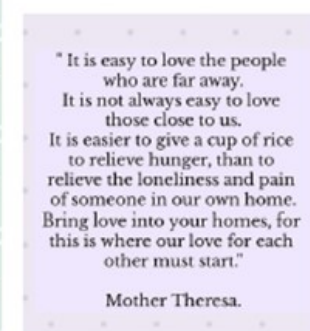
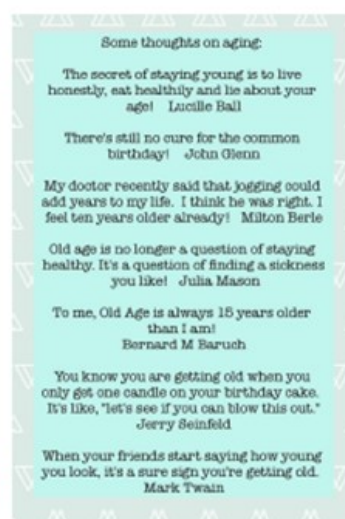
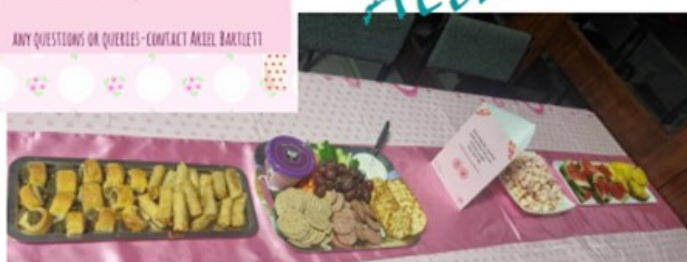
We also have an occasional slot for Praise Evenings on our Sunday evening programme. The last one was organised by the Read Family, where we all had the chance to sing our favourite Hymns or songs.

## Kings Birthday (June)Weekend

The CYC has written a special report but we had a very interesting study weekend on the studies given by Bro Hayden George on “Back to the Future”. Really great studies especially directed for the Young People but great for us all. By all accounts the other recreational activities were exciting as well.



## Sisters Class Activities



July is our winter month for staying at Home or in house groups. This year we have listened to a choice of tapes and a couple of on-line talks from our brethren. For us elderly, it's rather nice to keep warm and not having to drive in the dark and wet.

Love to everyone from the Brothers and Sisters of Wellington Ecclesia.

### Visitors

Visitors: Varna Bennett, Gordon Mudge, Auckland Central; Ella Bennett, Mina Butler, Val Martin, Jorge and Madi Marsden, Auckland Pakuranga; Verity Kidd, Liz Sutcliffe, Bay of Plenty; Glen and Nicki Davies, Susannah Lewis, Joseph O'Grady, Christchurch North; Tracey Sinclair,

Dannevirke; May Nelson, Sefton Vuli, Dunedin; Brendon and Jess Mudge, Hamilton; Ben Flint, Xanthe George, Tim and Lucy Stephenson, Wynton and Rachel Perrot, Hastings; Eli Jackson, Letisha Jackson, Mark and Machal Jackson, Shirley Taylor, Lower Hutt; Wayne and Joy Giles, Invercargill; Debbie Godfrey, Kaikoura; Josie Mailman, Dinah Roberts, Nelson.

Also the many parents and young people and others who attended Kings Birthday Weekend and Oli's Baptism whom we may have been inadvertently missed.

Overseas: Mat and Leah Burley, Jordanna Burley, Lismore; Benjamin Ryan, Hunter Valley; Allan and Elizabeth Good, Tasmania.

## WHANGAREI

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No report this time.



## CHRISTCHURCH BIBLE HALL APPEAL

### **Invitation to Join Our Ecclesial Community**

We warmly invite new members to become part of our friendly and welcoming ecclesia. Over time, our numbers have decreased, partly due to aging members and younger families choosing other local ecclesias with active Sunday school programs for their children.

We are fortunate to own a well-equipped hall that comfortably seats around 100 members, providing a lovely space for fellowship and worship.

We would be delighted to welcome you into our community. Please consider joining us and contributing to the warmth and spirit of our ecclesia.

For more information please contact  
Kent on 021 428 477 or Shirley on 021 152 4165



## BLENHEIM SPECIAL EFFORT

Greetings in the true hope we share. We would like to take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks for the support we have had as we work to preach the good news to the residents in Blenheim, with a Gospel proclamation effort that consisted of a series of lectures on Saturday the 1st of February, a memorial meeting the next day, and continued with a series of seminars that we will be finishing over the next couple of weeks, God willing.

As far as the "Humanity's Origin and Purpose of Existence" (HOPE) lecture series on the Saturday is concerned, we would like to thank Bro David Burley and Bro Ben Brinkerhoff for their excellent presentations, and a particular thank-you to Bro Ben for stepping in at short notice when the original speaker couldn't make it. We would also like to thank Bro David Stephenson for doing the recording of the lectures. Our thanks to the Nelson ecclesia for the loan of their A&P stand of which we set up parts in the venue foyer. We would also like to thank all the 48 Christadelphian visitors from Nelson, Kaikoura, New Plymouth, Hutt, Wellington, Christchurch North, and Christchurch West ecclesias for their support by attending the event and contributing over the course of the day in numerous ways. We had two members of the public come to the lectures. Both gave positive feedback on the lectures, both were interested in the A&P stand, and one of them took several leaflets from the A&P stand with them. We haven't had any follow-up from them yet. The lecture recordings have been edited and are on our website [www.blenheimbibleeducation.nz](http://www.blenheimbibleeducation.nz). If

viewers can open the videos in YouTube then like and share them please, that would help the YouTube algorithm "see" them, which will be very beneficial.

On the Sunday after the lectures, we enjoyed fellowship together at a small community hall about ten minutes from town. After the meeting, everyone met in Pollard Park in town with their lunches, and lunchtime further extended the enjoyment of the weekend.

For the seminars we are using one of the meeting rooms in the public library, which happened to have finished construction and opened just a few months before Bro Mark and Bro Matthew arrived in Blenheim and we decided to do a special gospel proclamation effort. We have two interested friends (different to those at the lectures) regularly attending the seminars. We would like to thank Bro Nathan Lewis for his seminar activity sheets we have been using. Our first series is about to draw to a close, so we are now looking at options to continue our Thursday evening seminars. If you happen to be in Blenheim on Thursdays nights, we would love you to join us! Look at our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get updates ([www.blenheimbibleeducation.nz](http://www.blenheimbibleeducation.nz)).

We are very grateful to the ecclesial and private donors from all over New Zealand, and their prayers. Most of all, we are very thankful to our Heavenly Father for giving us the opportunity, capabilities, and support to work in this corner of His vineyard.

## CHRISTADELPHIAN WINTER FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL



What a wonderful opportunity we had recently to come together for the Christadelphian Winter Family Bible School! Brothers, sisters, young people and families from various areas of New Zealand, Australia and Tonga gathered in Napier NZ, for a refreshing week of fellowship and learning together. What a joy-filled experience as we were educated, inspired and empowered by God's word, and encouraged by the love of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Throughout the week together, Bro Con Mitsos (AU) and Bro Jacob Lewis (NZ) led us in inspiring studies each morning.

Bro Con shared insightful lessons from

Hezekiah, King of Judah, presenting him as a type of the Lord Jesus Christ and drawing valuable spiritual lessons from his faith, zeal, and leadership. As we explored the details of Hezekiah's life and his efforts to reform the nation, Bro Con challenged us to reflect on how Hezekiah's commitment to restoring godly principles and true worship in a time of spiritual drought could inspire transformation in our own lives today.

Bro Jacob presented a practical series on some of Paul's valued travelling companions. Over the week we looked at Barnabas, Mark, Aquila & Priscilla, Titus, and Luke. We delved deeper into their individual characters and attributes that made them such wonderful assets to Paul's



ministry. Bro Jacob highlighted practical lessons and examples from these faithful lives to inspire us in both our personal growth and our service in our Ecclesia.

The evening series, “Joy in the Truth,” was led by Brothers Ben Brinkerhoff, Glenn Williams, and Con Mitsos. We began by considering *the expectation of joy*—how the Bible defines joy, how our perspective influences it, and how genuine humility is essential to experiencing true joy.

Next, we reflected on *joy in adversity*—acknowledging that while hardships will come in our spiritual journey, it is often in our weakest moments that we most clearly recognize our need for God. In those times, we can come to understand the deep joy found in God’s strength and the hope He has provided.

Finally, we explored *joy in service*—drawing on scriptural examples that show the blessings and joy that come from serving in the truth

alongside our brothers and sisters.

Two engaging and practical Family nights brought to life the attitude of Joy we should be developing. Some great family skits illustrated joy-filled service (vs non-joyful service!), and practical challenges illustrated ways we can serve within our Ecclesias. We created collage kingdom visions and wrote cards for each attendee at the school, which was a lovely gesture of gratitude and encouragement.

Tying in well with both the morning and evening series, the 5–12-year-old children spent JOY-filled mornings at Junior School considering Paul’s First Missionary Journey. They presented an entertaining play at the end of the week which involved a poetic narrative of Paul’s first journey alongside some great acting and singing. The littlest kindly members learnt about Noah’s Ark during the first session.

In the second session they explored “Life in





Roman Times” and had a lot of fun learning about, making and eating Roman food; having a go in a Roman litter as they explored Roman land travel; and learning a few of the popular ancient Roman games.

The teenagers had a fun and uplifting week, looking at practical lessons from the Levites and life of Hezekiah in their morning sessions. In the afternoon and evenings they relaxed at the Ocean Spa, enjoyed an ice cream parlour trip and various evening activities. *The Call* was particularly interesting and encouraging, where they spoke to a number of brethren, via zoom, about their personal journey of coming to the Truth.

We were blessed with some beautiful sunny days and we made the most of them! The families with younger children headed out to Anderson Park for an afternoon and the whole school walked down the hill to visit the Faraday Museum of Technology where we spent another afternoon exploring the

interactive displays of life in past generations – this was enjoyed by young and old alike. With a variety of fun afternoon activities for the whole school, crafts and gym sessions for the children and teens, plus plenty of time for fellowship, the week was fun, full and refreshing.

We concluded the week with a reflective evening of meditation, worship and praise. Bro Tobi Widemann guided us through the scriptural narrative of Christ’s sacrifice and redemption, highlighting the clarity of vision and strength our Lord drew from “the Joy that was set before him”. Interspersed with contributions from the choir and congregation we were invited to reflect on the same glorious hope of salvation set before us.

If our Lord remains away, there will be another Winter School in 2026 God willing. If you would like to join us, please see [www.cfbs.org.nz](http://www.cfbs.org.nz) for details.

## INDIA MISSION TRIP



India Bangalore Bible Week

In May this year, ten of us were blessed with the opportunity of visiting India for roughly two and a half weeks, lead by Bro Malcolm and Sis Suhasini Scott. The group consisted of members from Dunedin, Riverton and Invercargill ecclesias. Our group had great diversity in ages from teens to 60's, which gave us a wonderful capacity to interact and engage with the local brethren and young people.

During the trip, we were able to attend both a Bible school in Bangalore in Karnataka, and a CYC weekend in Hyderabad 12 hours north (by train) in Telangana. While in Hyderabad, we also visited the Shunam home and the Leper Colony, as well as a few brethren in their homes.

### Bangalore Bible Week

After arriving and getting ourselves situated at the mission flat in Bangalore, we jumped into a couple of vans and headed down to the Bible school. There were roughly 170 people who attended the Bible school, however many came

and went as they were able, due to work/school etc. There were two main speakers for the school – Bro Renay Meulen (Australia) on the topic “Life in the Kingdom”, and Bro Malcolm Scott on the topic “The mind of Christ”. After each talk, we broke into discussion groups which provided opportunity to discuss what the speakers covered and ask questions. The thirst the local brothers and sisters have for God’s word was very encouraging for us. Many of them had travelled a long way from their towns and villages to attend, and they were all very happy and appreciative to be there

### Hyderabad CYC Weekend

After a week spent at the Bible school in Bangalore, we got on the overnight train and headed north to Hyderabad. We were picked up from the train station by Bro Ravi (who looks after the Shunam home) and his son Jonny who drove us to Tim and Sarah Galbraith’s house where we remained for the duration of our stay in Hyderabad.



From there the younger ones in our group were able to meet and engage with some of the CYC young people who lived nearby in some university accommodation and the Shunam home. We were also able to meet for readings in the morning with some of the oldies at Shunam.



Shunam girls, Bro Ravi (Far left) and travellers

Later that week, we headed round to a Christadelphian home in Moinabad where the young people were able to enjoy a weekend together around Bible classes on “Young People in the Bible” as well as singing, games and plenty of food.

### Leper Colony

A few days before we left, we drove about an hour north of Hyderabad to visit the Christadelphian leper colony. It was set in a peaceful rural area, surrounded by trees that provided shade for the tin-roofed huts where the residents lived. Many of them had

bandages wrapped around parts of their bodies where they had been affected by leprosy. Despite their condition, they were very grateful for our visit, and especially the time we spent reading the Bible with them, talking and playing board games. Their small village included a cooking house, a meeting room, living quarters, and a shoemaker’s hut.

Overall, the trip was extremely rewarding and uplifting to all those involved.



CYC Praise Evening, India



## JUNE WEEKEND



If you were able to go back to the past to change a moment in your life, *would you*, and *what would it be*? Or perhaps, *what wisdom would you tell your younger self if you could*?

Over King's Birthday weekend Bro Hayden unlocked for us the **book of Deuteronomy** – a re-delivery of the Law by Moses to the nation's youth as they stood on the outskirts of their new inheritance. We learned how Moses' inspired words of wisdom and encouragement to his people are just as relevant for us today, as we stand at the brink of our Promised Land.

*"Everything that was written in the past can teach us, and the encouragement the scriptures provide can give us hope."* Romans 15:4 We spent the long weekend together and were well reminded how important it is to use the words from scripture (wisdom and lessons *from the past*) to teach, encourage, inform, and transform our *lives now*.

We were nourished with five full talks; **HOPE FOR A GENERATION** – where it was rather eye-opening when Hayden asked only the under 20-year-olds to stand in the room. Starkly illustrating how the older generation was to die out (Num 32:11), leaving just the youngies to enter the land. This is the group Moses was talking to. We looked at **OBEDIENCE AND DISCIPLINE** – staying faithful, but also the provision of forgiveness,

hope and a way back if we mess up; **MAKING THE DIFFERENCE** – the traits of good leaders and a call to follow fully and with courage (as Caleb did); **THE POWER OF LOVE** – love occurs a whopping 24x in Deuteronomy, a sharp increase compared to its contemporary books, here the law is re-given, heavily seasoned with a focus on love and the attitude of our hearts; and finishing with a (ball, I mean) call, to **Follow**, to **Obey**, to live with **Hope** and **Love** – to be **LIVING WITH PURPOSE**.

Alongside Hayden's encouraging and challenging content:

- we enjoyed bringing together new and old friends over casual and slightly messy ice breaker games;
- we incited competition with a quiz, press-up challenges and chocolate;
- there was some downtime spent at the hosts before a few frosty hours ice skating, with only one sliced finger and one agitated shoulder to report;
- morning teas, suppers and three shared lunches allowed plenty of opportunity for fellowship over yummy food and delicious company;
- the swimming pool was swam in, hydro-slide slid down, and inflatable obstacle course overcome;
- the hall was transformed to allow for an elegant waited-on dining experience, together with photo-opportunities, a glow-in-the-dark

UV dessert station, and a brazier under the stars to close out the night with singing practice and meditation;

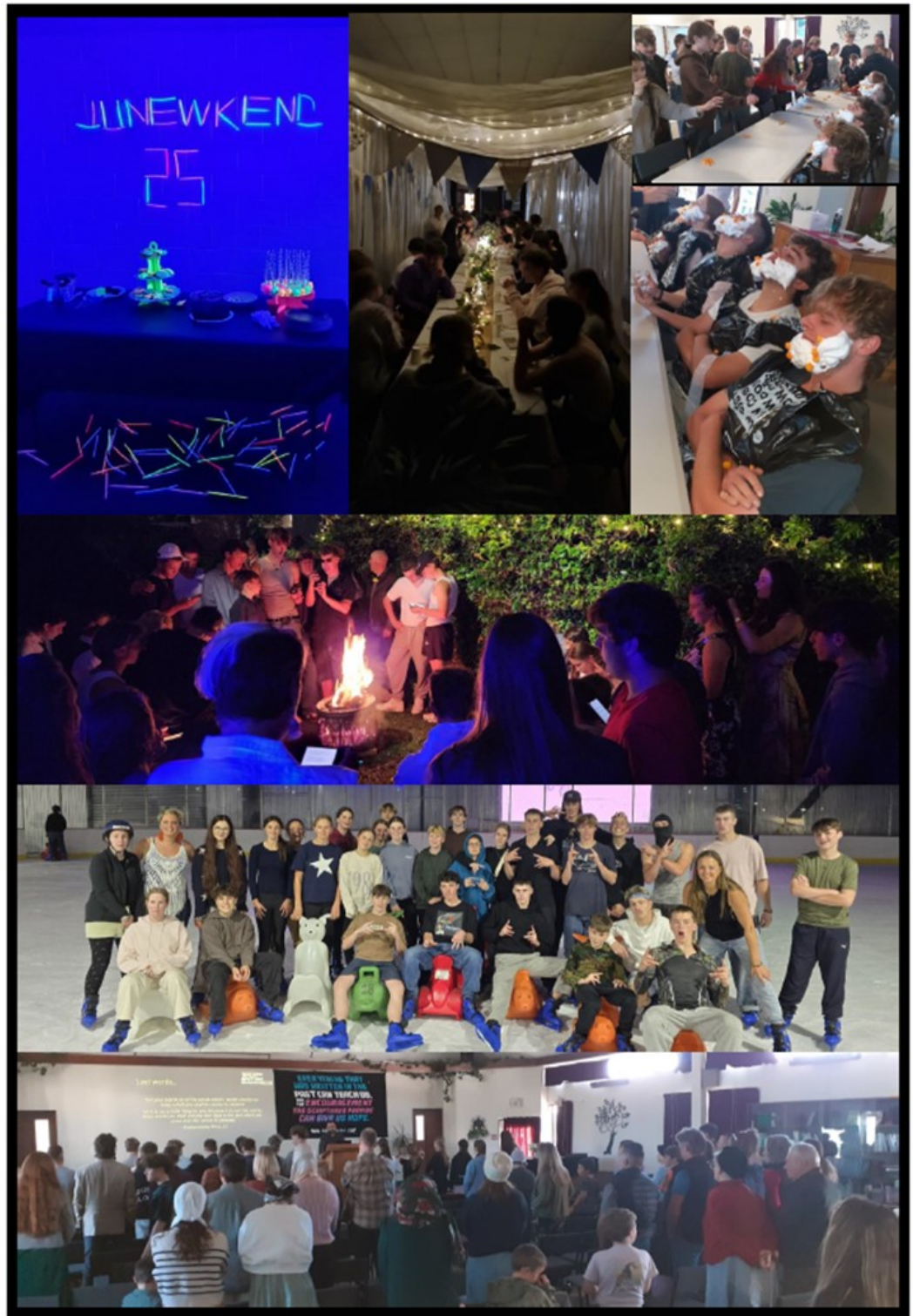
- the annual oldies vs youngies football match brought the weekend to its traditional close.

The committee acknowledges with thanks - **Bro Hayden and Sis Juliette** for their work (and Xanthe and Ben for their involvement!). Also to the young lads, **Ben, Ari and Zion** for the thoughtful words of meditation they prepared. Thanks also to the **Wellington Ecclesia** for opening homes, and for all the donations of food, time, cleanups, setups (especially to those who created the magical dining experience) and support – it was much appreciated. With grateful hearts we (opened and) closed out the weekend with prayers of thanks to **our Heavenly Father** who richly blessed us throughout the weekend, from the stunning weather, to the felt care and provision – we are so very appreciative.

We look to the past and it teaches us, through the scriptures, that we should live with a huge amount of encouragement to have hope – because God wants us in His Kingdom.

In 2026 we look forward to hearing from Bro Will Patino from the deep south. 29th May – 1st June 2026. All Welcome.

*(PS. If you would like to go back to the past and hear these talks you almost can at the Bay Of Plenty Fraternal on the weekend of 9-10 August. Bro Hayden George : 'Back to the Future'. Senior Citizens Hall, Maitland Street, Greerton, Tauranga, commencing 2.30pm, Saturday 9th August.)*





## NEXT GEN CAMP



We were incredibly blessed to hold **NXT GEN 2025**, even though it wasn't originally in the plans! Set in the beautiful rural suburb of Clevedon in South East Auckland, the weekend brought together around 30 people to share in fellowship over the Matariki long weekend.

This year's theme was **"Living Sacrifices,"** based on Romans 12:1–2. Throughout the weekend, we explored powerful and practical topics through a series of workshops, including:

- Renewing Your Mind
- Overcoming Evil with Good
- Reasonable Service
- Differing Gifts (Teaching, Praying, Ministering, Preaching)

The weekend also included personal Bible study time, and concluded with an exhortation focused on Sincere and Active Love.

These sessions were both encouraging and challenging, giving us plenty to reflect on and apply in our walk of faith. We're so grateful to our presenters - Geoff Richards, Craig Alexander, Robert Prins, Dave Dangerfield, Glenn Williams, and TJ Reding—who generously gave their time and insight.

Keep an eye out for details about **NXT GEN 2026**, planned again for **Matariki long weekend** in **Auckland**, God willing!



# SOUTH PACIFIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Join the Team travelling to the Solomon Islands!

Dates: 18 Dec 2025 – 10 Jan 2026 (God Willing)

Purpose: to witness for Christ and encourage brothers, sisters and young people in the Solomons.

## Opportunities to serve:

- Preparing public presentations
- Swotting up on first principles for street discussions
- Designing seminar material, posters, banners & leaflets
- Preparing content for workbooks
- Recording radio advertisements for seminars
- Design and print of preaching T-shirts
- Staying in touch with contacts and being prepared to tutor them remotely

## Itinerary:

- Attend South Pacific Youth Conference
- Pastoral and ecclesial support
- Campaigning and open air preaching in islands and villages around Honiara

## Expectations of attendees:

- To travel as ACBM fieldworkers
- Join a Prepare to Preach programme prior to travel
- Eagerness to witness for Christ and to share your Faith

## Cost:

- SPYC attendance: NZ \$650
- International travel (CHC - Honiara): approx. \$1,800
- Local food, travel & accommodation after SPYC: TBC

***Support the trip by signing up, sponsoring someone else to attend,  
and through your prayers.***

***For more information contact:***

***Bro Brydyn Melles on 027-627 2808***

***Email : [christadelphianmsf.nz@gmail.com](mailto:christadelphianmsf.nz@gmail.com)***





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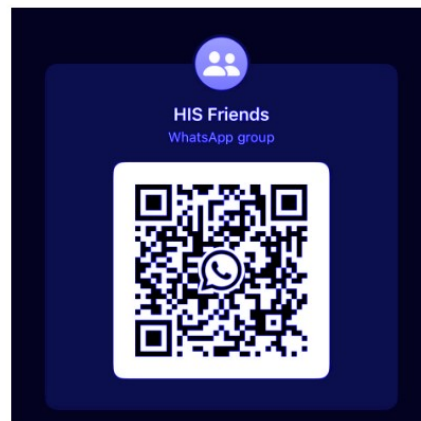
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Heritage International School (HIS) continues to make steady progress as we prepare, God willing, to open our virtual doors to students around the world in 2026. HIS is an online school designed to provide a Christ-centred education grounded in biblical values, academic excellence, and global connection.

Over the past few months, we've been focused on key areas of development, including curriculum planning, board formation, policy drafting, and international outreach. We're grateful for the encouragement, prayers, and practical support we've received from brothers and sisters around the world.

We have sent a formal letter to ecclesias internationally, inviting them to partner with us in this faith-based initiative by contributing to our initial start-up costs. If your ecclesia has not received this letter and would like more information, please contact us directly or visit our website.

To help answer questions and provide further clarity about the vision, operation, and enrolment process of HIS, we are holding a series of online information evenings during August through October. Two posters are included with this update; one is for arranging/

recording brethren and ecclesial leaders, and the other is for families considering enrolment for their children.

Please share these with anyone who may be interested. We warmly invite all to attend and learn more about how HIS seeks to support parents in raising godly young people prepared to serve our Lord.

For more information, visit our website: [hisonlineschool.org](http://hisonlineschool.org), follow our Facebook page, or join the HIS WhatsApp group. We also encourage families to register their interest under the "Enrol" tab on our website.

In all things, we seek our Heavenly Father's blessing and direction in our goal of: Inspiring Minds and Transforming Lives. God bless,

Bro. TJ Reding

On Behalf of HIS Board

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## Is HIS the Right Fit for Your Family?



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Hear how we integrate faith, learning, and character formation



Ask your questions and meet members of the founding team

# Q&A

Join our Live Zoom Q&A and see how HIS is equipping students to live faithfully and think deeply.

Zoom details TBC

**North America**  
Saturday 20th September

**Europe**  
Saturday 27th September

**Australia and New Zealand**  
Saturday 4th October



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# HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

**Inspiring Minds, Transforming Lives**

# Q&A

## Recorders and Arranging Committee Members - do you have questions about HIS?

We warmly invite you to a special Q&A session designed to provide clarity and confidence about the vision, purpose, and plans for HIS – an international Christadelphian school rooted in biblical values.

## ASK QUESTIONS - GET ANSWERS

This is your opportunity to:

- Gain a clear understanding of the school's mission and structure
- Ask your questions directly to the founding team
- Learn how start-up costs are being managed
- Discover how ecclesias and individuals can partner through donations

Join our Live Zoom Q&A and see how HIS is being built on the foundation of truth and how your ecclesia can be part of this important work.

Zoom details TBC

**North America**  
Saturday 16th August

**Europe**  
Saturday 23rd August

**Australia and New Zealand**  
Saturday 30th August



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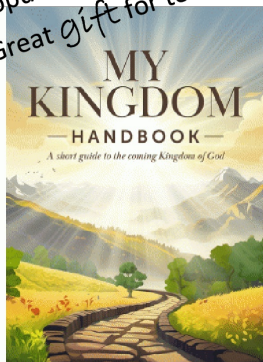
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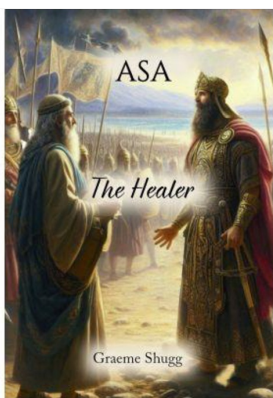
## My Kingdom Handbook

The world stands on the brink of the most momentous events in history: the return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the establishment of God's Kingdom here on earth. Those who have not yet made the commitment to follow Jesus – and even those who have – may feel unsure about what lies ahead, uncertain of the changes that the Kingdom will mean, and daunted by what is required of them if they wish to be there with Christ and all the faithful. This book encourages, stimulates thoughts and gives a vision!

Author: Stephen Whitehouse, 174 pages, soft cover

Published by The Christadelphian in March 2024

\$29.60 + postage



## Asa the Healer

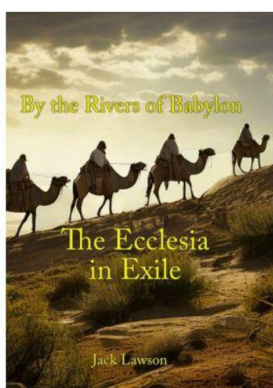
Good king Asa was raised up as the healer of God's nation, the first great reformer who would turn the kingdom of Judah back to their God. But would Asa and his people continue to trust in Yahweh the God of their fathers? This book will hopefully shed some light on his life and his choices, leaving us with some powerful lessons to consider.

"Yahweh is with you when you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you..."

Author: Graeme Shugg. Paperback, 123 pages

Published by the Christadelphian Scripture Study Service in June 2025

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## By the Rivers of Babylon

This book considers many different characters used by Yahweh to preserve His ecclesia during the challenging period of their captivity in Babylon and subsequent return to Jerusalem. The faith and vision of this small remnant, their determination to serve Yahweh and how He worked with them to establish them in His land, is truly an encouragement to us living in the 'Babylon' of today.

Author: Jack Lawson. Paperback, 105 pages

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# Summer School

**25 Dec 2025 – 2 Jan 2026, God willing**

**Blue Skies, 12 Williams St, Kaiapoi**



## Joseph: God Meant It for Good

**Brother Stephen Whitehouse, Bradford Ecclesia, United Kingdom**

A six-part journey through the life of Joseph where shattered dreams, delays, and detours become part of God's redemptive plan. Through betrayal, obscurity, and forgiveness, we see how God weaves suffering into something eternally good.

## Born of the Spirit

**Brother Mark O'Grady, Tawa Ecclesia, New Zealand**

How does God's Spirit work in our lives? What is the role of the Holy spirit both in history and in our own lives today? In what sense does our absorbing of God's word allow his spirit to work in our lives today, and does that differ from our first century brethren?

A true understanding of how God works through his spirit in the lives of His children is a key distinguishing feature of the Truth that sets it apart from false Christianity.

The purpose of God, breathed out and accomplished through the work of His spirit, shows that everything begins and ends with God.

This topic examines our relationship with the Almighty, and his essential relevance in our daily lives. It emphasizes the power of the Word of God to bring God's thinking into our minds, and how He works providentially in the lives of His saints.

## The Most High Rules in the Kingdom of Men

**Evening Series**

Book online at 8pm, 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2025

Visit- [www.cfbs.org.nz](http://www.cfbs.org.nz)





# The NZ Christadelphian Bible School

This year's Taupo Bible School commences on Monday 29th December 2025, and finishes Sunday 4th January 2026.

## Speakers:

Bro **Joseph Palmer**, San Diego, USA

Topic: "They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" - Lessons for future kings

Bro **Darryn Horrell**, Pakuranga, Auckland

Topic: "God's Heart for the Vulnerable"

Teens and Junior School have their own program which runs alongside the adult studies.

See the website for more information and Registration details at; [www.nzcbs.co.nz](http://www.nzcbs.co.nz)

***Currently the Bible School is near full with just a few spaces left.***

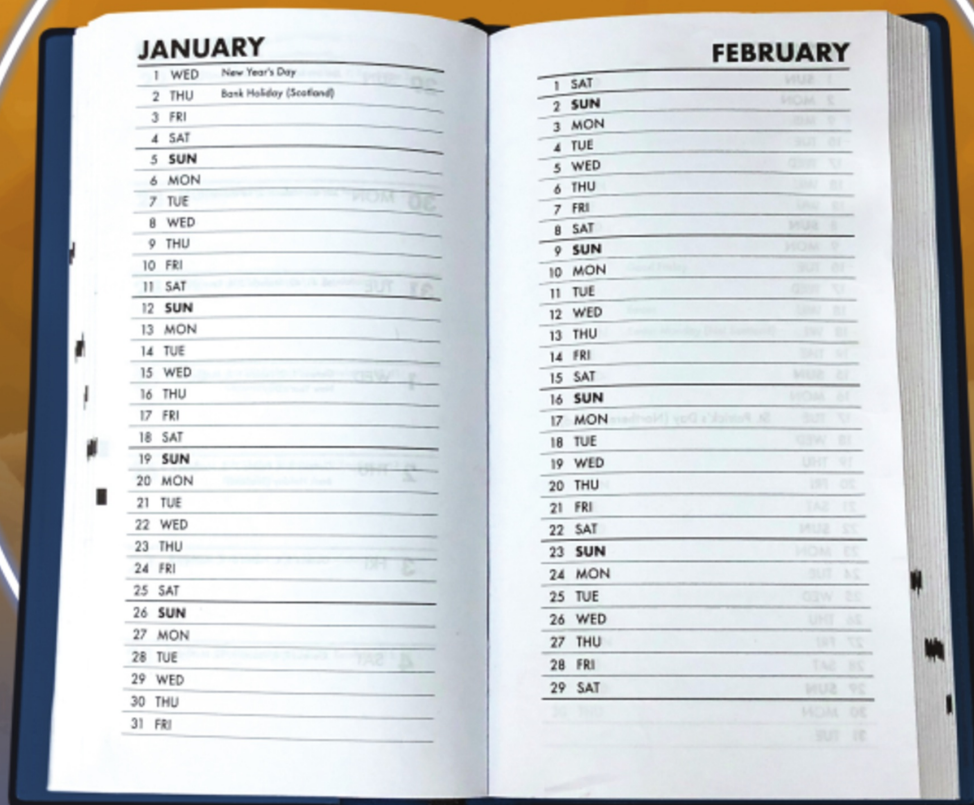




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# Holy Ever After

## Building Better Marriages

*Dear New Zealand Married Couples,*

We would like to cordially invite you to  
**“Holy Ever After”** a marriage enrichment  
 weekend this November 2025.

While we originally sent out the invitation to  
 the Christchurch ecclesias, we have a few more  
 spots left and wanted to make sure any couple  
 who wanted to could join us for what is shaping  
 up to be a fantastically uplifting weekend.



**Who:** Any married couples interested in taking a weekend to deepen their marriage.

**Speaker:** Bro. Steve Dangerfield, accompanied by his wife, Sis. Annie.

**What:** The most amazing (and only) marriage enrichment weekend held in  
 Christchurch in the last decade.

**When:** Thursday November 13 to Sunday November 16, 2025 (Canterbury Show  
 Weekend)

**Where:** Thursday night at the Christchurch North Hall, Friday and Saturday Sessions at  
 the Scenic Hotel Cotswold (88-96 Papanui Rd. Merivale)

**Why:** To build strong marriages, to strengthen our families and ecclesias for the glory of  
 God.

**How:** Register at <https://forms.gle/DmJY1eRFwNJ4DkHb6>

**How Much:** Tuition is \$285 per couple, which includes food and venue, but not overnight  
 accommodation.

Please contact us if you have any questions, and otherwise we look forward to seeing you  
 there.

Love in the Hope,

Bro. Jesse and Sis. Colleen Brown

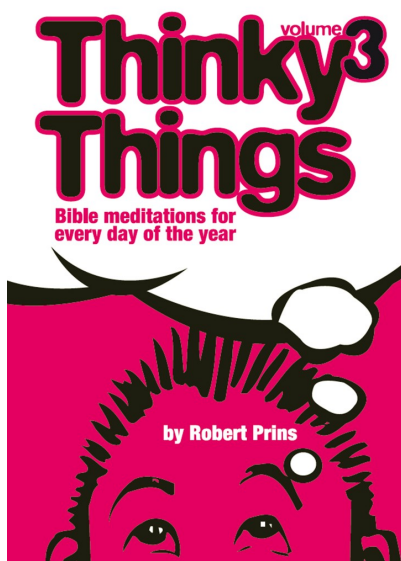
Bro. Nathan and Sis. Susanna Lewis



# Thinky Things

## 25 Years!

To celebrate 25 years of Thinky Things, we have two new books due from the printer in the next few weeks, God willing.



### Thinky Things 3

Twenty-five years after Robert began writing *Thinky Things*, Volume 3 completes a thought for each day based on the Christadelphian Daily Bible reading plan. Robert's selection of Thinky Things seem deceptively simple, yet are sure to challenge, stimulate, encourage and provoke everyone, from the casual Bible reader through to the more serious Bible student.

While each volume stands alone, collecting all three provides a complete companion to your year-long journey through the Bible.

This third collection of Thinky Things will continue to inspire as Robert draws out valuable and life-changing lessons from the word of God for everyone.

**Let God's word come alive—one reading, one thought, one day at a time.**

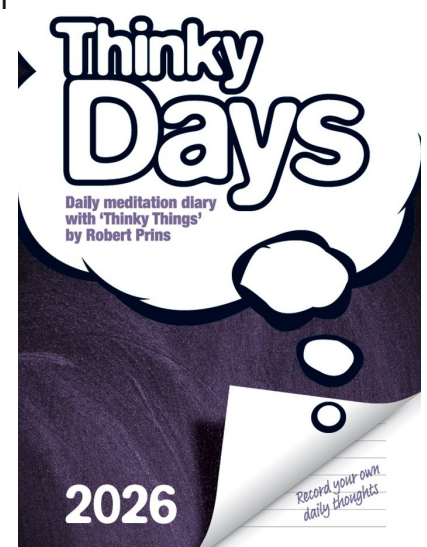
### Thinky Days 2026

You have read Thinky Things, received the emails, and viewed them on Facebook, on the Daily Readings site, and in many other places. Now you have the place and opportunity to record your own personal thoughts, prayers, questions and answers from God's word as you read it.

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If you are interested in discussing, please contact Jess Mudge on 0225974915 or email [brendonandjess@gmail.com](mailto:brendonandjess@gmail.com)

### Mission Workers Needed

**For more information  
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*An afternoon of fellowship and friendship around  
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**06 SEPTEMBER - 1:30PM**  
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*Donations of baking/food,  
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*Please bring to PK hall c/-  
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on the day.*

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Kapalpal  
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School in Tanna,  
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*We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, [a] as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. 4 Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.*

*1 Thessalonians 1:3 - 4*

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