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 Daniel 2:34-35
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Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh”

Luke 21:28 KJV.

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Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Revelation 22:12 - 13 NIV

EDITORIAL - Ready for the Bridegroom

One of the things that inspires me when I read through the Ecclesial News is the strength of hope and vision we have as we wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this edition of the Ecclesial News you will read a lot of comments like these:

- “Jesus hopes to find [us] waiting for his return as the Bridegroom.”
- “We are eagerly waiting for the return of our Lord and pray that it might be this year 2026.”
- “May 2026 be the year of our Lords return if it is our Father’s will – we look forward to it with great anticipation.”

Yes, Jesus is coming soon and it is such a blessing to have brothers and sisters all around New Zealand and the world to remind us, to inspire us, and to encourage us toward being ready for Jesus when he comes.

As Sharon and I prepared for our daughter’s wedding in January, we had a little taste of the anticipation and preparation we should be going through while waiting for Jesus to return.

There was so much to be done: venues, food, decorations, the dress, cars, vows, invitations and communications with all the other people involved. They started out as a to-do list, and ended up in frantic activity as the day drew nearer.

We learnt some valuable lessons from the wedding.

1. We can’t do it alone. It took lots of prayer and a team of more than 50 people to help us prepare for the wedding day. In the same way, we need people to help us prepare, and our

brothers and sisters need us in the same way.

2. We needed a vision of the wedding day and we needed to talk about that vision with each other as we prepared. It is no different as we wait for the kingdom of God. Let’s share our vision of glory with other, and learn from the vision of others, so we can look forward to the kingdom of God with great anticipation.
3. We knew the day and the hour of the wedding, but even then we left things to the last minute. Without knowing when Jesus will return, we can’t afford to leave our preparation until the last minute. We don’t know when he will come.
4. The bride was late, but the bridegroom didn’t give up waiting. We might have anticipated the return of Jesus well before now, but let’s not give up. He will come when the time is right. Stay prepared. Stay ready.
5. The preparation might have been hard work, but the day was amazing. Let’s not give up on what might seem like hard work as we preach, serve each other in our ecclesias and grow in love – the day of his return will be amazing and worth every bit of preparation we put into it.

So let us earnestly pray that Jesus will return soon. Let’s encourage each other toward that time. Let’s look forward to it with great anticipation. Let us continue in 2026 to prepare ourselves for Jesus’ certain soon return. And let’s prepare now because the day of our Lord is not that far away.

EVENTS

Sunday 8 February

Release date of Thinky Things 3

See advert on page 63

22 February 2026

Pakuranga Ecclesial Picnic at Eastern Beach

27 February - 1 March 2026

Women at the Well

Venue: MiCamp, Taupo

Speaker: Sis Cathy Strachan on You are God's Masterpiece

see advertisement on page 61

Saturday 7 March to Sunday 8 March 2026

Hamilton Fraternal

Venue: Hamilton Christadelphian Hall, 36 Morrinsville Road, Hillcrest

See advertisement on page 61 and enquire for accommodation

20 – 22 March

Pakuranga ecclesial camp at Hunua Falls.

April

Details of the Taupo Bible School to be released at <https://www.nzcbs.co.nz/>

2 - 6 April 2026

New Zealand Youth Conference

Topic: Joseph - Planted in Egypt, Rooted in God

Venue: Palm Grove Community Camp, Paraparumu, Wellington

<https://www.nzyouthconference.org.nz/>

2 – 6 April

Summer Bible Camp, Philippines

See advertisement on page 62

30 April 2026

Ecclesial News Issue 256 deadline for submissions

May

Bay of Plenty Fraternal

Details to come

29 May - 1 June 2026

June weekend, Wellington

Speaker: Bro Will Patino

10 - 13 July 2026

NXT GEN Camp, Auckland

30 July 2026

Ecclesial News Issue 257 deadline for submissions

Early August 2026
Summer School applications open

Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th of September
Wanganui Fraternal
Details to come

30 October 2026
Ecclesial News Issue 258 deadline for submissions

25th December – 2nd January 2026/27
Summer School at Blue Skies.
Speakers will be Bro Peter Owen from the UK and Bro Roger Lewis from NZ.
Subjects are yet to be confirmed
See the Summer School website for details
www.cfbs.org.nz. Applications open in early August 2026.

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever.

Daniel 2:44 ESV

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

Sis Shiloh Perrott was baptised on 5 January 2026, Hastings

Bro Daniel Fletcher was baptised on 11 January 2026, Palmerston North

Sis Charlotte Simpson, Hamilton

Births

The new life of hope

Sadie Shawna Tunnell, a daughter to Bro Isaiah and Sis Rosie Tunnell, born on 19th November 2025, Invercargill

Moriah Edith Simpson, a daughter to Bro Eden and Sis Rosie Simpson, born 19th November 2025, Riverton

Tobias David Prins a son to Bro Jeremy and Sis Jemima Prins, born 20th November 2025, a brother for Chara, Pakuranga

Liliana Cindy Godfrey, a daughter to Bro Campbell and Sis Danielle Godfrey, born 19th December 2025, Riverton

Deaths

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

Bro Martin Buddulph, on 27 August 2025, Cabramatta, formerly Wellington

Sis Elspeth Lunn, in November, Bay of Plenty

Sis Kaye Drummond, on 9th January 2026, New Lynn

FAMILY NOTICES

Engagements

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

Sis Kade Read, Wellington, to Bro Benji (Benjamin) Ryan, Hunterville NSW

Marriages

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

Bro Tim Brown married Sis Rachel Bell, Christchurch North

Sis Charis Prins (formerly of Pakuranga) married Bro Jedediah Johns, Cumberland, Adelaide, on 24 January in Auckland.

Transfers

Transfers within the family of God

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

Sis Val Green from Waitakere to Whangarei

Bro Glen and Sis Nikki Davies from Christchurch North to Christchurch West

Bro Tim and Sis Rachel Brown from Christchurch North to Christchurch West

Bro Roger and Sis Pauline Lewis from Christchurch North to Christchurch Bible Hall

Sis Rebecca Price from Christchurch North to Christchurch Bible Hall

Bro Jessie and Sis Colleen Brown from Christchurch North Ecclesia to Bible Hall

Bro and Sis Ken and Christine Morgan from Wellington to Tawa

Sis Rebecca Manning from Pakuranga to Wanganui

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

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Our fraternal love to you all, from your family here at New Lynn. Invigorated by our Open Day last year, and its ongoing positive effects, we journey onwards and upwards in our walk to the Kingdom. We pray Jesus will return this 2026 and look for His coming.

Our Sunday Bible hour included a talk in Blockhouse Bay at the end of November, where Bro Robert Alderson gave a great talk on Armageddon. We had five visitors to this, two from the Open Day, plus a relative, and two again from personal contact. We had a good reception from them. Using the banners from the open day, we were pleased to add some extra content and interest to these external venue preaching events. We are planning to continue these outpost preaching talks around West Auckland in 2026, God willing. The final talk on 'Becoming God's Family' was held in December, ending this series also, and again attended by visitors.

Bible classes wound up before the summer, with talks on Speeches in the Bible, these being the stirring New Testament speeches of both Stephen and Peter. Our monthly home readings groups also remained on roster – we completed studying Peter's first epistle and now look to start another series in 2026 looking at 2 Peter. Both classes have been in recess for the holiday period and we are now ramping up our

2026 programme, first with a DVD presentation by Bro Andrew Dangerfield (NSW) on 2025 prophecy highlights.

Some families made their way to the NZ Bible Schools over the holiday period and filled up on some much needed spiritual and fraternal tank-fillers. The Taupo school had brothers Joe Palmer (San Diego) and Darren Horrell (Pakuranga) speak. Both study classes were interesting and full of practical lessons for us today.

CYC / Sunday School

CYC completed 2025 with a busy schedule. Early November saw a combined CYC with not only the PK and Junior CYC's but also the Hamilton CYC for an annual bonfire at the Beaumont's farm. This made for a large group of both adults and young people, which was lovely to see. The younger kids had an activity afternoon out at the farm, then joining with the older group, Bro TJ Redding gave a talk on the Feast of Tabernacles, a BBQ was held, finishing off with singing and bonfire spectacle. Later in November the CYC held a cake decorating activity night with a twist; with the CYC split into teams, they were allocated each a Creation Day scene to replicate and then created the relevant scene using fondant, icing, sprinkles, lollies, and the like. The Sea Creatures Creation scene won the day with

excellent fondant depictions of shellfish, whales, and jellyfish no less. The CYC finished off the year with their annual camp out at Te Haruhi campground on the Whangaparoa Peninsula, with very hot weather and a good time had by all.

Sunday School finished up 2025 with the Prizegiving and Play afternoon. Based upon scenes from the life of Elijah, our youngest scholar had the biggest part and at aged 5 he did a great job with lines and acting! We thank the teachers and all those who have yet again worked hard to nourish and nurture our youngsters in God's ways. They are the future ecclesia.

Both CYC and Sunday School resume their programmes in February for 2026.

Travel

Sis Susy Chittinappilly and Saniya headed to India for two months over the summer break, to catch up with their family there. Ben Alexander went to Summer School whilst Sis Kauri travelled to Adelaide in December for End of Year Studies and the Cornerstones young sister's camp, and had a wonderfully uplifting time at both.

Welfare

We sadly report the falling asleep of Sis Kaye Drummond in January. Sis Kaye had been battling with a serious health issue for a while

and, living in isolation up near Mangawhai, had zoomed into New Lynn for many years recently (formerly being a member of the Whangarei meeting). We rejoice in the hope of the resurrection when we shall see our dear sister once more.

Bro Zay Jackson's back is still on the mend, albeit slowly; Sis Cathie Wiblin was not well prior to the New Year; Bro Charles Fraser had a fall and injured his hand/arm quite badly. He is healing now but this has been an ongoing frustration for him. Sis Beth Lean has had pneumonia recently and is recovering slowly, whilst Sis Jude Bostin had another fall, and is receiving treatment for that. We pray for our dear Lord's blessings upon all our sick, injured, and ailing brothers and sisters.

We have been very blessed with several visitors over the holiday period, with some visiting speakers. This has included a lovely visit for the Presswell family as Bro Matt, Sis Paula and boys came over the holiday period to visit family. Sis Nicole Spinaze and girls also came over to visit Bro Steve and Sis Jude – it was very lovely to see them all at the meeting. We thank all for their fellowship.

God bless you all and keep you in His Loving arms as we continue in 2026 to prepare ourselves for Jesus' certain soon return. May it be this year.

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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>

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

Chinese English Classes

Sisters Jackie, Val M and Val P continue to provide lessons for those interested. Sis Cheryl did a guest teaching spot to help out in November. Some recent day classes in November were focused on the women in Moses' life who demonstrated their huge faith in God.

Bible Class

Bro Robert closed out our Bible Class for the year with a praise and thankfulness devotional evening which included a special supper provided by Sis Sharon Prins. Everyone was asked to come along wearing colour and with a thankful mindset.



Praise and Thankfulness
Devotional Evening

Health

We are thankful for our Heavenly Father's love and care for Bro Rumen Lal during his ongoing surgeries.

Travellers

We are well known as the travelling ecclesia with many often travelling overseas to visit family. We thank God for the safe return of our travellers: Bro Andrew Knox was in Asia for work. Sis Cheryl Franklin spent time with family in Melbourne. Bro Barry and Sis Val Martin spent time with family in Wellington. Bro Justin and Sis Katherine Roche and family spent time in Thailand. Bro Chris and Sis Anna O'Connor and daughters spent time with family in Christchurch. Bro Andrew and Sis Naomi Knox, Sis Juliet Knox, Bro Josiah Knox spent time with family in Nelson.

Baptism

We were delighted to celebrate the statement of faith by our new brother Josiah Knox who was baptised into the saving name of Jesus Christ on the 9th of November 2025. Both Josiah's grandmothers were present, Sis Margaret Knox and Sis Kathy Graham, along with family and friends and many other brothers and sisters to witness this joyous



Josiah's Baptism
occasion. We pray for God's blessing on Josiah's walk to the Kingdom.

Sunday School celebration 7 December

We had a quiz developed by the children for our concluding Sunday School event of the year, which followed a delicious lunch together. We also thanked Bro Chris and Sis Anna O'Connor for their five years of service running the Sunday School for us.



ACYC Break Up Camp

Auckland CYC Camp

The youth of Auckland had a wonderful weekend camping together, to close out their year of companionship around God's word. They were hosted by Bro Philip and Sis Catherine and Bro Paul and Sis Liz at Shakespear Regional Park, North of Auckland.

Community Carols Night 20 December

We opened our doors to our Pakuranga community to join in remembering the birth and salvation of Jesus. We welcomed many visitors and friends including members from other Auckland ecclesias.

80th Birthday

PK celebrated Sis Jackie Grieve's special 80th birthday in January over a shared lunch together. Many joyful memories were shared by brothers and sisters of their connection with Sis Jackie.

Pakuranga Sunday School Celebration



Jackie Grieve's 80th Birthday

Birth

We were thrilled to welcome Tobias David Prins a son to Bro Jeremy and Sis Jemima Prins, on 20th November 2025, a baby brother for Chara.

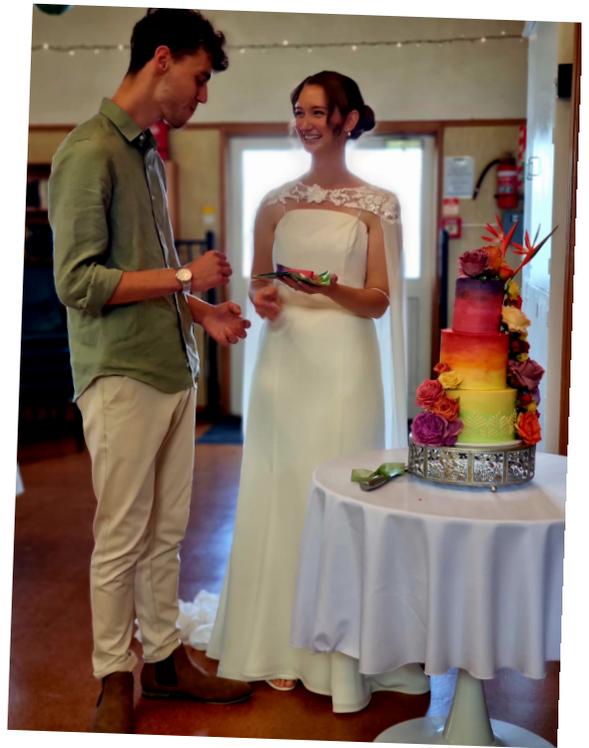
Wedding

We were delighted to witness the marriage of Sis Charis Prins to Bro Jebediah Johns, Cumberland ecclesia Adelaide on 24 January at Pakuranga hall. We ask our Heavenly Father to bless their marriage as they walk to God's kingdom. The wedding created an increase in visitors from around NZ and Australia, especially from the Cumberland ecclesia for several Sundays. Bro Jimmy Sawell gave a thoughtful exhort on 25 January, reminding us of our commitment as the bride who Jesus hopes to find waiting for his return as the Bridegroom.

Visitors

We've had the pleasure and company of the following visitors around the Lord's memorial table: (Please forgive us if we have missed anyone).

Sis Lois Sandle, Whangarei; Bro Robin and Sis Varna Bennett, Bro Gavin and Sis Viv Longstaff, Bro Gordon Mudge, Bro Calvin Zhu and Sis Amy Liang, Auckland Central; Bro Bailey Alexander, Bro John and Sis Emily Beaumont, Bro Michael Beaumont, Bro Ronald Chittinappilly, Bro David and Sis Pip Dangerfield, Sis Lorrie Mundy, Sis Marilyn Lau, Bro Paul and Sis Liz Marley, Sis Kauri Marley, Bro Shiv and Sis Madhvi Nath, Bro Keith and Sis Lis Preswell, Bro Daniel and Sis Rebecca Walton, New Lynn; Bro Craig Miller, Bro Matt and Sis Alex Simpson, Sis Misha Simpson, Bro Alan Tunnell, Waitakere; Sis Lois Brinkman, Bro Peter and Sis Shiling Meads, Bro TJ and Sis Lynette Reding, Bro Stanley Worsnop, Hamilton; Sis Carol Brown, Dannevirke; Sis Samantha Kirk, Palmerston North; Bro Joel and Sis Abbey Middlemiss, Bro David and Sis Bethley Mudge, Bro Paul and Sis Jan Teal, Sis Marta Teal, Sis Charis Teal, Bro Jotham Teal, Hutt Valley; Bro Jethro Stephenson, Bro Josh Cambridge, Tawa; Bro Samuel Crawley, Bro Daniel Crawley, Bro Hugh and Sis Kathryn Graham, Nelson; Sis Sarah Yearsley, Christchurch West; Bro Daniel Welsh, Invercargill; Sis Holly Ingram, Bro Eden and Sis Rosie Simpson, Riverton; Bro Charles Chittinappilly, North Brisbane, QLD; Bro Grant and Sis Leann Nightingale, Brisbane, QLD; Sis Yvonne Cordingly, Bro Liam and Sis Sienna Cordingly,



Wedding of Jeb and Charis

Birkdale, QLD; Bro Phil and Sis Miriam Worsnop, Ipswich, QLD; Bro Levi Ryan, Boolaroo, NSW; Bro Peter Grieve, Camden, NSW; Sis Shirley Johnson, Castle Hill, NSW; Sis Maxine Swensson, Lakamba, NSW; Sis Margaret Knox, Boronia, VIC; Bro Josh Elrom, Bro Jason Kelly, Bro Karl Suarez, Bro Ravi and Sis Rose Nath, Canterbury, VIC; Sis Esther Hughes, Ringwood, VIC; Bro Aaron and Sis Jas Gibbs, Bro Reed Gibbs, Bro Steve and Sis Suzie Johns, Bro Ben Johns (residing in Akl), Bro Josh and Sis Anne Johns, Bro Jebediah Johns, Bro Chris and Sis Carmel Lawrie, Bro Matt and Sis Ali Oliver, Sis Charis Prins, Bro Jimmy and Sis Abi Sawell, Bro Matt Wigzell, Sis Nijole Wigzell, Cumberland, SA; Bro Lionel and Sis Rosemary Deadman, Bro Ben Deadman, Golden Grove, SA; Sis Belle Lines, Happy Valley, SA; Sis Liv Weller, Hyde Park, SA; Sis Laura Case, Enfield, SA, Bro David and Sis Anna Todd, Bro Neil Todd, East Torrens, SA; Bro Silas Bennett, Sis Deborah Griffiths, Salisbury SA; Bro Stephen Gilfillan, Sis Ella Gilfillan, Adelaide, SA; Sis Veronica Narwaga, Sis Zelda Kumar, Suva, Fiji; Sis Bethany Palmer, Bro Ethan Palmer, Bro Daniel Palmer, San Diego, CA; Bro Ron Thorvaldsen, East London, South Africa.

AUCKLAND - WAITAKERE

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Memorial Meeting times: 10:30am usually, 10:00am from 20 December to end of January

Online activities: Memorial Meeting each Sunday; Bible Class Wednesdays 7:30pm.

Welcome to a new year! Waitākere has been meeting at 10:00am over the summer on Sundays in West Auckland. Please note that from February 8th we will return to meeting at 10:30am.

Waitakere meets at a local school hall with the option of being online for Sunday memorials. The summer months have allowed folk to attend in person or meet online. We wish to thank the many visitors who have attended over the summer period.

We will kick start the Wednesday Bible classes with a two-part series on The Gospels: Historic Background, from Robert Alderson. This year we will focus on Studies in Matthew, from chapters 1-28. A chapter per week from Matthew will be covered, with a wild card topic once per month.

Our first exhort for the year from Matt Nutter gave us inspiration to start the new year with vigour and to focus on God working in our lives. He reminded us to consider how God has worked in our worlds over the past year also. Any New Year's resolution is of little value without God being part of it. Mark Williams followed suit by inspiring us to remain positive throughout 2026 and to see this year as a time to connect and support each other. We should work together and know that we are simply filling in time and that nothing in the world around us holds sustainable value. Stan Shrobbree then walked us through the need to

stay connected to our roots as we are grafted into a tree of salvation. We must have compassion toward each other and continue to help each other stay strong, particularly given our lives in such uncertain times. These times however, are part of Gods process toward his fulfilment of the Kingdom. Every Sunday talk brings something encouraging and helpful to us all.

Sunday School

The year's program looks fantastic. There is a BBQ and games start-up session. The smallest class will focus on a tour of the Bible. The junior class will consider the many beginnings in the Bible. The senior class will focus on the gospel message. Combined Sunday School gatherings with New Lynn, Pakuranga and Waitākere are in place to feature throughout the year. It looks a neat year ahead with enthusiastic teachers to support the programs.

Senior CYC

The Senior CYC has combined to create a fun program ahead for 2026. There are a variety of speakers on various characters and animals of the Bible including; Thomas, Cain & Abel, the Disciples and the Sheep and Goats. Social events range from mini golf to beach days, to baking and debating! In addition there are progressive dinners, a movie night, board games, a driving range visit and a bonfire night. It's great to have the young folk all working in together to share the events.

Junior CYC

Our Junior CYC is also eagerly anticipating their start up camp in March. There are some great events planned for throughout the year including a scavenger hunt, quiz evening, rock climbing, a good activity and beach clean-up with a BBQ and bonfire to conclude the year.

Welfare

We are all so grateful to have Roger Evans back at Waitakere after a prolonged period of time in hospital and recovery following a recent heart event. We are also thrilled to have Josh Tunnell back with us after being in hospital and having a full recovery. Both of our brothers have been blessed with excellent

medical care and family support. This has included family visitors from outside Auckland for Roger, while Jane Tunnell, Josh's mother, has been over from San Diego to support Josh and his family.

Several Waitakere families have had visitors from overseas during the summer period which has been super for all!

We pray for Jesus' return and God's hand to care for us all as we watch God working his plan with the nations around us. May 2026 be the year that we move closer to Gods amazing plan.

AUCKLAND - WESTERN LIGHTSTAND

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BAY OF PLENTY

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Meeting Times: 11.00am Sunday memorial meeting

We were saddened by the falling asleep of Sis Elspeth Lunn, beloved aunt of Sis Yvonne in November. We also mourn with our Sis Jan the passing of her husband Doug.

We celebrated the end of our Sunday School year with a family get together at the Saxon's home near Hamilton. The game of pickleball brought out the gentle competitive side of many of our Sunday School kids (and their parents). We watched One Life on a big screen in the evening which tied in nicely what we'd been learning in Sunday School in 2025.

Many of our number enjoyed the Bible School in Taupo over the New Year. It's always an uplifting refresh for those who attend.

We're looking forward to our fraternal which we are bringing forward, God Willing, to May. We will forward information in due course.

We've been blessed with a number of visitors which has helped boost our numbers after the relocation of a few of our members this year. Please think of us when you're in the area and

come visit for our memorial meeting. Because our ecclesia is geographically spread, we find Sundays the perfect opportunity to extend our fellowship over a shared lunch, and warmly invite any visitors to stay and join us. If you are planning on joining us please message Liz on the phone number above so we can cater accordingly.

During the last quarter we have been pleased to welcome:

Bro Isaiah and Sis Georgia Jackson, New Lynn; Bro John and Sis Ann Walton, Whangarei; Bro Bill and Sis Pauline Lunn, Enfield, Australia; Bro Steve Brinkman, Pakuranga; Bro Ben and Sis Ally Worsnop, Bro TJ and Sis Lynette Redding, Bro Rob and Sis Carol Worsnop, Bro Brendon and Sis Jess Mudge, Hamilton; Bro Gordon and Sis Rachel Sutcliffe, Daventry, UK; Bro Tom Briggs, Canada.

We thank these brethren and sisters for offering to exhort and play the piano when they visit.

CHRISTCHURCH - BIBLE HALL

Recorder: Bro Kent Berryman

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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.

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father, rejoicing that our prayers have been answered through new members joining our Ecclesia. God is indeed good, and as we begin the New Year 2026, we do so with renewed vigour, enthusiasm, and hope for the future of this lampstand in Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH - KAIAPOI

Recorder: Bro Ian Ashton

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Meeting Times: Sunday 11am; Tuesday 7.30pm

Blessings in the One Hope we share.

In November last year we had our ecclesial camp at Glenroy Lodge with Timaru ecclesia. The talks were presented by Bro Brendon Clark on "Aaron the Man" Bro Brendon took us through the years of Aaron's life and shared how he dealt with many challenges presented to him. We also had a family night this year (organised by Bro Ian and Sis Rhana Ashton) which was a very enjoyable night. Our thanks to Bro Ian and Sis Rhana for organising this fun night for us.

Bro Wayne Bates is still doing extremely well with his cancer treatment and it is wonderful

that he is able to keep attending the meetings.

Bro Stuart and Sis Robyn Ackerman have recently had family visiting from America (yes in our last issue they were visiting family in America, now the family are visiting here in NZ). They spent four weeks with us and left yesterday.

Bro Stuart and Sis Robyn Ackerman, Bro Andrew and Sis Jess Ackerman, Bro Joel and Sis Beth Cowell held a memorial for Sis Kathy Ackerman (Bro Stuart's mother) who passed away last September whilst Bro Stuart and Sis Robyn were overseas. Bro Andrew led the service; it was lovely to hear stories of Sis

Kathy's life and memories from the family.
Sis Robyn Ackerman has been very unwell for the last few weeks and we pray she is better soon.

Visitors around the memorial table

Bro Chris and Sis Julie Cowell, Wellington;

Sis Carol Bell, Bro David and Sis Carolyn Bailey, Christchurch North; Bro Jared and Sis Clare Bates, Bro Peter and Sis Geraldine Fullwood, Sis Patricia Mandick, Christchurch West; Bro Aljon and Sis Tamara Perez, Parklands.

CHRISTCHURCH - NORTH

Recorder: Bro. Nelson Thelning

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

Bible class: 7:30pm Wednesday

This has been quite an interesting quarter. In the midst of all of the end of year preparations, prize-giving, etc., we had a driver run full tilt into our hall! Thankfully, the driver was okay (and the hall was completely empty!) but their car was totaled and our kitchen significantly impacted. We are very thankful for all the brethren who immediately came to help shore up the broken wall and clean out the kitchen! Ironically, that evening our Bible class was back on Zoom with Bro Jesse Brown leading his first study on Haggai, and the importance of focusing on building the temple. We now have an opportunity to consider our ways and literally build.

Thankfully, we are still in the hall, and the brethren have demonstrated creativity and forbearance while our kitchen is out of service. However, this event has reminded us of the great blessing of being able to meet together without fear for our lives.

Transfers

There have been a number of transfers this quarter. Bro Roger and Sis Pauline Lewis, longstanding members of Christchurch North,

have transferred from Christchurch North to Christchurch Bible Hall to assist that smaller ecclesia. Sis Rebecca Price has also transferred from Christchurch North to Christchurch Bible Hall to help. Bro Glen and Sis Nikki Davies, also longstanding members of Christchurch North, have transferred from Christchurch North to Christchurch West. We will thoroughly miss our brothers and sisters, and are very thankful that they aren't moving further away and we will still get to see them!

Further afield, our Bro Matthew Crawley is moving to Lismore! After looking for work for some time in Christchurch, and working in Blenheim for some time while making the trek to Christchurch North regularly, the Father has opened a door to a work opportunity in Lismore. We will miss his love of the truth and his flair for the dramatic, and pray Yahweh's rich blessing as he begins life across the ditch. God be with you till we meet again!

Marriage

Our Bro Tim Brown and Sis Rachel Bell have been married! How lovely to begin the journey of faith together, and we pray Yahweh's rich blessing on them.

Preaching

We are just getting ready for seminars and Bible readings groups to start for this year. May Yahweh bless these seeds and make them to grow.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

In November we had our Bro Steve and Sis Annie Dangerfield join us for a marriage enrichment weekend entitled “Holy Ever After”. Spanning three days and number of classes, he taught on marriage for the newly and not-so-newly married. The classes covered the foundations of marriage, hierarchy, communication, forgiveness and a number of both uplifting and practical aspects of marriage with balance and a deep scriptural foundation. We thank him very much for coming and bringing his lovely wife to serve us and be an example as we strive to improve our marriages.

Sunday School

Our annual Sunday School prize giving was the first weekend of December, where the classes and their teachers presented, informed, and amused with scenes, poems and songs from the life of Daniel. The day went very well, and was a celebration and culmination of all of the work of the teachers and students throughout the year. We thank everyone involved very much for their service. This is one of the events that takes a village, and we’re very excited about our continually growing Sunday School!



Combined Christchurch Sunday School Photos

CYC

CYC ended this year with a special "Kingdom Visions" dinner, with CYCers and their families invited to dinner and dessert at the hall (before the kitchen was broken!). It was a beautiful evening and we thank very much the CYCers for their effort to share their zeal and love of the Truth.



Visitors

We are thankful to welcome the company of the following visitors:

Bro Colin and Sis Ruth Roberts, Sis Josie Mailman, Bro Colin and Sis Ruth Brown, Nelson; Bro Chris and Sis Kathryn Yearsley, Bro Peter and Sis Geraldine Fullward, Sis Trisha Mandai, Bro Kent and Sis Dani Larsen, Bro Jesse and Sis Vivi Parkinson, Bro Josh Tooth, Bro Tim and Sis Lorna Yearsley, Sis Sarah Yearsley, Sis Anna Yearsley, Bro Dan and Sis Rosa Green, Bro Ross and Sis Wendy Melles, Bro Brydyn Melles, Bro Graeme Garroway, Christchurch West; Bro Daniel Fletcher, Sis Katrina Fletcher, Palmerston North; Bro Carl and Sis Jeanette Kempster, Bro Nathan Pitt, Tea Tree Gully, Adelaide; Bro Reuben and Sis Ruth Oosthuizen, Woodville, Adelaide; Bro Zac Nolan, Golden Grove, Adelaide; Bro Chris and Sis Julie Cowell, Bro Simon and Sis Cindy O'Grady, Bro Graeme and Sis Shirley Clover, Wellington; Bro Graham and Sis Ruth Travers, Boronia, Melbourne; Sis Leah Travers, Mt Waverley, Melbourne; Bro Phil Coad, Yagoona; Sis Helen

Coad, Redcliffs; Bro Steve and Sis Annie Dangerfield, Happy Valley, Adelaide; Bro Ian and Sis Lyn Clarke, Brighton, Adelaide; Bro Chris and Sis Lorraine Parry and Bro Archie Parry, Malvern, UK; Bro Reuben France, Bro Brian O'Grady, Sis Naomi France, Bro Jacob and Sis Hannah Lewis, Bro Dave and Sis Leah O'Grady, Tawa; Sis Das France, Woodgate, UK; Sis Virginia Parry, Bro Josh and Sis Tara Williams, Bro Aaron and Sis Allie Cheek, Salisbury, Adelaide; Sis Helen and Sis Jamie Cawston, Vernon, Canada; Bro Ben Worsnop, Sis Ally Worsnop, Bro Nathan Hughes, Sis Rosie Hughes, Hamilton; Sis Ruth Bowden, Woodville Adelaide; Bro Jim and Sis Michelle Van Rooyen, One Tree Hill; Sis Cornelia Peters, Enfield, Adelaide; Bro Athol Paton, Cumberland, Adelaide; Bro Josh Firth, Sis Megan Firth, Hunter Valley; Bro Matthew Pearce, Sis Fiona Pearce, Sis Bethany Pearce, Rugby, UK; Sis Marta Teal, Hutt Valley; Sis Amy Bailye, Bro Tim and Sis Hannah Bailye, Perth Central; Bro Nat and Sis Samantha Thoms, Riverton.

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 link.

No report this time.

CHRISTCHURCH - WEST

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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

Bible Reading Groups/Seminars: Sunday 7pm at St Albans Community Centre, 1049 Colombo Street, St Albans; Monday 7.30pm at Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road, Sockburn.

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

Love and greetings in the Lord's name to you all living throughout NZ. We earnestly pray that this year will see the return of our Master.

We have no baptisms, births or deaths to report over the last 3 months.

Our Bro Paul Vogel has been unwell of late due the effects of his cancer, and we pray the Father will strengthen him, Sis Lee and his extended family.

Transfers

We welcome with much excitement and love, Bro Glen and Sis Nikki Davies and Bro Tim and Sis Rachel Brown, both from Christchurch North. We pray their time spent with us as new members going forward is mutually beneficial.

Ecclesial Events

On the 9th of November we had our joint Christchurch Memorial Meeting, which was attended by a large number of visitors due to a wedding that weekend. The meeting was held

at the West Melton Community Centre, and was followed by a picnic lunch.

On the 22nd of November we had the CYC Kingdom visions evening. This was a beautiful night with the CYC and their parents. They enjoyed an evening of worship and praise and a wonderful meal together. The evening consisted of songs, hymns, readings, and a special video montage of local brothers and sisters (and young people as well), sharing their kingdom visions. A special thank you to Ethan Weber and Georgiana Pankhurst (and many others) for all their hard work and tireless efforts to organise such a special event.

We held the combined Christchurch Ecclesia's Sunday school prize giving at the beginning of December. The junior classes all presented their own songs, poems and mini plays, whereas the senior classes combined to present their own play about King Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel and his three friends. The afternoon finished off with a shared dinner of chicken, salads, and slices for dessert. A big thanks to Shay and Devin Davies, and Dan and Rosa Green, for organising and pulling off such a memorable day.

Summer School

At the end of the year many of our members attended Summer School held at Blue Skies in Kaiapoi. This little summary was written by Sis Sarah Weber who attended with her family.

“Another year has just speed by without the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we looked forward with anticipation to a week of learning around God's word in fellowship with people of like precious faith. The main sessions were on Isaiah and God is Spirit. The children in Junior School learned about Joseph, and Materials in the Bible. We had a family afternoon enjoying giant games on the field which resulted in lots of friendly competition, and team four took out the win! We all loved a real fruit ice cream or two in the non-existent summer, but they went down a treat none the less. Our evening sessions were on Egypt, Babylon and Rome. They were very

informative with Bro Stephen Whitehouse zooming in for one of the talks from the UK. We had three family evenings on the same topics which were enjoyed by all, young and old. Our wonderful school ended with a beautiful evening of song and praise to God on the topic God is spirit. What a brilliant way to end 2025 spiritually uplifted ready for 2026. Let's pray this year brings the return of our Lord. God bless us all”.

Travellers

Bro Brydyn Melles has recently travelled to Honiara in the Solomon Islands with other brothers and sisters, on mission work to preach and support the ecclesia there. Bro Ross and Sis Wendy Melles also travelled to Melbourne, to visit family after the birth of another grandchild.

At the end of the year, and with much sadness, we farewelled our Sis Sabrina Officer, who has moved to Sydney to take up employment there. We will miss her cheery and smiling face, and wish her God's speed in this new chapter of her life. I'm sure we will see her return home from time to time in the future.

Our meetings over the past few weeks have been smaller than normal, due to many being away over the summer holidays. We look forward to another busy and active year working together in the Lord's service, and pray this year brings his return.

Visitors over the last 3 months

Ian and Marjorie Bowen, Kelvin and Bev Lyons, Dunedin; Phyl Simpson, Whangarei; Zac and Abi Read, Kent and Dani Larsen, Jared and Verity Crouch, Russell and Fiona Beaumont, Lindsay and Angela Marsden, Lydia Middlemiss, Wellington; Jane Evans, Simon and Rosie Alderson, Lucien Alderson, Ahava Brinkerhoff, Nathan and Sus Lewis, Moriah Lewis, Maria Widemann, Philip and Deb Alderson, Tim and Rachel Brown, Sharon Nicholls, Caleb and Alyssah Jackson, Joseph O'Grady, Dean and Sarah Cowell, Paul and Bron Brown, Christchurch North; Brian O'Grady, Naomi, Isaac and Reuben France,

Michael and Miriam France, Mark and Ngaire O'Grady, Stu and Nina Cambridge, Josh Cambridge, Nathaniel and Shelly Pryde, Lucas Pryde, Sylvia Edwards, Tawa; Nathan Simpson, Colin and Anne Thoms, Riverton; Ariel Martin, Daniel and Hannah Fitch, Woodgate, UK; Mitch and Hannah Hollamby, Jotham Teal, Hutt Valley; Samuel Crawley, Nelson; Sid and Judy Levett, Oliver and Sarah Alderson, Canterbury, Melbourne; Salem Evans, Redcliffe, Australia; Elianna Richards, Enfield, Adelaide; Jeremy Morse, Bristol Downend, UK; Sam Ridgway, Coventry West, UK; Jonny Bowden, Woodville, Adelaide; Stanley Worsnop, Hamilton; Murray and Carol Green, Kaikoura; Ben and Diana Vickery,

Taunton, UK; Chris and Alison Morse, Bracknell, UK; Katrina Jose, Moreton Bay, Brisbane; Andrew and Naomi Knox, Josiah Knox, Juliet Knox, Ben and Lucy Beaumont, Pakuranga; Ian and Lyn Clark, Brighton, Adelaide; Edward and Melissa Patterson, Timaru; Bryce Mansfield, Yagoona, Sydney; Carl and Jeanette Kempster, Tea Tree Gully, Adelaide; Rob and Rachelle Oosthuizen, Alexa Oosthuizen, Invercargill; Daniel Alexander, Miriam Alexander, Dandenong Ranges, Melbourne; Debbie Payne, Whanganui; Sharon and Bethel Glumac, Houston Central, Texas, USA; Josh and Josie Smith, Lismore, NSW; Des and Stacey Partridge, Punchbowl, Sydney.

DANNEVIRKE

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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
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 Meeting Times: 11.00 am Sunday; Bible class 7.30 pm Wednesday in various homes
 Website: www.dunedinchristadelphians.org

Entering the new year 2026, we wait in anticipation that it may be the year 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.



On the 16th of November 2025 we celebrated the uniting of two fellowships together which occurred on the 7th December 2014, a milestone event in the Dunedin Central Ecclesia.

It was held at the Tirohanga Presbyterian camp facility on the Taieri plains. It was a lovely God-given sunny day, and we were able to hold our memorial service on the grass lawns outside. It was a lovely experience holding the service amongst God's nature with grass at our feet and trees and hills in the background. Bro Jason Archer gave a talk on the unification of the two ecclesias, of the doctrine of unity, of faith, of the first command, to love one another, to be of the same mind.

Other items included: A rotating photo slide show showing memories of the past ten years, an escape room game, confidence course, water slide, Sunday School hymn plus many other activities. And of course, the abundant selection of food and a visit from Mr Whippie the Ice Cream truck. In all a very enjoyable and spiritually uplifting day. Many thanks to all who helped with the organization, especially Sis Suzanna Turner who really got the event on the road.

We welcomed back Bro and Sis Ian and Marjorie Bowen who had been to the Solomon Islands carrying out some missionary work helping to spread the gospel. As at date of ecclesial news submission we have not had opportunity to hear about the work they had done over there, other than Bro Ian saying it was very hot! On the way home they connected with family in Australia.

We also welcomed back Bro and Sis Kelvin and Beverley Lyon who had an enjoyable cruise trip around New Zealand and over to Australia. They also had opportunity to connect to their family members to live in Australia.

Sunday School

On the 7th of December the Sunday School held their end of year break up. It was a little different this year: along with the Prize giving to the students and the Sunday school singing a hymn, the children had made some very short movies depicting Biblical plays, and also interviewed various members on the topic "Why did you chose to be a Christian?".



Sunday School Noah's Ark film presentation



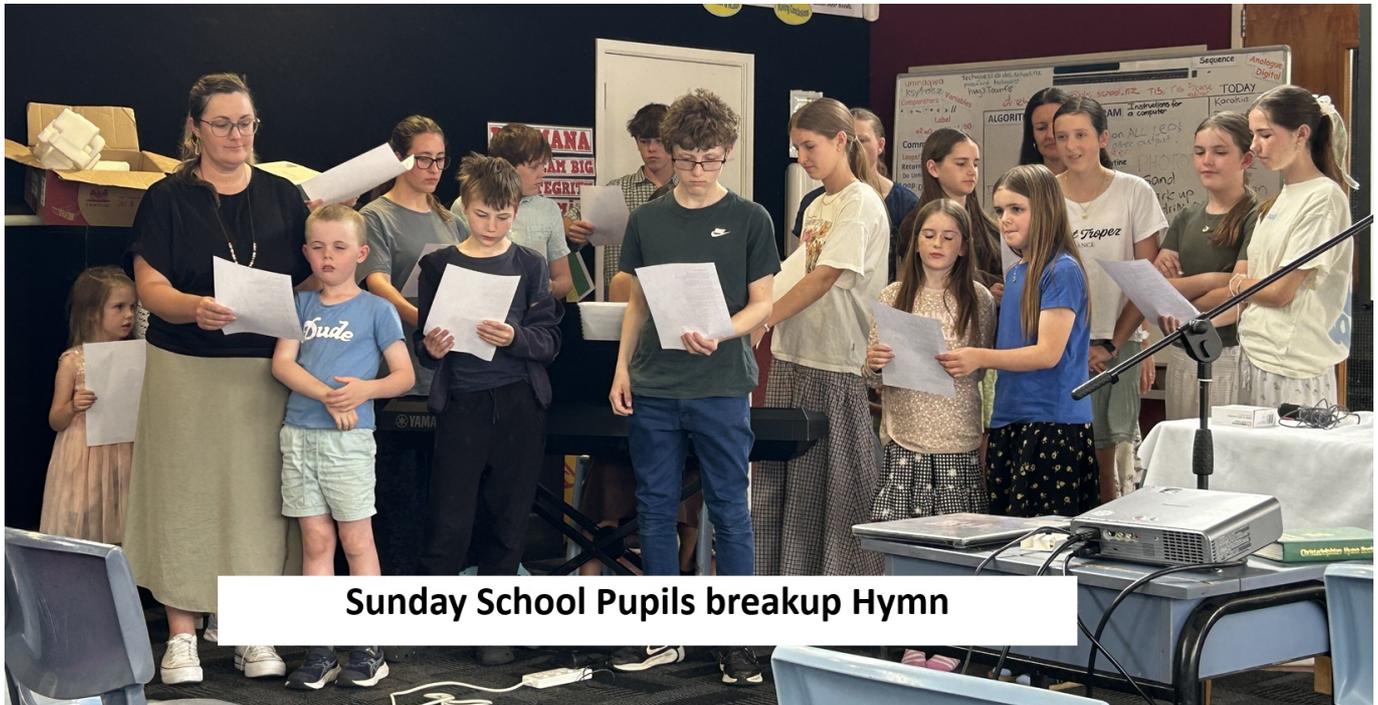
Sunday School Sampson play presentation



Sunday School Singing a Hymn



Fun on the Water Slide



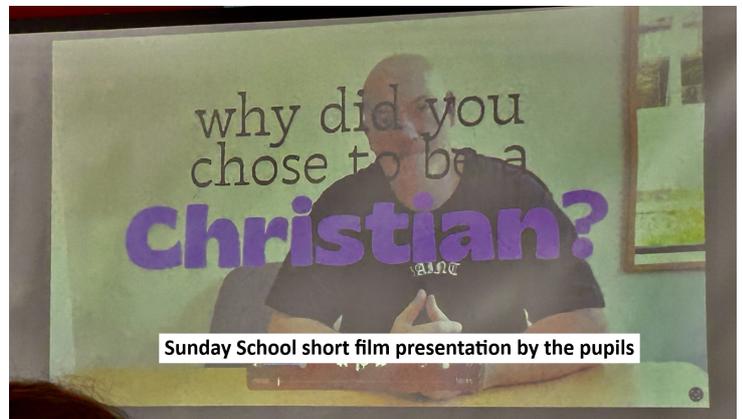
Sunday School Pupils breakup Hymn

Some young members, Layla, Bella, Xanthe and Fynley read out and presented little awards for ecclesial members who carry out various ecclesial tasks that often go unnoticed.

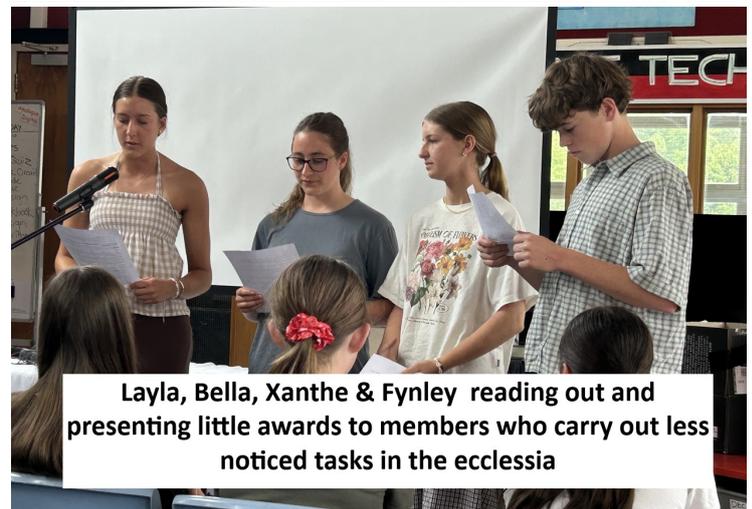
It was great to see the development of the children and acknowledge the time and effort put in by the teachers who teach the things of the Bible.

Visitors

Over the past few months, we have enjoyed the company of the following visiting brothers and sisters. Bro and Sis Joseph and Maria Palmer, San Diego, USA; Bro Bently Archer, Sydney, Australia; Sis Kaitlyn Archer, Punchbowl, Australia; Bro and Sis Evan and Beth Smith, New Lynn, Auckland; Bro Ezek Wang, Bro Joshua Tooth, Christchurch West; Bro Jo Rushforth, Sis Ada Ingram, Invercargill.



Sunday School short film presentation by the pupils



Layla, Bella, Xanthe & Fynley reading out and presenting little awards to members who carry out less noticed tasks in the ecclesia

HAMILTON

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Family Matters

We are delighted to welcome among us Sis Charlotte Simpson, who was baptised in a small quiet ceremony. Charlotte comes from a local Dawn family and has been associating with us recently before her baptism.

Sis Beverly Price is less mobile now after an operation for a broken hip; we pray for her comfort and recovery, acknowledging the blessings of modern medical abilities.

Our young people have lost Elliot Meads to Auckland where he is to start his University education.

Solomon Islands

TJ has provided the following contribution: The whole Reding family had the pleasure of travelling to the Solomon Islands to serve as hosts for the South Pacific Youth Conference and to engage in missionary work. The conference was attended by young people from



Solomon Islands Photos

the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga, Australia and NZ. They then spent two more weeks with team from all around NZ passing out leaflets, presenting a seminar and engaging in various pastoral work across the four ecclesias. They then travelled to Brisbane where TJ exhorted and presented on HIS to both brethren of North Brisbane and Lismore. They thoroughly enjoyed their time overseas and would certainly encourage others to join the many opportunities to get involved in the mission fields.

Sunday School Play

A series of separate plays was staged for the Sunday school breakup, representing episodes from the stories of Elisha, depicting the lessons learned for life. For example, learning how God provides, restores, protects, heals, and is merciful. This plan offered a variety of scenery, ages and acting to portray those concepts.

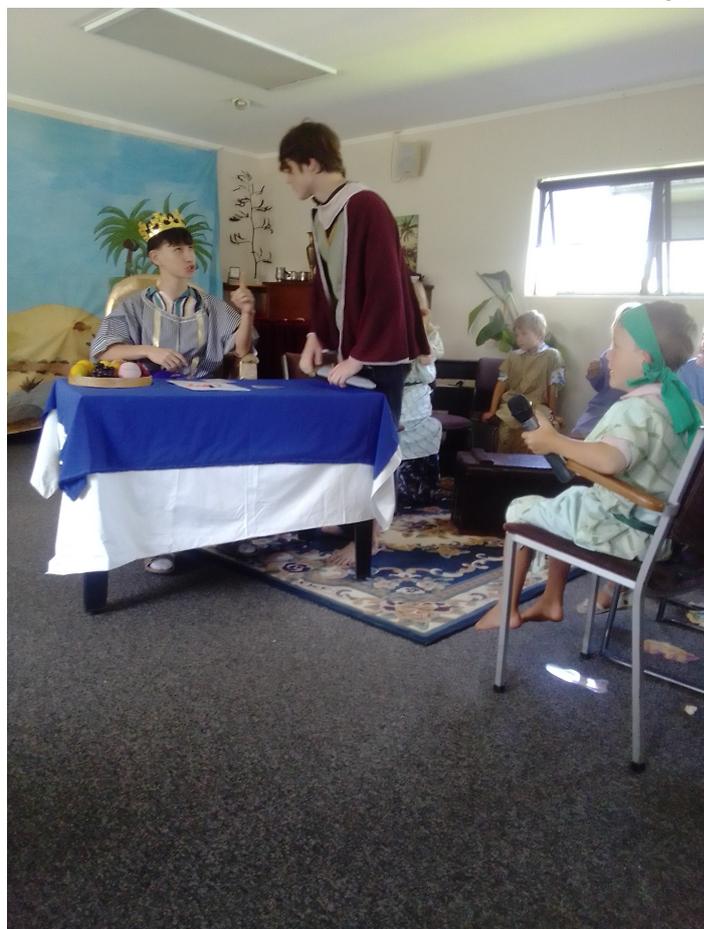
Hamilton 2026 Fraternal

We are looking forward to our annual Fraternal gathering on Sat 7 and Sun 8 March when Bro Tobi Widemann of Christchurch North will discuss “The Early Life of David”. Visitors arriving from 9.30am allows Session 1 to start at 10.00am, followed by a tea break and session 2. Lunch is provided at 1.00pm.

During the afternoon there will be time together, including an optional walk in part of the Hamilton Gardens and riverside, but not through the “internationally famous Specialty Gardens”, which have entry fees now. This will be followed by dinner, Bible readings and games for those who would like to stay.

The Sunday exhortation will complete the series and our fellowship would end after a potluck lunch.

If you require accommodation, please contact Sis Judith Mudge by email at pandjmudge@gmail.com or by mobile on 021 150 5433.



Hamilton Sunday School Elisha Play

Alert on local Roothing, Feb to June 2026

There is a roading closure from Feb to June 2026 on Morrinsville Road to the east of our Hall. The junction connecting Morrinsville Road with Silverdale Rd and Matangi Rd will be totally closed to through traffic in that period for the installation of a complex roundabout.

Ecclesial Visitors

We have welcomed the following visitors recently: Bro Stephen and Sis Ella Gilfillan, Adelaide, SA; Bro Asher and Sis Nat Crouch, Bro Josiah Knox, Sis Juliet Knox, Bro Steve Brinkman (exh), Pakuranga; Bro Gordon Mudge (Thames) Auckland Central; Bro Stephen Connolly, Bro Paul and Sis Jan Teal, Hutt Valley; Sis Kate Alderson, Invercargill.

HASTINGS

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

Links can be provided on request please contact via phone number above

The Hastings ecclesia send our love and greetings to all throughout NZ.

Due to the summer holiday season many of our weekly events have been in recess, however some of our members attended the Bible School in Taupo where they were able to enjoy fellowship, learning from God's word, and a rest from the usual daily grind. The speakers were Bro Joseph Palmer (San Diego) and Bro Darryn Horrell, and by all accounts the studies were both enjoyable and thought provoking.

After Bible School, on 5 January 2026 it was a day of great joy and rejoicing when Sis Shiloh Perrott was baptised at Opito Bay in the Coromandel, with many brothers and sisters, family and friends in attendance. Shiloh has been welcomed into the Hastings ecclesia and we are thrilled to have her in our

midst as a sister in Christ. We pray for God's continued guidance and blessing on Shiloh's walk in faith towards the kingdom.

It has been great to have many of our young people back in The Bay for the summer holidays. We love to have them with us; however we will soon farewell them back to their various locations for the academic year.

Some of our older members are not in good health, and we pray for God's continued care and comfort upon them, and also that we may be of practical help where we can. Despite the realities of mortal life, we know that by the power of the word, "the inner self can be renewed day by day. So we do not lose heart." (2 Corinthians 4 v 16).

We are always keen to have visitors to our small light stand here in Hastings – so if you are passing through, or if you somehow end up on the beautiful East Coast, do drop in, and please let us know if you would like to exhort.



Shiloh Perrott's Baptism

HUTT VALLEY

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Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting 11:00am, Sunday; Sunday School: 9:30am; Bible Class: Sunday 7:00pm (varies between hall, homes and online)

Other meetings: Public Address 7:30pm alternate Thursdays, The Spot 651 Fergusson Drive, Trentham, Upper Hutt

No report this time.

INVERCARGILL

Recorder: Bro Rob Oosthuizen

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Regular meeting times: Memorial Meeting 11.00am Sunday; Sunday School 9.25am Sunday (except holidays); Sunday Evening function most Sundays 7.00pm; Bible Class 7.30pm Wednesday; CYC Saturday nights.

Family News

Bro Isaiah and Sis Rosie Tunnell have been blessed with the safe arrival of their new little daughter Sadie Shawna Tunnell. Little Sadie is also much loved by her big sister Dahlia and big brother Judah who think their wee sister is amazing, and also by her grandparents Bro Rob and Sis Rachelle Oosthuizen. Bro Isaiah's folks, Bro Ethan and Sis Shawna Tunnell have also come over for a visit from San Diego USA, which has been lovely for Isaiah, Rosie and family.

We are sad to be losing two of our families to

Christchurch for employment opportunities. Bro Tim and Sis Susi Beer have already left with Seth, and Bro David and Sis Rachel Maynard with Benjamin and Joseph will follow in the next couple of months. Both families have been a very involved and appreciated part of our ecclesia for some years and we will miss their contributions and their fellowship very much in the Invercargill Ecclesia. We wish them all the best for their shift.

Some of our members have been struggling with health issues and other problems over the last few months. We pray our Heavenly Father

will continue to look after all those who need His help, in whichever way they need it. We sure need our Lord Jesus to return soon and start the changes we know will eventually change the world for the better. The world needs that change desperately.

Cambodia

Sis Asha Oosthuizen spent a wonderful 3 months in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and loved every minute of it. She was part of the mission effort and teaching English to students. Asha felt like she has grown so much spiritually and personally during her time, gaining confidence by doing things she never expected to do. One of the greatest joys of being in Cambodia for Asha was getting to know the local brothers and sisters.



Cambodia Sisters

She said that the Khmer culture is polite and gentle, while knowing how to have a good laugh. They love a tease, value family time, and love music. Asha was surprised at how easy it was to preach and teach the truth in Cambodia – there are far more students than there are tutors available to give them lessons! This is unheard of in New Zealand and many other first world countries where life is too cushy and people aren't so interested in learning about God and His plan. Asha's comment sums up her amazing experience: "We get to be part of something that is so much bigger than ourselves, and the gospel is just as powerful and relevant in Cambodia as it is anywhere else in the world!" It has been lovely to have Sis

Asha home for a bit before she heads away for her studies in Christchurch.

Ecclesial Events

In November the sisters of the ecclesia held an afternoon for our more mature members from Invercargill and Riverton. It was a lovely afternoon where the young people put on some musical entertainment and poetry, as well as some funny clips of older people pranking young members of the community. They were treated to a scrumptious afternoon tea with lots of goodies. The older members got to see how much we appreciate them as valuable members of our ecclesia. It was an afternoon enjoyed by all who attended including the young people and sisters who helped.

After a busy year the CYC breakup was held at the go-kart track where there was some competitive driving and racing. It was decided by the young people that they were much better at it than their parents! This was followed by a BBQ at the home of Bro Tim and Sis Susi Beer.

CYC

The CYC is losing some members heading away this year with Seth, Benjamin and Joseph shifting with their parents to Christchurch and Elise Alderson and Sis Asha Oosthuizen heading to Christchurch for studies. They will all be missed at CYC and we wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Sunday School

Our annual Sunday School breakup was held at the start of December where the young people were celebrated after their year of hard work. Their play was held earlier in the year so we were treated to some enthusiastic singing before they all received well deserved prizes and then shared a special afternoon tea. We have lots of little ones coming along in the ecclesia so look forward to having them join Sunday School and bring their fun wee personalities! Many thanks to the teachers who put in so much time and effort to share the wonderful news of God's plan, purpose and coming kingdom with our young ones. It is

certainly one of the most important and rewarding 'jobs' in the ecclesia.

Lakelands

Several of our ecclesial members recently enjoyed attending the annual Lakeland camp held in Kelvin Heights, Queenstown. Although the weather was a bit brisker than the usual sunny summer days, we still enjoyed warm fellowship around God's word with wonderful spiritual encouragement from Bro David Styles of Shelburne Canada, who was joined by his wife Sis Mary. Some sturdy souls even braved the brisk winds and frigid lake temperatures for their usual daily dunk – whilst the sensible looked on from the lake shore from the comfort of their jackets! However, the chilly weather in

no way dampened our spirits and it was such a blessing from our Heavenly Father to be able to share time together with brothers, sisters and young people from the southern ecclesias, from further afield in New Zealand, and even from as far away as North America and the UK.

Visitors

We have had many visitors join us from around New Zealand and different parts of the world and we have much enjoyed and appreciated their fellowship in the deep south. May 2026 be the year of our Lords return if it is our Father's will – we look forward to it with great anticipation.



Lakelands Camp Photos



KAIKOURA “Kowhai” Ecclesia

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Meeting Times: Memorial meeting Sunday 11:00am; Bible classes at Bro and Sis homes, please contact to confirm venues

No report this time.

NELSON

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Meeting times: Sunday, 11:00am

No report this time.

NEW PLYMOUTH

Recorder: Bro Mark Taylor

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

Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting Sunday at 10.30.am.

No report this time.

PALMERSTON NORTH

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Website: www.pnchristadelphias.co.nz

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

Loving greetings to our brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the past three months many brethren have been away on holiday, at the Taupo Bible School or receiving hospital treatment, so our meetings have been rather small. However, there are two matters to report on.

Sunday School Breakup

On 14 December after the memorial meeting we went round to Bro Matt and Sis Beth's home for lunch which was followed by the Sunday School breakup. After lunch we watched a video put together by all the scholars on David and Goliath. We then played an online game of Kahoot! to test our scriptural knowledge! An enjoyable time was had by all.

Baptism

On Sunday, 11 January, a group of brethren gathered on the bank of the Turitea stream early in the morning to witness the baptism of Daniel Fletcher. We rejoiced with the angels in

heaven as Daniel took on the saving name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Later in the morning at the memorial meeting Bro Daniel was received into the fellowship of the ecclesia. After the meeting we shared lunch together with those visitors who had come to be at the occasion. We pray that our Heavenly Father will bless Bro Daniel in his walk to His Kingdom.

Visitors

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

Bro Lindsay and Angela Marsden, Sis Delene Holm, Bro Anders Holm, Wellington; Bro Colin and Sis Ruth Roberts, Sis Dinah Roberts, Bro Ezra Roberts, Nelson; Bro David and Sis Lee Gibbs, Dannevirke; Bro Travis Scott, Christchurch North.

RIVERTON

Recorder: Bro James Pankhurst

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Meeting times: Sunday Memorial Meeting 11:00am, Thursday Bible Class 7.45pm.

Hello everyone, well we are still here waiting for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. We know from all the events around the world that the time cannot be far away now.

Since our last report, there are four events to report involving members of our Ecclesia.

For the first two, we celebrated the wonderful occasion of the safe arrival of two baby girls: Moriah Edith Simpson, to Bro Eden and Sis Rosie Simpson, born 19th November 2025. Liliana Cindy Godfrey, to Bro Campbell and Sis Danielle Godfrey, born 19th December 2025.

On the 14th of December, after the Memorial meeting, our Ecclesia travelled a short distance from the ecclesial hall to have a BBQ lunch by the beach at Taramea Bay, Riverton. There, after lunch, the Sunday School had their prize giving for the end of their Sunday School year. This was followed by a sand castle competition where each group was required to build a sand castle showing an event in the

Bible. There was one on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Noah's ark, the tower of Babel, the temple that God showed to the prophet Ezekel, and the whale that swallowed Jonah. There was also an area marked out in the sand for hidden treasure, which reminds us of one of the parables taught by Jesus (Matthew 13:44). Once again, we thank Bro Jason and Sis Michalla Kells and their team for all their preparation for this event which was enjoyed by everyone.

The last event was a camp in Lakelands overlooking Lake Wakatipu near Queenstown, where Bro David Styles led a series of studies on the Kings of Judah.

We can be very thankful to our Heavenly Father for the fellowship we can have with each other around His wonderful word, and for the safe travels and returns of our members and their families who had travelled to and from these events (plus Summer School) plus Australia (Bro Russell and Sis Bek Kells and their family).

TASMAN BAY

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 Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting: Sunday 11:30am

No report this time.

TAWA

Recorder: Bro Stuart Cambridge
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 Meeting Times: 11:00am Sunday Memorial Meeting; 6:00pm Sunday Lecture; 7:45pm
 Wednesday Bible Class
 Website: <https://www.thebible.org.nz>

It's a quiet time of year in most ecclesias around the country at the moment, but at Tawa we're slowly picking back up into the New Year. Many of our ecclesial members have enjoyed fellowship at the NZ Summer Bible School, and time with families to refresh for the year ahead. We thank our Heavenly Father for a new year to work in His service.

We have just started back up our regular Sunday evening lectures and were pleased to have a few visitors along to our first class this year. Bro Michael France spoke on current events, particularly focusing on Israel's relationship with their neighbouring countries since their establishment in 1948. Our God is

certainly still working in the nations to bring about His purpose with Israel and the world.

We will shortly begin our CYC and Sunday School year again as well. The Sunday School will be having a 'pancake breakfast' this Sunday (1st February) to kick-start their lessons on the Life of Christ. Late last year the Sunday School put together a fantastic play on the life of Esther which we all thoroughly enjoyed – great acting from all the kids and a huge effort on the part of Bro Dan and Sis Bek O'Grady who put it all together. We have included a few photos of the Sunday School play on Esther.

In a months' time we are having our bi-annual ecclesial camp God willing, with Bro Tim Yearsley speaking on 'My strength is made perfect in Weakness'. We are looking forward to a weekend of spiritual fellowship and fun together.

We have enjoyed welcoming our Sis Hadassah

France back with us on a more permanent basis after a few years living in the UK. It's great to have her around again!

We are eagerly waiting for the return of our Lord and pray that it might be this year 2026, but are thankful for the blessing of ecclesial life which God gives us to enjoy in the meantime.



Tawa Sunday School Play on Esther

TIMARU

Recorder: Bro Bob Tooth

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Meeting Times: 10:30am Sunday; 7:30pm Bible Class Thursday

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No report this time.

WANGANUI

Recorder: Bro Paul Manning

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Meeting Times: Sunday 11:00am; Bible class /proclamation Tuesday 7:30pm

Love and greetings to all from your brothers and sisters in Wanganui.

The summer holiday season is ending, and things are returning to normal. When you have a small ecclesia you tend to notice every absence on a Sunday morning and appreciate every visitor who turns up.

Visitors

We have had the pleasure of welcoming the following visitors:

Bro Mark and Sis Delene Holm, Bro Ken and Sis Christine Morgan, Bro Henry and Sis Jo Stephenson, Bro Sam and Sis Leticia Jackson, Bro Billy and Sis Eleanor Phillips, Wellington; Bro Jeremy Green, Sis Lydia Manning, Christchurch West; Bro James and Sis Jeanette Stephenson, Bro Jethro Stephenson, Tawa; Sis Rose Cox, Leamington Spa (UK); Bro David and Sis Anna Todd, Sim Wigzell, Adelaide; Bro John and Sis Kaye Marsich, Pakuranga; Bro

David and Sis Naomi Stephenson (and family) Nelson. Thank you to those brothers who exhorted.

On that note any brothers who would be willing to come to Wanganui for a day and bring an exhortation (along with wives, family or friends) would be most welcome. Maybe plan a weekend escape and spend Saturday at Wanganui's famous river markets or cruising the river. Even those who live further afield and are maybe planning a holiday or a roadie who could include a Sunday in Wanganui would be most welcome. Just send us an email to let us know when you can come.

We are already in the planning stages of our 2026 Fraternal to be held, God willing, on Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th of September which is the first weekend of the September school holidays. Speaker yet to be announced, watch this space.

WELLINGTON

Recorder: Bro Russell Beaumont

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Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting -Sundays 11:00am; Sunday School 9:30am; Bible Class 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

Happy New Year from Wellington.

We have had a very mixed summer so far but we are feeling sorry for those up north who have endured a much tougher time than down here.

We were sorry to report the falling asleep of our Bro Martin Biddulph who grew up and was baptised in Wellington. He dedicated himself to working in our Ecclesia for many years until he left for Australia quite a few years ago and joined the Cabramatta Ecclesia where he was also very active. He fell asleep on 27 August 2025. Loved brother to Sis Robyn Biddulph of Wellington Ecclesia.

We are always concerned for the health of Sis Gaylene Mellor and she is currently going through a hard time so our prayers are with her. Our prayers are also with Bro Tony Gibbs who is in hospital at present, and Sis Margaret Leith who does marvellously well but gets very tired. Bro Russell Beaumont is recovering well from worrying eye issues.

We rejoice at the engagement of Sis Kade Read, eldest and only daughter of Abi and Zak. We pray they will be blessed in their walk. Kade and Benji have just recently been doing a spell of mission work in Cambodia with Benji's parents.



Kade Read and Benji Ryan's Engagement

Everyone who attended the Bible Schools over Christmas had a very uplifting time and came home renewed in spirit.

Activities

Our Bible Reading Group is doing well and is really enjoyable. We still have one contact.

We held another “pop up shop” in the new Kai Tahu Porirua Food Court. We concentrate on children’s activities and this time we did the Nativity. Like our first one earlier in the year, we had a constant stream of children and parents attend during the lunch period. Thanks to Margaret Nicholls and Shannon Keys who did a marvellous job reading illustrated stories to the children.

We are pleased to hear that the Marsden and Larsen families are really enjoying country life in Christchurch and so are their Wellington grandparents when they travel down.

Our Sunday School breakup play was very depleted of children but they did a marvellous job and we all enjoyed it. Thanks to Shannon for her directing skills.

Bro Nathan Thomas is taking over from Bro Carl Marsden as our new Sunday School Superintendent. We thank Carl and Hannah for all their work in the Sunday School and for everything else over their years in Wellington.

We welcome back Maureen Gouch after an extended stay in Australia. After travelling to her brother’s funeral in Brisbane she went on down to Adelaide to enjoy the company of James and Hannah and her two delightful grandchildren. She is back now to some cooler weather.

We welcome Sis Rose Cox from Leamington Spa UK, and Bro and Sis Roger and Cynthia Miles from Doncaster UK, both visiting family members.

WHANGAREI

Recorder: Chris Wright

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Our ecclesia has welcomed Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon Enstrom from the Bay of Plenty ecclesia, and Sis Val Green from Waitakere to join our meeting. It is certainly a wonderful blessing that Bro Lionel is able to help with presiding and exhorting.

As an ecclesia we joined together at Sis Phyl's place for an end of year celebration. The Wright's also had an ecclesial gathering, a house warming, at the new unit they have just moved to.

Welfare

Health wise – our ecclesia is certainly struggling with ageing.

Bro John Walton is struggling with Alzheimer's and has had to go into care. Sis Ann and the Walton family need prayers as they deal with their situation.

Bro Ray Struckman's hearing has further deteriorated but is still able to read at the meetings.

Sis Beryl Johnson is settling into her new home but has had a couple of falls which do not help her.

Sis Maria Wright is learning to cope with her Low vision.

Bro Roland Johnson is feeling his age and has a few health issues.

Sis Mavis Taylor, from Dargaville, is now confined to her bed. She enjoys a breaking of bread with those who visit most weeks.

Our thoughts are with Bro Steve and Sis Miriam Davis who were unable to attend last week due to flooding on their road. Their home was fine just their access under water. We have certainly had our fair share of rain for this year already, and it's only January.

Visitors

We have enjoyed the company of Bro Iain and Sis Jill Cole and Bro Ian and Sis Lynne Rossow from Kallangur Ecclesia Brisbane, Sis Maxine Swensson, Lakemaba, NSW, and Bro Tim and Sis Gail Hughes, Parklands, Christchurch. We thank those brethren who ministered to us.

BIBLE SCHOOL



59th New Zealand Christadelphian Bible School.

This year's school held at MiCamp on the shores of Lake Taupo was a blessed time spent in the company of those of like precious faith around the word of God.

Our speakers, Bro Joseph Palmer and Bro Darryn Horrell, encouraged us greatly both in the adults and teens sessions.

Bro Joseph spoke on "They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" - Lessons for future kings. He showed how some of the kings of Israel prepared their hearts to follow God while others did not and bore the consequences. They were great lessons for us today as we prepare our hearts for the kingdom. Bro Joseph's talks reminded us to seek God. Through short videos, kings were brought to life. We learned from King Asa the importance of trusting God consistently (not just the first time), and how important it is to surround ourselves with the right people. Even when we're not perfect, God honours those who seek Him.

Bro Darryn spoke on "God's heart for the Vulnerable". He showed God's loving care for the fatherless, the widows, the poor, the foreigner. He also dealt with the lessons of the 'Good Shepherd'. Bro Darryn taught us how we are called to notice and care for each other, especially those who are vulnerable and struggling. Darryn effectively littered his talks with personal testimonies which really helped drive home how people may have much more going on than we may think; so let's learn to practice compassion, good listening, make time for people and to be kind - because you never really know what someone else is going through. Once again great lessons for us in our walk to the kingdom.

The weather was changeable throughout the week but it did not impact on the outdoor plans we had in place.

We had around 45 amazing young people who took part in the 'teens programme' at Bible School this year. We had an exceptional time together around the word, during outings, lighthouse games, good food and great company.

The evening Lighthouse activities were a highlight; American, Australian and New Zealand themed. The line dancing, team sports, interactive quizzes, team games, meditations, and a small powhiri (NZ welcome) were all well received. The lake swims, bush walks and hot pool outings were also standout. And again, the talks were well delivered and received - a great central part of our week together. A special mention needs to be made of the impactful version of the song from the Purple Worship Book no 87 - 'Live for You'

performed by the youth at the Junior School Afternoon.

Thanks to every member of the youth who were respectful and energetic and awesome to hang out with for the week, and especially to those who organised an activity, shared a meditation, prayed or played instruments – you all vastly enhanced our Bible school experience. A memorable youth programme – for all the right reasons!

The Junior School had a fantastic week, with 45 children aged 3–12 taking part. Throughout the programme they explored lessons from the life of King Hezekiah, learning about making good choices, trusting God, and the importance of prayer. Their learning came together in a

lively and energetic play they performed with great enthusiasm. The children also enjoyed joining in whole-school activities such as the lake trip, picnic, and challenges evening, while special junior activities like swimming pools, arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, and plenty of sports and games kept them busy and engaged. It was a week full of fun, growing friendships, and spiritual learning for everyone involved.

If the Lord remains away, this year's Bible School speakers will be, God willing, Bro Richard Morgan from California USA, and Bro Ben Brinkerhoff from Christchurch. Details of their topics and other information will be posted on the website which is; nzCBS.co.nz in April this year.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school 2025/26

We give thanks to God for allowing the school to be held. There were approximately 300 brothers, sisters, friends and young people that attended from several places in the world.

The school started with the memorial meeting. The subject of the exhortation was God at Work. Bro Sam Bailey looked at the dramatics of Esther to encourage us to consider our response to God's providence in our lives.

The afternoon activity involved giant-like games. These were a lot of fun and certainly encouraged togetherness, even though there may have been the usual competitiveness.

Unfortunately, due to family sickness, Bro Stephen Whitehouse could not come over and deliver his studies on Joseph – God Meant it for Good. Thankfully, Bro Michael Wolstencroft was able to step in at the last

minute and lead us in some uplifting and encouraging studies on Isaiah. He focused on the first eight chapters but also gave us a great overview of the book. He brought out some very helpful and practical lessons for everyday life along with encouraging us to see the message in the pictures portrayed in the book.

For our second session we had some well thought out studies on Born of the Spirit delivered by our Bro Mark O'Grady. He confirmed our understanding of the Holy Spirit in scripture and helped us to see its practical outworking in our lives through the study of the Spirit Word. The topic examined our relationship with the Almighty, and His essential relevance in our daily lives. It emphasized 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.



Christadelphian Summer Family Bible School 2025-2026

The evening sessions were centred around the subject of God at Work in the Kingdom of Men. The three talks were given on Egypt, Babylon and Rome and how these nations were

used to further the purpose of God. The family nights also were based on these three kingdoms and had plenty for old and young to participate in.



Christadelphian Summer Bible School 2025/2026

The theme for the Song and Praise evening was God is Spirit. This was an uplifting evening that tied the school together at the end in praise to God.

These studies will be available for you to listen to on the New Zealand Christadelphian Family Bible Schools website www.cfbs.org.nz

The young people enjoyed two sessions. The first was given by Bro Nathan Lewis on the subject of “Opening our eyes.” On the road to Emmaus, two disciples met with Christ, and he opened their eyes and their understanding to all that Moses and the prophets spoke concerning himself. The young people did same and considered some well-known stories, but now with “opened eyes,” to see in them the incredible things concerning Jesus Christ hidden in the record.

The second session was given by Bro Michael Wolstencroft, delving into the Olivet Prophecy and its message for the age in which the disciples lived and its message for us. These were well received by the young people.

Bro Tobi and Sis Mishael ran Junior school this year. The subject for the first session was on

Joseph, where they looked at what Joseph went through in his life and how he was an amazing type of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the second session they looked at some of the materials used frequently in the Bible. They explored how these materials were produced, what they were used for and what they symbolised in scripture. This was a practical hands on session.

As always, the afternoon craft class sessions were a hit with all the children.

If our Lord should remain away and it be God’s will, we will be holding another Summer School at Blue Skies on 25th December – 2nd January 2026/27. The speakers for that school, God willing, will be Bro Peter Owen from the UK, and Bro Roger Lewis from NZ. Subjects are yet to be confirmed. If you would like to join us, please see our website for details www.cfbs.org.nz. Applications open in early August 2026.

Love in our Lord Jesus Christ.
Joel Struckman
On behalf of the working committee.

LAKELANDS FAMILY CAMP

Lakeland Family Camp

We are very thankful to our Heavenly Father for another wonderful weekend of fellowship around His word at the Lakeland Family Camp 2026. Held from Thursday 22nd to Sunday 25th in Queenstown, primarily for the southern ecclesias, around 150 brethren, sisters and their families met together amidst the beauty of God’s creation.

Bro David and Sis Mary Styles joined us from Shelburne, Canada, and Bro David led our studies to the topic Lessons from the Kings. We considered exhortations and warnings from the lives of kings Jeroboam, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah and Ahab.

We were warned from Jeroboam how easily the nation was turned aside from following God’s



way to another way which led to destruction. In contrast, King Asa is an encouraging example of industry in cleaning up idolatry of whom it was said that his “heart was perfect with the LORD all his days” (1 Kings 15:11). Jehoshaphat taught the people from God’s word and both he and Asa took advantage of times of peace to prepare for future challenges. We too should take advantage of the time we have to encourage one another in God’s word and His way. Hezekiah was brought to a point in his life where he could not rely on himself and encourages us with his example of humility and trust in God, in contrast to Ahab who was willing to work with God only when it suited his objectives in life.

It was a little colder than usual this year, so during the free afternoons only the brave faced the cold waters of the lake while others walked the beautiful lakefront. There was time to relax and enjoy plenty of food, fellowship, board games or to simply stare in wonder at the view.

A euchre tournament one evening involved both young and old with much laughter and goodwill.

We thank our Father for another opportunity to encourage one another and pray that His Son’s return may be soon.

Sis Ruth Oosthuizen

CAMBODIA MISSION WORK UPDATE

Looking around at a hall bursting with people singing their hearts out to 'Our God is an Awesome God' was one of my favourite moments of the Cambodian Bible School. The guitar and drum were played so enthusiastically many people were dancing as they sang.

Over the six days we were at the Bible School I was reminded again just how amazing our God is. We get to be part of something that is so much bigger than ourselves, and the gospel is just as powerful and relevant here in Cambodia as it is anywhere else in the world!



Cambodian Christadelphian Bible School 2025

One of the greatest joys for me of being in Cambodia has been getting to know the local brothers and sisters. The Khmer culture is polite and gentle, while knowing how to have a good laugh. They love a tease, value family time, and love music. Karaoke and dancing is a common ecclesial activity after Friday night readings!

The biggest challenge for me has been teaching English classes, which is the main form of outreach work at the BEC (Bible Education Centre). I never saw myself as a teacher, much less of English! I started out nervous and feeling very out of my depth, but with practice it has become something I absolutely love. The students who are really invested and ask great questions provide the most rewarding experience - I often leave those classes buzzing and wanting to do it all again, straight away!

One thing that surprised me is just how easy preaching the gospel is here - Cambodia is a secular country, and although the main religion is Buddhism, converting to Christianity is not uncommon. The BEC offers free English classes taught using the Bible, and there are so many people interested that they don't have enough teachers for all the students who want lessons! It is as Jesus says in Matthew 9:

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few'.

The dorm project in Phnom Penh is also a very successful preaching method - free Christadelphian-funded accommodation available to poor students in exchange for them attending ecclesial activities and Bible lessons.



Phnom Penh ecclesia sisters' class

Spending nearly three months in Cambodia has helped me so much spiritually! I never knew just how blessed I have been to grow up reading the Bible every day and having a community that lives out the principles of the truth.

It has been a real 'stretching and growing' experience for me here; I've done a lot of things I never thought I could - such as teaching English classes, helping lead discussion groups and worship with 5 minutes notice, even eating barbecued frog!

It has also been such a helpful perspective reset to realise that living and sharing the gospel is really the only thing that is important in this life. And yes, mission work is all about helping others toward God's kingdom, but there is also huge personal and spiritual growth that comes from doing it - I have felt so blessed and looked after while being here!

If you're considering doing mission work, I couldn't recommend it highly enough. It's not just for 'special' people, everyone can contribute in some way and the blessing and growth that comes from doing it is so rewarding.

Mark 14:8 *'She has done what she could'*.

If you'd like to know more about mission work in Cambodia, or find out how you can help, I'd love to hear from you! Here are my contact details:

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Love in the precious hope we share,

Asha

P2P MISSION TRIP TO TONGA



P2P Mission Trip to Tonga

From the 6th to 20th of December, a group of young people travelled to Tonga as part of the P2P program, which equips youth to confidently share the gospel through both words and actions. During the trip, the group worked alongside the local ecclesia in preaching, Bible classes, youth activities, and practical service within the community.

Preaching activities included visiting local areas and handing out pamphlets with members of the Tongan ecclesia. The group also assisted the community through yard clean-ups and providing food to those in need. In Tonga, faith is often recognised through practical actions as

much as words, and the response from the community was encouraging, with many asking about the group's purpose and involvement.





Within the ecclesia, the young people helped run Bible classes, meetings, and youth-focused activities, including Bible marking, music, and discussion sessions. These experiences allowed both the visiting and local youth to grow in confidence, leadership, and engagement with their faith.

South Pacific Youth Camp (SPYC)

Immediately following the Tonga trip, young people attended the SPYC camp in the Solomon Islands from the 21st to 26th of

December. The camp brought together youth from Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada under the theme “The Ultimate Prize.” It was amazing for our Tongan teens to meet up with some New Zealanders, and God willing, they would like to connect back up with them again.

The camp offered a joyful, faith-focused environment with studies, singing, games, skits, and shared activities. It allowed Pacific Island young people to experience the same fellowship and spiritual encouragement enjoyed at youth camps in Australia and New Zealand, made possible through the support of attendees from across the region.

A key highlight was the strong sense of unity and connection among the participants. By the end of the week, it felt like a true family in Christ, with lasting friendships formed across countries.

The connections between the Tongan and Fijian young people, in particular, highlighted the value of both the P2P mission trip and



SPYC camp and the significant impact they had on the Tongan ecclesia and its youth. The mission trip gave young people opportunities to practise leadership, teaching, and service, while building confidence and engagement in church life. Activities like Bible classes, music sessions, and community service helped the youth develop skills and deepen their faith.

The SPYC camp reinforced these benefits by allowing Tongan youth to connect with peers from other countries. These friendships provide ongoing encouragement and inspiration, while also strengthening the spiritual life of the ecclesia. The experiences gained during these initiatives have motivated greater participation, fostered new ideas for youth activities, and created momentum for future growth and collaboration.

Looking Ahead

Both initiatives are a reminder of the importance of investing in young people and supporting ecclesias across the Pacific. They continue to open doors for connection, encouragement, and spiritual growth. We thank everyone who supports these efforts and we look forward to seeing these relationships and initiatives continue to flourish in the years ahead.

And as always, if you are keen to help out towards Tonga in any capacity, we would love to chat to you about it, the Tongan's Ecclesia is so grateful for your love, contact and prayers.

God bless you all.
Much love,
Zak and Abi Read.



SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSION TRIP



THE HONIARA ECCLESIA

Attendees: Brydyn Melles (Christchurch West), TJ and Lynette Reding with Mavis and Edith (Hamilton), Stephen Connolly (Hutt Valley), Charis Teal (Hutt Valley), Abi Godfrey (Christchurch North), Ian and Marjorie Bowen (Dunedin).

On the 19th of December there was a South Pacific Youth Conference, SPYC, for a week at the Solomon Islands attended by other Pacific Islanders, including Fiji, Tonga, Australia, Vanuatu, and Canada. It was very encouraging to see young people create friendships and relationships from across the Pacific.

After SPYC finished, Ian and I (Marjorie) flew in from New Zealand and joined the group.

We were met by Alan Thompson from Adelaide and Sis Marilyn Schipper who had just landed from Adelaide. Sis Marilyn is taking over the running of the Sunday Schools in the Solomon Islands, so was keen to photograph and name each child.

The heat was intense as the humidity was high the whole time we were there.

That first Sunday at the meeting with the locals, a young girl, Grace, started us off on the

hymn singing acapella and what beautiful harmonies could be heard. They all love to sing. Bro TJ gave the exhort and then we had fellowship and lunch afterwards.

It was an early 4:00am the next day for the ferry which took us to another island, Malaita, two hours away. We were met by Sis Nesta and walked to our hotel in the town of Auki. That afternoon we handed out leaflets at the local market. The locals were very receptive and friendly so we trust the Lord will grow the seed further. Later on some of the local Christadelphians came to meet with us, to have fellowship and do the readings together.

The next day we hired a van and went to Bio where Bro Alfred and Sis Nesta have a meeting room beside their home. The young people entertained the small children before Sis Marilyn did a Sunday School lesson for them.

It was a 15-minute walk to our next visit, with Bro Joseph and Pricilla. They had planned to kill a pig for our feast, unfortunately though, it was only killed as we arrived so we had to decline the feast as it would not have been ready before our taxi van was to arrive back (think 4-5 hours!). Brydyn gave a talk on Job which was good and meant not all was lost.

The wait for the ferry the next day on New Year's Eve meant there were many people waiting to get on board, so it was a sweltering, jostling, and pushing wave that got us onto the boat, with people being thrown off just as readily. Thankfully we all made it back.

On New Year's Day a truck was organised to take the Honiara ecclesia to the beach. We enjoyed lovely warm water and lunch. It was a delightful day, till the trip home on the back of the truck when some people decided to throw diesel over a lot of us on the way back! Not nice.

Some of the Kiwis and all the Aussies left over the next weekend, leaving Ian and myself, TJ and Lynette, Brydyn, and Stephen for the next week.

Once everyone had safely left, we hired another truck and went to purchase wood, cement board, tin, etc for some building under Sis Lily's house. Sis Lily is looking after Bro Reuben who is 80 and has had bad health conditions for 15 years. The floor had been done by two brothers from Adelaide three weeks before and Stephen and Ian finished it off. The whole team spent the first day unloading the materials down the hill about 300 metres to Sis Lily's house. It was certainly hard going!

The last week we were there we got pamphlets printed and before they left, Charis and Abi (along with Lynette) made material signs advertising a seminar for the Wednesday and forthcoming seminars over the next few Saturdays we could attach to a truck (thanks to Bro TJ's inspiration). We leafletted all through the central market and then travelled up and down the villages outside Honiara visiting local markets in a truck kitted out with the signs and making a big impression for the public!

Many local Christadelphians came to it and three interested friends to hear TJ speaking. Hopefully Bro Joe will get more enquires there for the future.

The second-to-last day Brethren Steve and Ian finished Bro Reuben's house, and he was so delighted! It was a very special moment.

The last day we hired a truck and all went to Blape where Bro Joe and Patricia made us a beautiful meal. Many of the other young people were there too and we did the readings and sang songs. It was lovely fellowship altogether.

Lots of local brethren saw us off at the airport, and it was quite sad with many tears. We had all developed such a close bond with them. May God continue to watch over and bless them all and may God's truth continue to spread throughout the Solomon Islands and indeed the Pacific!

Ian and Marjorie Bowen



Building, Cladding, and Bro Reuben in his new house



Truck signage prepared by Lynette and Charis

Out preaching





Out Preaching and a Seminar led by TJ



Sis Annie with Mavis and Edith out preaching



Off to the beach on the back of the truck



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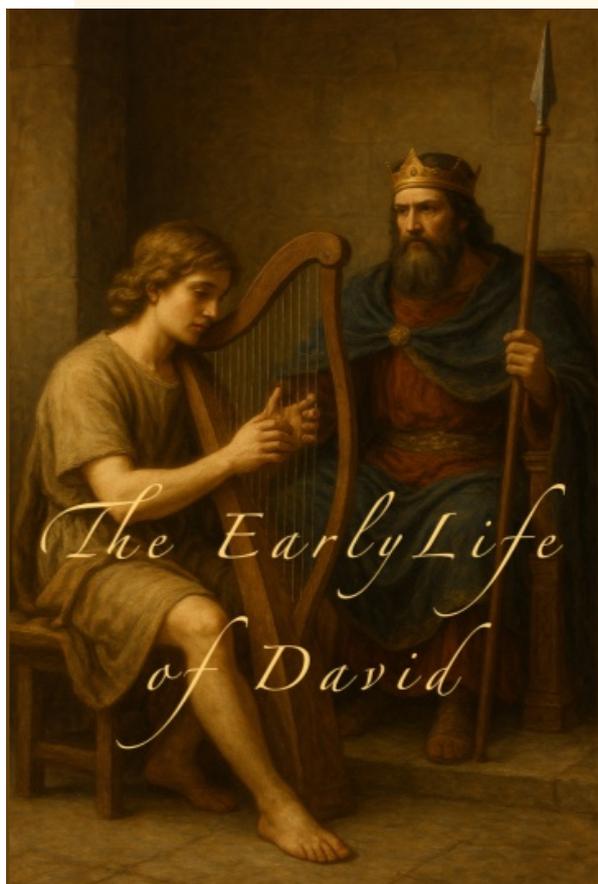
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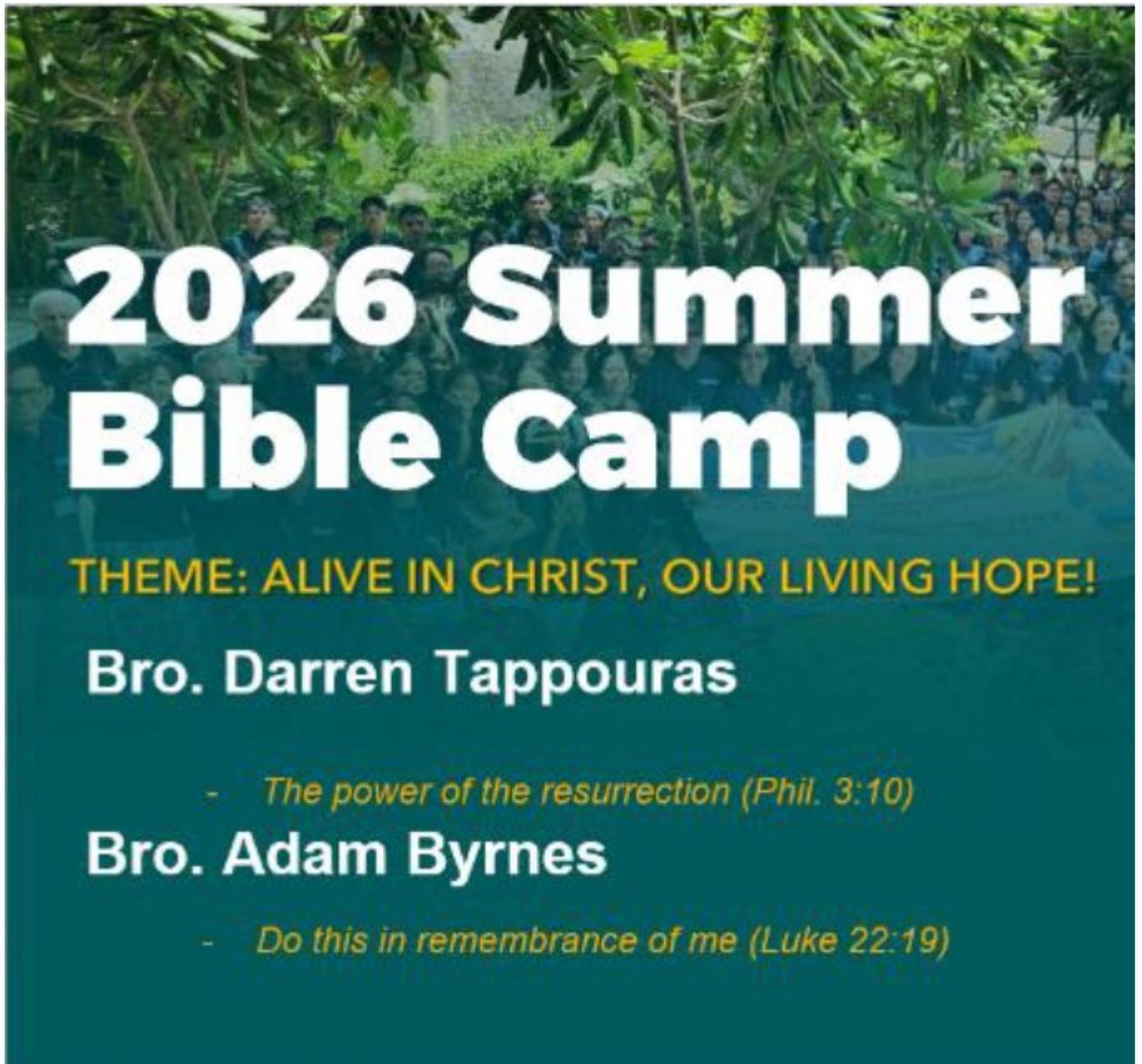
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Sunday 8th March

11:00 AM Exhort: **Man after God's own heart**

1:00 PM Lunch (Potluck)





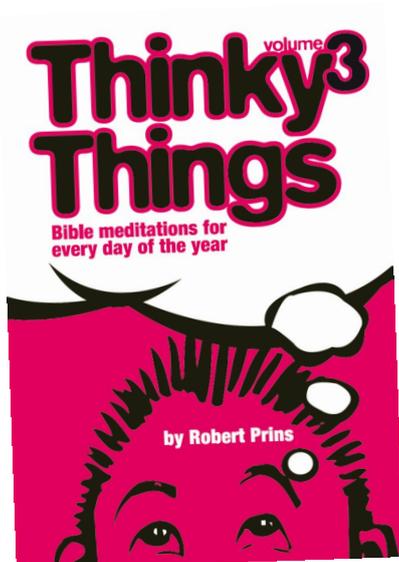
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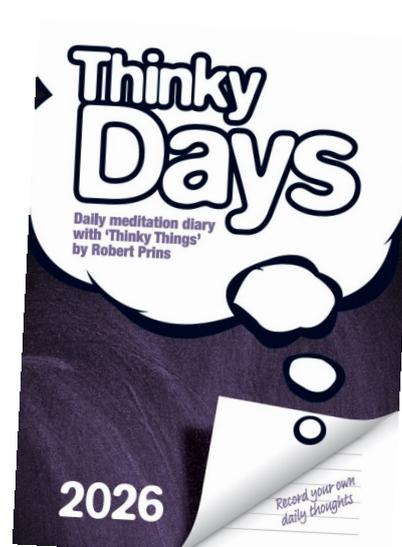
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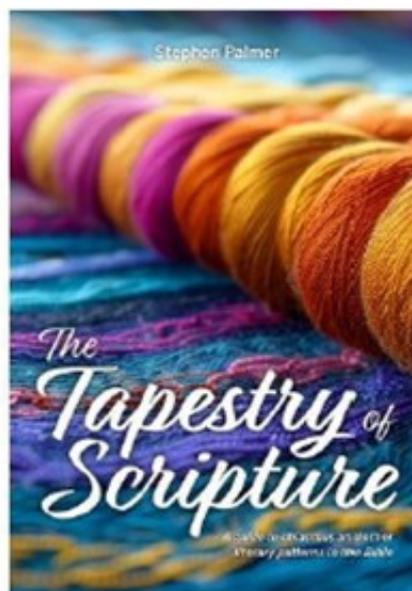
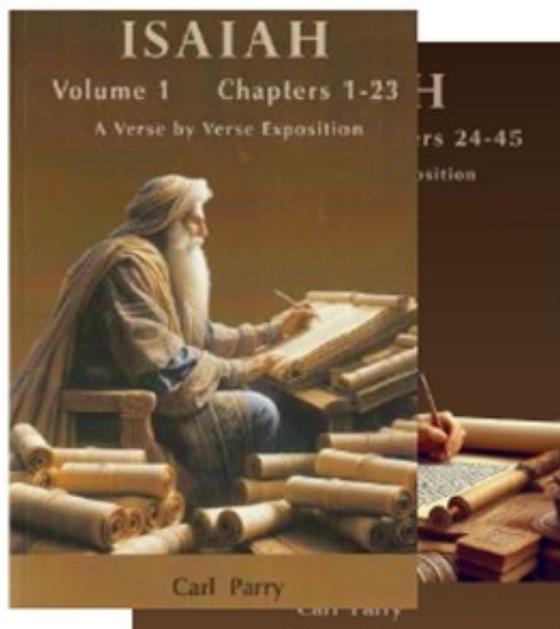
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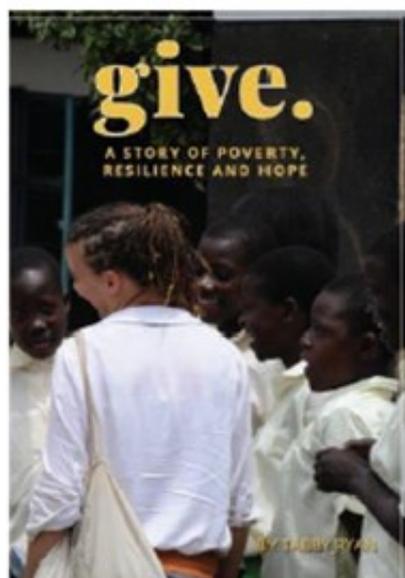
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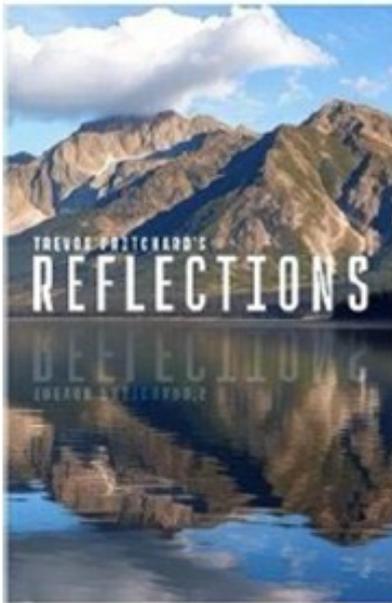


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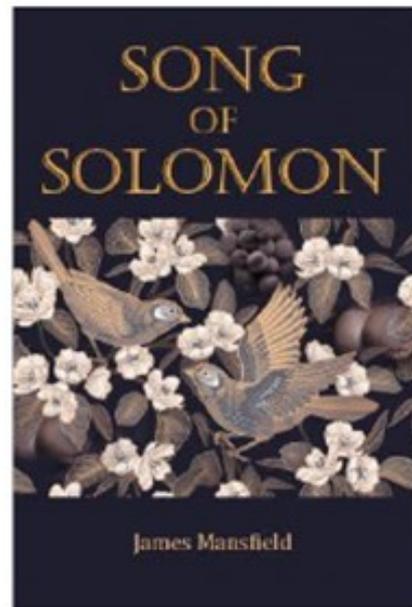


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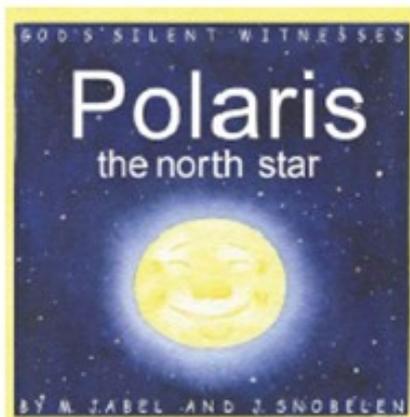


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