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*You make known to me the
path of life; you will fill me with
joy in your presence, with eternal
pleasures at your right hand.*

Psalm 16 v 11 NIV

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*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
Philippians 4:4 ESV*

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"Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

Luke 10 v 20 - 21 ESV

EDITORIAL - Joyful

Over the last month or so, Sharon and I have had the joy of visiting several different ecclesias. It has been wonderful to have received joyful welcomes in the places we have stayed. We have experienced smiles, hugs, warm greetings and great hospitality. There were even tears of joy at Bible class one night as we discussed the grace and forgiveness of God. God is good!

Nine baptisms are listed in this issue of the *Ecclesial News*, and we have been blessed to attend four of them. There we felt the joy of the Lord, the joy of the angels and the joy of the salvation of our God. In those joy-filled occasions we experienced joy in the smiles, the happiness, the singing, the praise, the prayers and in tears.

Joy is a vital part of our life in Christ. Joy is an essential part of the fruit of the Spirit. Paul tells us to rejoice in the Lord, and Jesus tells us to rejoice when we are persecuted. If that is so, then our joy should be full even when we are not being persecuted.

Showing joy attracts people. We all want to be with happy people. People want to be with others who are making the most of life, who are positive, loving and make them feel welcome. People want to be with people who are showing joy. I think that's why people wanted to be around Jesus.

When Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem just before his final Passover feast, people thronged to join his joyful procession into the city. What a day it was! Luke says: "*When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in*

heaven and glory in the highest!'" (Luke 19: 37 – 38 NIV). What a celebration!

But the Pharisees refused to rejoice. In their long, formal robes, they stood aloof from the dancing, singing and shouting. They had frowns on their faces. They were muttering to each other, grumbling and plotting to kill Jesus. Their sour faces never cracked a grin. They were joyless, lost in a world of tradition, ritual and formality. As they watched the parade that marched Jesus into Jerusalem, they said to one another, "*See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"*" (John 12:19).

The "*whole world*" was following Jesus because there was joy! The joy they saw made them want to join in. The ministry of Jesus was one of healing and rejoicing. People wanted to be with Jesus because they were welcomed. They wanted to be with Jesus because it made them feel good. When they praised God, they discovered that genuine praise lifted them up. The best advertisement for Christ is joyful Christians. It's no wonder we are told to rejoice, to give thanks and to praise so often through the Bible.

But if we are joyless, ritualistic, self-righteous grumblers like the Pharisees, we also will have to "*travel over land and sea to win a single convert*" (Matthew 23:15), and woe to us if we make them like ourselves!

I am glad we are a nation of joyful ecclesias. Let's continue to grow and spread that joy both individually and as a body.

In expressing our joy, wouldn't it be great to have it said of us, as it was of Jesus, "*Look how the whole world has gone after him!"*"

EVENTS

29 May - 1 June 2026

June weekend, Wellington

Speaker: Bro Will Patino

12 June

HIS applications close

4-11 July 2026

Winter School

Venue: Napier Girls' High School

Speakers: Bro Ken Styles on "God's

Wisdom in the Family Design",

and Bro Rob Oosthuizen on "The
Benjamites and the Hope of Israel"

Bookings and more details at

www.cfbs.org.nz/winter-school/

16 - 19 July 2026

NXT GEN Camp, Auckland See
advertisement on page 60

Sunday, 26 July

Whanganui and Palmerston North

Combined Meeting

30 July 2026

Ecclesial News Issue 257 deadline for
submissions

Early August 2026

Summer School applications open

Saturday 8 August 2026 - 12.00noon–5.00
pm

Palmerston North Ecclesial Fraternal
Gathering

Ashhurst Village Valley Centre, Ashhurst

Speaker: Bro James Stephenson

11 – 13 September

Nelson Special Effort

Speaker: Bro Steve Hornhardt on “Behold I
come! – Blessed are they that watch”

25 – 27 September

New Lynn Fraternal

Speaker: Bro David Zammit, Moorebank,
NSW

Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th of
September

Wanganui Fraternal

Details to come

Friday 23 - Monday 26 October 2026

Labour Weekend

Tautuku Camp, Southland

Speaker: Bro Sam Bailey

Topic: TBA

Bookings open in June

30 October 2026

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submissions

4 - 20 December

ACBM South Pacific Mission

See advertisement on page 54

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.

Dec 28th - Jan 3rd
 NZ Christadelphian Bible School
 MiCamp Taupo
 Speakers: Bro Richard Morgan from Simi
 Hills Ecclesia, USA, on, Living by Faith
 and Bro Ben Brinkerhoff, Christchurch
 North, on, Judah: overcoming resentment

30 January 2027
 Ecclesial News Issue 259 deadline for
 submissions

30 April 2027
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 submissions

21 – 23 May 2027
 Women at the Well
 Hamner Springs
 See advertisement on page 58

2028
 NZYC in Christchurch
 Subject: David: A man after God's own
 heart.
 To pre-register, please go to: [https://
 www.nzyouthconference.org.nz/](https://www.nzyouthconference.org.nz/)

*Shout for joy to the
 Lord, all the earth.
 Worship the Lord
 with gladness; come
 before him with
 joyful songs. Know
 that the Lord is God.
 It is he who made us,
 and we are his; we
 are his people, the
 sheep of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with
 thanksgiving and his
 courts with praise;
 give thanks to him
 and praise his name.*

Psalm 100 v 1 - 4 NIV

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 Judith Taganahan, Dunedin Central

Sis Mari Fernandez, 2 May 2026, Waitakere

Bro Ethan Weber, Christchurch West

Sis Hannah Fletcher, 8 February 2026, Palmerston North

Sis Micah Clark, Nelson

Sis Psalm Roberts, Nelson

Sis Georgiana Pankhurst, Riverton

Sis Chloe Noll, 8 March 2026, Pakuranga

Bro Haydn Roche, 28 March 2026, Pakuranga

Births

The new life of hope

Salem Alexander Lewis, born to Bro Jacob and Sis Hannah Lewis, Tawa

Finley (Finn) Wallis Beer, born to Michael and Katie Beer, 14 March 2026, Christchurch North. A brother to Freya and Hazel.

Nicholas Jason Gilmore, born to Chris and Jenny Gilmore, Riverton

Deaths

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

Sis Mavis Taylor from Dargaville, Whangarei

Sis Beth Smith, 5 April 2026, New Lynn

Bro Graham Worsnop, Kallangur /Maranatha, Qld, formerly Pakuranga

Bro Paul Vogel, Christchurch West

Bro Eddie Struckman, Christchurch West

Bro Alistair Petrie, Wellington

FAMILY NOTICES

Engagements

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

Bro Hayden Roche to Sis Chloe Noll, Pakuranga

Marriages

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

Transfers

Transfers within the family of God

Bro Daniel Welsh from Invercargill to Pakuranga

Bro Robin and Sis Varna Bennett from Auckland Central to Pakuranga

Bro Gavin and Sis Vivienne Longstaffe from Auckland Central to Pakuranga

Bro Calvin Zhu and Sis Amy Liang from Auckland Central to Pakuranga

Sis Rebekah McIvor from Auckland Central to Pakuranga

Bro Gordon Mudge from Auckland Central to Pakuranga

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

Sis Lesley Ledger from Hamilton to Christchurch area

Sis Anita Smith from Dunedin Central to Nelson

Bro Jesse and Sis Colleen Brown from Christchurch North to Bible Hall

Sis Asha Oosthuizen from Invercargill to Christchurch West

Bro Oliver Barber from Wellington to Tawa

Bro Chris and Sis Jenny Gilmore from Camden, Sydney, to Riverton

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- Talk about it with others in your ecclesia.

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AUCKLAND - CENTRAL

Recorder: Bro Gavin Longstaffe

Over recent years the number of participating members of the Auckland Central ecclesia has diminished considerably. For approximately 4 years the ecclesia has not had a fixed place of meeting due to the low numbers.

It has been determined that it is not practical for the ecclesia to continue.

As a consequence of this decision, a blanket transfer has taken place with existing members transferring to the Pakuranga Ecclesia.

The Auckland Central ecclesia will cease to exist and the ecclesial affairs will be finalised.

This transfer is effective from 22 March 2026

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

Our love to you all, from your family here at New Lynn. 2026 continues with an abundance of global unrest, war, rumours of war, geopolitical instability and more. Sky rocketing fuel, transport and commodity prices should remind us that our treasures and security are not of this world and our reliance on our Heavenly Father at this time should be paramount. We see the world and civilisation crumbling before our very eyes – and we pray earnestly for the imminent return of Jesus to set up the Kingdom and restore righteousness, peace, and stability.

In the Hope of the Resurrection

Our beloved Sis Beth Smith fell asleep on April 5th, aged 55, after a tragic accident. We mourn along with her husband, Bro Evan, at this time and pray our Lord will sustain him during this difficult time of grief and loss. We also sorrow with our Bro Paul Marley, Beths brother, Sis Liz and Sis Kauri, and the wider Marley and Smith families. Sis Beth was a positively vibrant, vivacious, hardworking, and generous person, always reaching out to family, friends, brothers, sisters, and others. She was greatly loved by many in the ecclesia and we will miss her deeply. Beth's race is run and she now rests



New Lynn Ecclesial Camp

in faith; we await the certain day of resurrection when we will see her once more, upon our Lord's return.

CYC / Sunday School

Sunday School started up this year with a delightful pancake breakfast, much enjoyed by students, teachers, and parents alike. This year, they are studying the Life of Jesus. A combined Sunday School with Waitakere and PK also occurred in March and was enjoyed by all the Auckland youth.

CYC started up mid- February with a pivot from the planned programme due to poor weather. An afternoon and evening of games and food was held at Mark and Becky William's house, this being the first of the all-Auckland combined CYC. Two different study series this year include looking at Bible 'pairs' with a talk already on Cain and Abel; and, studies around Jesus' disciples – with a study on Thomas kicking this series off. Activities have already included games followed by readings and afternoon tea enjoyed at the New Lynn Hall (another wet weather pivot from the planned mini golf), and a sports session at Avondale with a pizza lunch was also enjoyed. A bake-off evening was also enjoyed with the

CYC split into five teams, resulting in a Master Chef-style presentation and judging of each teams' effort - and then eating the results for supper. Pizza scrolls, muffins, brownie, choc chip cookies, and Rice Krispie cake were made and enjoyed by all the young folk at the hall (anything food related is always a hit!)

Sis Kauri, Ben A, Ollie and Asher flew down to the Easter Camp in Wellington for the bi-annual NZYC Youth Conference (along with other CYC members from the wider Auckland ecclesia's also attending). The theme for the weekend was Joseph. The CYC have had prior study evening groups to complete the workbook. By all accounts it was a wonderful weekend of friendship, fellowship, and fun which our youth greatly benefited from. Meanwhile, Bro Ronald flew over to Adelaide for their young person's H20 conference and also the Wilderness camp, in April.

Junior CYC kicked off with a camp held early March which was enjoyed by the Auckland junior CYC age members and families.

Classes and Events

Our Bible class and Bible hour programmes recommenced after summer recess. Bible hour

topics have included 'The Framework of Bible Prophecy' including Genesis 3, OT and NT Kingdom of Men Prophecies. We are also trialling video presentation sessions, along with subsequent open discussion, something our Open Day contacts requested. We also held a talk in an external venue again in mid-April, at the Te Atatu Community Centre. The talk was on "The Gospel – Good News for a Troubled World".

Bible class topics have included a very interesting series of talks on the First Century ecclesia and comparisons with present day ecclesial principles and practise – very apposite with the current world climate. We are also listening to a series on "Live like the Thessalonians", by bro Stephen Whitehouse which were given overseas. They draw comparisons to the Thessalonian ecclesia and their issues compared to our own, and show lessons we can learn from them. Meanwhile, our Home Readings groups have also recommenced, looking at 2 Peter.

Our bi-annual ecclesial camp was held in March, at the Houghton's Bush camp at Muriwai. With thanks to the organising committee and hard-working catering helpers for their organisation and hard work and service, the camp was amazing. The theme for the weekend was service in the ecclesia. It showed how we are all part of One Body and how we can help in many ways and in different capacities. This included interactive workshops around the Lion, Lamb, Donkey and Eagle. We looked at their attributes both naturally and scripturally and then how we can use these said attributes for our service within the ecclesia which were presented by making posters and presenting them. A games and sports afternoon – including a great game called Gobble Noughts and Crosses and also Chinese Whispers team drawing and an evening fun activity based on the TV show 'Taskmaster', with teams undertaking various tasks in a team game format were also enjoyed. Bro Glenn exhorted us as the Bride of Christ on the Sunday morning to round our thoughts off. The food and weather were amazing. The

fellowship, fun and time together as an Ecclesia away from the world was amazing. We thank our Heavenly Father for such an uplifting weekend in currently hard times; the fellowship helps bond us during this difficult period.

Over ANZAC weekend, Bro Dave and Sis Pip also organised a tramping weekend to The Pinnacles, where they, and a few other families took opportunity to take a break surrounded by God's creation.

Travel

Bro Bailey Alexander took a vacation to Sydney in February, where he caught up with family. Sis Liz and Sis Kauri Marley headed over to UK during February, to catch up with their UK family. Whilst grey and cold, they had a lovely time, especially with Liz's elderly parents and wider family. We thank God for their safe travels and return – just a few days before the Middle East conflict blew up. Bro Dave Dangerfield has been to Adelaide for work and took the time to also catch up with wider family there. Sis Marilyn Lau has flown over to Europe with her husband Tony, to spend time with their family, whilst Bro Zay and sis Georgia have travelled to Japan for a holiday. We pray for a safe trip to all those absent and their safe return to us down under.

Other welfare

We have had a lot of colds doing the rounds this season already and we also think of our Sis Beth Lean who had a spell in hospital and subsequent recovery at home. We remember our elderly members in our prayers and those also who are struggling with other cares, trials, grief and loss.

We had a lot of visitors over the period, not least a few from UK in January, who were here visiting various family members, and enjoying an escape from the northern winter. We thank all for their fellowship. God bless you all and keep you safe in His loving arms as we continue in 2026 to prepare ourselves for Jesus' certain soon return.

AUCKLAND - PAKURANGA



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Meeting Times: Sunday School (in school terms) 9:20am, Memorial Meeting 11:00am, Wednesday Bible Class 7:30pm (except for the first Wednesday of the month being Sisters Class). 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.

Health

We are thankful for our Heavenly Father's love and care during the recent surgery for Sis Jackie Grieve.

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to Sis Ruth Devis and the Marley family and to Bro Evan Smith of New Lynn ecclesia and the Smith family, on the tragic loss of their loved one, Sis Beth Smith.

We extend our sympathy to Sis Cheryl Franklin and the Franklin family, on the recent loss of her mother Sis Annette Franklin of the Companion Fellowship, on 4 February at Olivet, Melbourne.

Our hope and faith in the resurrection and the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, brings much comfort in our time of mourning.

Travellers

We thank God for the safe return of our travellers: Bro Robert and Sis Sharon Prins

returned from time in Christchurch and Invercargill visiting family.

Sis Cheryl Franklin who attended her mother's funeral in Yarra Valley, Melbourne on 9 Feb.

We pray for God's blessing for our Bro Nick and Sis Micah as they fly north to spend time with family and the ecclesias in the USA for six months. We look forward to their return, God Willing, in summer when they will arrive to assist with our coffees and singing.

We have enjoyed the company of our Sis Ruth Devis from Brisbane for the past few months, who has been here to support her two daughters' families. We are grateful for her contributions at our Chinese English classes and her continuing crocheting of blankets for our charities.

Baptisms

We were delighted to celebrate the baptism of our new Sis Chloe Noll on 8 March and our new Bro Haydn Roche, son of Bro Justin and Sis Katherine Roche, on 28 March. We pray for God's blessing on Chloe and Haydn's walk to the Kingdom. Chloe and Hayden have since announced their engagement.



Chloe's baptism and receiving in of fellowship on 8 March.



Celebrating Haydn Roche's baptism Saturday 28 March

Transfers

We are delighted that Bro Daniel Welsh has transferred from Invercargill and Bro Robin and Sis Varna Bennett, Bro Gavin and Sis Viv Longstaffe, Bro Calvin Zhu and Sis Amy Liang,

Sis Rebekah McIvor and Bro Gordon Mudge have transferred from Auckland Central and are now members of the Pakuranga ecclesia. Sis Rebecca Manning has transferred to the Whanganui ecclesia.



Ecclesial Picnic at Eastern Beach

Ecclesial Picnic 22 February

PK gathered under a beautiful Pohutukawa tree on a coolish summer's day by the sea at Eastern Beach for their annual picnic. Although too cool to swim for most, a few did take a dip into the sea. Everyone enjoyed their time together playing games and socialising under the shade of the tree.

Ecclesial Camp 20 – 22 March

Another successful annual camp for PK was held back in our usual venue at Hunua Falls. We were privileged to have the company of Bro Glen and Sis Nikki Davies from Christchurch. Bro Glen shared his thoughts on Deliberate Discipleship. Bro Asher and Sis Nat organised a wonderful weekend for all. Our grateful thanks to Bro Brendon and Sis Jess Mudge for being our chefs for our camp weekend.



PK Ecclesial Camp 2026

Farewell

On the 29 March, PK celebrated the years of service given by Bro Asher and Sis Natalie Crouch to our ecclesia with a lunch on Sunday, as they relocate to Wellington with their son. We will miss them dearly, especially their expertise in organising our ecclesial camps, technology and photography, but commend them to their new ecclesia with God's blessing.

Bible Reading Event Easter Friday

Our sisters who run the Chinese English classes, organised a Bible Reading event on Easter Friday, after some of the students enquired what Christadelphians did to remember Jesus' death and resurrection. It was a successful day with 8 visitors joining us to read around the account of Jesus' death and resurrection from the four gospels. It was a rewarding morning together. We were grateful to New Lynn for the loan of their resources for this event.



Asher and Nat with Albie at their farewell



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 Ronald Chittinappilly, Sis Lorrie Mundy, Sis Madhivi Nath, New Lynn; Sis Misha Simpson, Bro Alan Tunnell, Sis Sarah Young, Waitakere; Sis Lois Brinkman, Bro Peter and Sis Shiling Meads, Bro Stanley Worsnop, Hamilton; Sis Carol Brown, Dannevirke; Bro Russell and Sis Fiona Beaumont, Bro Steve and Sis Steph Crouch, Wellington; Sis Kathy Graham, Nelson.

Overseas Visitors:

Sis Veronika Naiwaqa, Suva, Fiji (a long term visitor); Sis Prue Russell, Brisbane, QLD (another long term visitor); Bro Andrew and Sis Lynda Russell, Toowoomba, QLD; Bro Raju and Sis Ruth Devis, South Bank, QLD (still members of PK); Bro Levi Ryan, Boolaroo, NSW; Sis Ngirene Cotterill (nee Surgent), Gosford and Ourimbah, North West NSW; Bro Chris and Sis Alison Morse, Bracknell, UK; Bro Roger and Sis Cynthia Miles, Doncaster, UK; Bro Tim and Sis Joanna Chandler, Worcester, UK.

AUCKLAND - WAITAKERE

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Memorial Meeting time: Sunday 10:30am

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

Welcome to the Autumn season! Waitākere has now moved its memorial meeting start time back to 10:30am. All visitors welcome! Waitakere meets at a local school hall with the option of being online for Sunday memorials. Bible Class online has resumed to 7:30pm Wednesdays.

We are all grieving the loss of our dear Sis Beth Smith, from the New Lynn meeting. Her tragic passing has impacted on us all. It is with such sadness and heartfelt loss that we share our sympathy and love with Evan and the Smith and Marley families. Beth was a wonderful person, bright and beautiful and always with such a happy spirit. She will be dearly missed by us all at Waitakere. Beth put more into her years that could ever be imagined. However, we live in hope at times like this, that Jesus will return, and we will see Beth again. Our hope is truly a comfort at such a distressing time. God be with Evan and the Smith/Marley families at such a sad time. Our prayers and thoughts are with all those who grieve.

Bible Class

The Wednesday Bible classes have commenced. This year we will focus on studies in Matthew with a continued wild card topic once per month, as elected by the speaker.

Sunday School

Sunday School kicked off for 2026 with our traditional BBQ, ice creams, and games—such a fun start to the year! It was great to have our

young adults join in, bringing plenty of energy, competitiveness, and laughter.

We're excited to continue with our three classes, each following the Australian resources: the youngest exploring a Bible tour of the Old Testament, the middle group studying Genesis, and the older class working through Paul's journeys. Our young adults, led by Paul Herbert, are studying Romans.

We're also looking forward to our first combined Sunday School with New Lynn and Pakuranga at Waitakere Hall, focusing on parables with some fun role plays. Two more combined events are planned later in the year.

Recently, we enjoyed a fantastic Junior CYC camp at Pakiri, with around forty adults and children attending. It was a great start to our theme for the year of "Bible Influences," led by Hannah and Reuben Alderson. With beautiful beach weather, refreshing swims, great food, and growing friendships. A wonderful way to begin the year!

Senior CYC

2026 has been busy! CYC kicked off with another great year and another great startup camp. This year is a little bit different for us, West CYC has become an all Auckland CYC combining the members of Waitakere, New Lynn and Pakuranga ecclesias. This boost in numbers has been an awesome refreshing increase and more life can definitely be felt in

the CYC group. We also had the addition of a few younger members with Anouk and Noah from Waitakere both starting CYC. Their presence and contribution has definitely been noticed.

We are looking at various topics and activities this year, with a consistent theme of duos of the Bible. Bi-weekly we have Scriptures and Socials where we meet in households for games and scripture-based studies. There have also been a notable number of gatherings and get-togethers outside the standard CYC Saturday to do various study books for camps or a general hangout, ultimately benefitting more connectivity in day-to-day life between members.

We have been very blessed for what God has done and will continue to do through 2026 for the CYC of Auckland.

Junior CYC

There are some great events planned for the year including a scavenger hunt, quiz evening, rock climbing, and a good activity and beach clean-up with a BBQ and Bonfire to conclude the year.

Welfare

We continue to see the incredible power of God and his guidance and care with the Shrosbree extended family, who have been based in the Middle East. Hal and Kirsty and their four children have been living in Dubai. Their grandmother, Vanessa Shrosbree, from Waitakere, was visiting Dubai from Auckland to support and see the new baby when the recent Middle East war ignited. Vanessa and family managed to leave the country safely, witnessing missiles in the sky close by on the evening of their exodus. Stan provided all the

updates to us as we prayed for Vanessa and her extended family. It was such a blessing to know they are all safely in another country. Vanessa has since returned to Auckland, and we are thrilled to have her back and know her family are all safe and well. We thank God for his hand in guiding Hal and his family.

Sis Margret Price is on a slow recovery for her heart condition. We continue to pray for her recovery, for her family and for Paul who diligently cares for her. Our prayers are always with Margaret and Paul.

We share in the wonderful news of the baptism of Mari Fernandez on Saturday early May. She was baptised at Milford Beach with the support of the Waitakere meeting and many others. Mari has been a positive and inspirational gift to the Waitakere meeting. Her South American heritage, energy and enthusiasm for God's ways have been encouraging for us all. She brings joy and light to all our gatherings.

Bro Robert and Sis Christine Alderson have spent two weeks in South America to continue mission work. We thank God for their work and safe return. Their help is always needed and appreciated in South America including Chile and Bolivia. We continue to pray for the work they so earnestly and consistently do, year after year.

Several Waitakere families have had visitors from overseas over 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 we move closer to God's amazing plan and stay with the hope we all share.

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No report this time.

CHRISTCHURCH - BIBLE HALL

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

“He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.” Ps 72:6-8.

As the autumn leaves change and the rains that herald the beginning of winter appear in Christchurch, we are reminded of the promise of Christ returning, with righteousness and peace flourishing.

In the beginning of this year our Bible class has been following the daily readings, God’s purpose and also have been considering the life of David when he was old and full of days. This has prompted good discussion around the word of God and the opportunity to meditate on the day when Christ will return to set up his kingdom, rebuild the temple and fill the earth with his glory.

In terms of health, a few of our members are suffering from the infirmities of the flesh, and managing as best they are able. This reminds us to look toward the day when there will be no more suffering, and these vile bodies will be made like unto his glorious body by his grace.

We are pleased to report that the transfer of five new members in the last six months is a

beginning of an answer to our prayers and our calls for help. We are thankful for the recent transfers of Bro Roger and Sis Pauline Lewis, Sis Becky Price, and Bro Jesse and Sis Colleen Brown; their service, their fellowship, and their willing spirit. We are also very thankful for the service and example of our continuing faithful members. We still have plenty of space in our hall and in our hearts, and would love to share it with any brothers and sisters who would be willing to transfer and serve in our light stand at Bible Hall. We would also love to have anyone coming through Christchurch come and visit.

We welcomed the company of the following visitors, and especially thank the brethren who came to offer us the word of exhortation: Sis Ruth Stedman, Sis Natasha Keating, Sis Carol Bell, Sis Filotoria Saqabobo, Bro Andrew and Sis Susanna Tooth, Bro Hans and Sis Gabi Widemann, Bro Carl and Sis Hannah Marsden, Christchurch North; Bro Stephen Albrecht, Bro Sam Wright, Sis Sally Wright, Bro Matthew Green, Bro Brydyn Melles, Christchurch West, Bro Wayne and Sis Carole Bates, Sis Judith Lloyd, Kaiapoi; Sis Jo Marsden, Parklands; Bro David and Sis Rosemary Jackson, Hutt Valley; Sis Diana Narayan, Timaru; Sis Alison Vuli, Dunedin; Bro Jason and Sis Beryl Young, Wilston, Brisbane.

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No report this time.

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 Bible class: 7:30pm Wednesday

Preaching

We have had a very encouraging burst of interested friends and contacts responding to our preaching efforts from the start of this year which has been very exciting! We are currently running a Tuesday night Bible Study Course which has had six new interested friends join us as regular attendees. There has been lots of enthusiastic discussion afterwards till late every evening so far! We are also running a Bible Readings Group at another venue on Sunday nights which has had four interested friends join initially, all coming through receiving a leaflet, and another visitor through personal contact. They wished to continue reading the Bible together throughout the holidays. It was so encouraging to see their enthusiasm! We are very grateful to have been

able to receive so many people still wanting to learn about our Heavenly Father and draw close to Him. We continue to pray for His blessing on our efforts.

Ecclesial Camp

We had our Ecclesial camp 13 – 15 February at the Kokomuka Lodge. It was a lovely time to foster that family feeling of an ecclesia being all together for meals, relaxation, sports, games and cups of tea, as well as the much-needed fellowship around the word. This year our speaker was Bro Greg Horwood who did a fantastic series entitled, “Unexpected Converts”. There are numerous examples of Biblical characters who had drastic conversions but we looked specifically at Naaman, Nebuchadnezzar, Roman Centurions and the

Widow of Zarephath, with each drawing out the lesson that it's not about the converted but the Converter - God is the hero of every story.

As part of the camp, we enjoyed a particularly fun and memorable family night run by Bro Ben and Sis Elissa Brinkerhoff as a theatre sports style evening. They had plenty of talented actors ranging all ages who had volunteered ahead of time to do some improv based on categories and prompts given by the audience on the night – it was such a fun and refreshing time, laughing together and making memories.

This was also the time for the Spud Club to present their growth and for the judging of all categories to be awarded prizes, thank you Mike and Katie Beer for organising this – it was a good bit of fun and something different!

Kitchen Update

Some avid and thorough Ecclesial News readers may recall from the last issue that we had a car crash at full speed directly into our kitchen! (Thankfully the driver was okay and the hall was vacant at the time). Since then we have had a structural consultant assess the situation and a temporary fix was able to be put in place allowing us safe access to use the kitchen while we wait for matters to be sorted for final repairs. Many thanks to the workers who organised this, conducted the temporary repairs and the many helpers to clean and reorganise the kitchen. It is a blessing to have the space back after a few months without access.

Combined Study Afternoon

We met together with Christchurch West Ecclesia on 6-8th March for some combined study afternoons led by Bro Dafydd and Sis Lynne Jenkins from Wales, UK who were visiting. Bro Dafydd conducted a study afternoon for us on some themes from Luke's gospel – the Fishermen and the Lepers, followed by an exhort on the Parable of Leprosy as well as an afternoon seminar with an update on the book, "Challenges to Conscience" which Bro Dafydd was involved in publication of. It was great to have an extra

opportunity to fellowship together around the Word.

Kids Camp: 9-12s from all over NZ

The Annual Kids Camp for 9–12-year-olds was held at Glenroy Lodge and the theme this year was Daniel, focusing on lessons from chapters 1-6. Thank you to the many hands and minds that brought this weekend and the lessons from Daniel to life in very practical and exciting ways for so many eager and energetic youth.

Informal Ecclesial Bonfire

Another wonderful opportunity we had to bolster the family feeling present in our Ecclesia was a large informal bonfire hosted on Bro Sam and Sis Sarah Bailey's property. As you can see the heavens put on a glorious show that night and many yummy marshmallows were consumed in all their delicious gooey state. It was such a great opportunity for many to join in a lovely evening chatting under the stars, cozy next to the warmth of the flame!

Christchurch CYC Update

Our CYC has made a good start to the year. This year's programme is theme based, centred on "The Parables of Christ". Each study aims to show how Jesus' words speak directly to our doubts, struggles and choices as well as the joy we have with our walk in the Truth. With 77 young people on the roll, they have been placed into Parable groups, (Sowers, Lamps, Pearls, Builders, Figs and Mustard) and take turns at working together in providing amazing suppers or organising some enjoyable team games. The Start-Up Camp took place in February – a camp that connects and brings the Christchurch young people together at the familiar Okains Bay campground. Here the tents get pitched, bacon and eggs for breakfast, reading of God's word in His beautiful creation and the hosts providing a special supper (this year it was American hot dogs with cream, if you're interested in the recipe, have a chat to Ben Brinkerhoff). The Amazing Inflatable race took place in the estuary thanks to Logan Bailey's organising effort, from flamingos to turtles to donut rings to avocados to giraffes...and the first inflatable over the line was...Sis Maria Widemann.

CYC have received a parable study on Wise and Foolish builders led by Bro Nathan Lewis which came with a hammer and nails competition, along with insight that the storms of life will come. Building on the rock means constructing your life, faith, and decisions upon the teachings of Jesus Christ – his solid foundation ensures stability and endurance. The CYC ventured out to the house of Sam and Sarah Bailey where Bro Sam led a discussion on The Parable of The Sower and reminded the CYC to keep cultivating the soil of your heart. Each young person was given a plant to look after from that study as a friendly reminder. Two brothers from Christchurch West (Bro Matt Green and Bro Alex Mundy) have given further enjoyable parable talks on The Lamp and The Two Debtors.

Many of our number travelled up to NZYC'26 which took place over the Easter weekend in Wellington. This was an amazing weekend of learning and discussing more on the life of Joseph: Planted in Egypt, Rooted in God. Some of the highlights were working in teams and serving one another in love along with exciting activities such as “The Ambulatory Aerobic Assemblage” (a round robin of crazy sporting Olympics such as wheel barrow racing and being tied to a wall off the ground with some silver tape) and “Ye shall carry up my bones from hence” – an amazing escape room/treasure hunt where they had to find Joseph’s bones. Many thanks to Bro Michael France and

Sis Hadassah France for their creative efforts on this one. There was also slave trading, map reading, finding keys in the middle of a swimming pool, and cryptic Egyptian hieroglyphics. Many thanks to Wellington and Tawa for their fantastic efforts in what was another enjoyable and highly successful NZYC. Take note that the next NZYC takes place in Christchurch in 2028 God willing on David: A man after God’s own heart. To pre-register, please go to: <https://www.nzyouthconference.org.nz/>

Visitors

We are thankful to welcome the company of the following visitors: Bro Jordan Stort, Kersbrook, Adelaide; Bro Samuel Crawley, Nelson; Bro David and Sis Anna Todd, East Torrens, South Australia; Bro Josh Firth, Sis Megan Firth, Hunter Valley, Australia; Bro Mikey Mansfield, Sis Hannah Mansfield, Sis Lara Mansfield, Yagoona, Australia; Bro Matthew Pearce, Sis Bethany Pearce, Sis Fiona Pearce, Rugby, UK; Bro Oliver Alderson, Sis Sarah Alderson; Canterbury, Australia; Bro Walter and Sis Keren Ketterer, Eastern Suburbs, Australia; Bro Isaac and Sis Kristy Slattery, Sis Jeannie McClanahan, Las Vegas, USA; Sis Leah Beer, Sis Helen Beer, Bro Tim and Sis Suzi Beer, Invercargill; Bro Peter and Sis Ros Godfrey, Riverton; Sis Paula Weber, Christchurch West; Bro Daniel Alexander, Dandenong Ranges, Australia.

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No report this time.

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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.

Love and greetings to all in the Lord's name. We pray that we see the return of Jesus soon, God willing, even this very year!

attends our meeting. May God watch over her also and bless her in the time we have left, before the coming of our Lord.

Transfers

We recently welcomed Sis Asha Oosthuizen, a member from Invercargill who has moved here to Christchurch to study. We are privileged and blessed to have her join our meeting.

Ecclesial Events

A large group gathered at The Groyne on Saturday 21st of February to witness the baptism of Ethan Weber (oldest child of Mark and Sarah Weber), in one of the rivers there. May God guide, guard and direct our new Brother in his walk to the kingdom.

Many of our members celebrated in person and on zoom, when Georgiana Pankhurst was baptised recently in Riverton (where her family live). Sis Georgiana lives in Christchurch and regularly





The year kicked off for the CYC at the end of February, with “Start up Camp”, held annually at Okain's Bay. Fun was had all round during the relaxed weekend, with the highlight of the camp being the “Inflatable Race”, where all members needed to bring anything that was able to be floated and then raced down the estuary. The weekend concluded not so nicely with everyone having to pack up tents and belongings in the pouring rain!

After several years of struggling with deteriorating health due to cancer, our beloved Bro Paul Vogel fell asleep at home on February 28th surrounded by all his family. In the last few months of his life, he couldn't attend ecclesial events in person, though only three weeks before he died, he gave his last exhort at West. The hall was full that morning with visitors from near and far who had come especially to hear him talk!

We will miss our wonderful and faithful brother immensely. He will leave a large gap amongst us, but we rejoice knowing that our Lord's return is very near, and we will see him again soon. Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to his sister wife Lee and family during this trying time.

We sorrow also with our Brothers James Simpson and Rhys Smith (who is a regular visitor to our meeting) on hearing the news of the sudden death of Sis Beth Smith in Auckland at the start of April due to a motorbike accident. Sis Beth Smith was an aunty to James and sister-in-law to Rhys. Bro Rhys's father (Bro Paul Smith of the Dunedin Ecclesia) is also gravely unwell, having recently moved into Hospice care due to having cancer. May God hold them in the palms of his hands, until that day when all sorrow will be gone, and they will be re-united with their loved ones.

Our thoughts and prayers also extend to Bro Leslie and Sis Lisset Officer, at the recent and unexpected death of Lisset's father in Cuba. May our heavenly Father comfort their family in their time of grief and sadness.

As this report goes to print, we have just laid to rest our Bro Eddie Struckman (father of Bro Allan and Sis Maureen Struckman) who passed away suddenly on Thursday 23rd April, just three days after turning 95! Bro Eddie and Sis Cathy had recently moved into a care home, and so had been unable to regularly attend our ecclesial gatherings anymore. Much love and comfort go out to Sis Cathy and her extended

family as they deal with this sad loss. Our Brother was so diligently faithful for so long, until in the last several years, his mental capacity slowly declined due to the onset of dementia. We long for that day when God willing, we will see our brothers again, free from the illness of their mortal bodies.

At the start of March, our Bro Warren Shapcott had a fall and unfortunately fractured his pelvis. He spent 2 weeks recovering in hospital, and came home with a flash set of “new wheels” (AKA- a walking frame), which he needed to walk around with. He has since downgraded to a walking stick as his mobility improves.

Our Bro Allan Struckman also has been unwell recently. He currently is having investigations to determine what is wrong. If the Lord wills, we wish him a speedy recovery.

But on a more positive note, Alan and Maureen welcomed another grandson into the family (the 3rd child of their youngest daughter Keren), who has been called Zeke.

At the start of March, Christchurch North and West Ecclesia’s held a Study Day, with a visiting speaker- Bro Dayffd Jenkins (from the UK) doing several talks on Luke’s gospel, namely the theme being “Fishermen and Lepers”.

Bro Dayffd has acted as Chair of the Christadelphian Military Service Committee and was instrumental in overseeing the publication of the book “Challenges to Conscience” which our ecclesia read over the course of two years in our home groups.

The weekend concluded with a combined North/West meeting followed by a BYO lunch. Afterwards, Bro Dayffd gave an update on “Challenges to Conscience” and how it is impacting the brotherhood.

Our annual ecclesial camp was held again at Waipara in the middle of March. The weather was glorious and even more so were the talks given by Bro TJ Reading (accompanied by Sis Lynette and their 2 girls) from Hamilton. His subject was on “Parables in Practise”, namely The Sower, The Lost, and the 10 Virgins.

The weekend was so uplifting, and as always is a real highlight of the year for our meeting. Many thanks go out to Bro Mark and Sis Sarah Weber for organising this wonderful camp!

Over Easter weekend, two camps took place. The 9-12yr Kids Camp held again at Glenroy Lodge (with sessions being led by Bro Derek Thelning on Daniel), and the NZYC which was held in Wellington, which many of our young people attended.



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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

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Murder at the picnic
Lucia (victim), Lily & Stella at crime scene

The year is passing by so quickly, and with so many events going on around the world causing distress of nations, we all hope and pray that the Lord's return is not far away, and these things will succumb to the voice of our Lord as his righteousness spreads throughout the kingdoms of the world.

It has been a very eventful time in our ecclesia over the past time period, from joyful to sad events. The year started with our Sunday School picnic on Sunday 1st February after the memorial meeting, held at the home of Sis Shelley Biernat. It was an enjoyable afternoon with a variety of entertaining games and competitions, and the usual abundance of picnic food.

On Saturday 14th February, we were happy to witness the baptism of Judith Taganahan, who was baptised into the all saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ; after giving a good confession and understanding of the things of



Xanthe playing darts with Bro Ian
looking on

the Bible message. This happy occasion took place at Sis Shelley's and Matt's home. We enjoyed a wonderful uplifting evening, and were pleased to have the company of some brothers and sisters from Christchurch West to share the occasion. These were Bro and Sis Peter and Geraldine Fulwood, and Pong, Virgie, Ethan and Sam Pablo. Judith was welcomed into fellowship the following day during the memorial meeting, and after the meeting we enjoyed a shared lunch with Sis Judith and our visitors.



Baptism of Sis Judith Taganahan with Bro's
Kelvin Lyon & Pong Pablo in attendance



Bro & Sis Kelvin Lyon with Sis Judith Tangahana after baptism



Bro's & Sis's from left Kelvin & Beverley Lyon, Judith Taganhan, Vergie Pablo, Athan Pablo, Geraldine Fullwood, Pong Pablo, Peter Fullwood & Sam Pablo

Unfortunately for our Ecclesia, our dear Sis Anita Smith has accepted a job offer in Nelson. The transition has been smoothed somewhat for Anita as her eldest daughter Abby is also working in Nelson as a junior teacher. Bro Hayden and Baxter will follow Anita at the end of the school year. On 2nd March the Sister's Class ladies had an enjoyable farewell dinner for Anita at Carey's Bay.

Bro Sefton Vuli is presently still working in Wellington, and returns home on a regular basis.



Sister's farewell dinner for Sis Anita

Over the past few weeks several of our brethren have been struck down with weaknesses of our mortal flesh:

Bro Paul Smith is presently in St Andrews Rest Home with cancer. It has been a real time of trial for the Smith family especially Sis Sue and Bro Evan with the sudden death of Sis Beth in a tragic accident. It has affected our members quite deeply, especially as Bro Evan and Sis Beth Smith have been regular visitors to our Ecclesia coming down to visit Sue and Paul. Our thoughts and prayers extend to the Smith and Marley families, in their time of loss.

Likewise our thoughts and prayers reach out to Sis Lucia Rogers who recently suffered a sepsis infection, which left her very ill. She is now on the long road to recovery. At time of writing she had been recovering at home, but sadly now returned to hospital.

Bro Robyn Jackson was recently taken to hospital early in the morning after severe vomiting, and has had surgery, and now is out of hospital and recovering.

Also Sis Danelle Radel has undergone some surgery and recovering

Sis Suzanna Turner's husband Mike also added to the list by nearly drowning, down by Port Pegasus, Stewart Island during a diving trip. He was hoisted up by helicopter and taken to Dunedin Hospital. Is recovering and now back at home.

Gospel Proclamation

We are continuing with our Learn English, Learn the Bible class which is going really well, with between 5 – 10 regular students attending each week. As well as showing interest in the Bible, the students enjoy the

community aspect of coming along and it is great to be able to offer a simple service that is of value to them. As part of our gospel proclamation efforts, we are also working on some online material which we plan to advertise to promote awareness of the true hope that we have in Christ.

CYC

CYC has 12 members this year, and we've already enjoyed several great classes together. The first was a social evening at the Simpson's, with dinner followed by games. The second was held at the Green's, where Wayne and Rachael gave a

study on Moses. We talked about the three different 40-year stages of his life, and then discussed the qualities of a leader and which of those qualities Moses had. The night included plenty of participation, lots of lollies, and a lovely supper. The CYC also enjoyed outing trips such as a beach trip to Sandfly Bay and a walk through the newly opened walking track through the Chain Hill rail tunnel which is the first stage of a walking track through tunnels between Mosgiel and Dunedin. We are looking forward to a continuing great year ahead.

Visitors

Over the past few months, we have enjoyed the company of the following visiting brothers and



Dunedin CYC exploring an old train tunnel in Mosgiel, which has now opened as a walking track

sisters: Bro and Sis Allan and Chriss Thompson, Tea Tree Gully, South Australia; Sis Daphne Archer, Brighton, South Australia; Bro and Sis Simeon (Exhorted) and Debb Mansfield, Burnside, South Australia; Bro Cameron Archer, Sydney, Australia; Bro and Sis Evan and Beth Smith, New Lynn, Auckland; Bro Paul Simpson, Hamilton; Bro and Sis Phil and Marilyn Walker, Palmerston North; Bro and Sis Peter and Geraldine Fullwood, Bro and Sis Pong and Virgie Pablo, Bro's Sam Pablo, Athan Pablo, Sis May Nelson, Christchurch West; Bro and Sis Malcolm (Exhorted) and Suhasini Scott, Peter and Alana Niven, Bro Joe Rushford, Invercargill; Sis Ada Ingram, Riverton; Bro Warwick Hobbs, Dunedin Bayfield.

HAMILTON

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Loving Greetings to all our brothers and sisters.

Family Matters

We were sad to lose Sis Lesley Ledger who has moved to Christchurch with her husband Geoff to be with their families.

We mourn with the wider Worsnop family in the falling asleep of Bro Graham Worsnop at Kallangur /Maranatha, Qld in February. He was a father and grandfather etc of several in the Hamilton and other ecclesias, as well as being a brother well known to us from the times when he and Carmel lived in NZ. In his declining health, Graham would indeed have been gaining support from the future hope that we all share among ourselves and to the world.

Our sympathies are also with Sis Lorraine Byrne and Sis Karyn Box in the sudden death of their sister, Kathy, and so soon after losing their mother.

Additionally, Bro Harry Tipping fell asleep in February, having been a member of the Companion and Old Paths fellowships with his wife, Sis Ruth, and natural sister, Sis Jean Tipping. In their younger days Harry and Jean belonged to Hamilton central ecclesia, where we have Bro Les Tipping and Sis Rebecca Swain and their respective families.

Events

A Bible Quiz evening was held one Saturday night at our Hall (yes, at CYC time) with our ecclesia and one of the Unitarian churches

which had attended the unitarian conference last year. Early dinner was incorporated to allow for an early evening finish. The quiz was organised by the visiting church members; teams comprised a mixture of both factions with roughly 20 of each attending, so the results were not a battle of Bibles but a sharing of familiar themes.

The Hamilton Fraternal was held as usual around mid-March to suit the farming families, with several visitors on the Saturday. Bro Tobi Widdemann of Christchurch North led an interesting, informative and smoothly presented exploration around “The Early Life of David”, of the times when he and Saul interacted before David became king after Saul’s death. We heard of aspects not obvious while the material was clearly highlighted on the “big screen”.

Another Open Day was held in autumn. This has become an annual event to attract locals. The weather was suitable for stalls outside as well as posters and other material shown inside. A few families dropped in and chatted with us.

Ecclesial Visitors

From overseas we have recently welcomed bro Richard Cherry, from Taunton, also Bro Chris (exh) and Sis Alison Morse, from UK; Sis Veronika Naewaqa, of Suva, Fiji; and Bro Ray (exh) and Sis Nancy Timms of Toowoomba, Australia.

From within NZ were Sis Val Green,

(Kaiwaka) Whangarei; Bro Ron and Sis Catherine Houben, Pakuranga, AK; Bro Bailey Alexander, Bro John and Sis Emily Beaumont, New Lynn; Bro Stephen Connolly, Hutt Valley;

Bro Phil Stedman, Nelson; Bro Tobi (exh) and Sis Mishael Widemann, Sis Fila Sagabobo, Christchurch North; Bro Bentley Archer of Dunedin, currently working in Sydney.

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

We send our love and greetings to all brothers, sisters, young people and friends throughout New Zealand.

We do not have a lot to report this time. As the weather cools down – maybe we are all going into our winter hibernation? Hopefully not in a spiritual sense – as 1 Thessalonians says; *“So then, let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober.”*

As the world around us appears to be in a time of great uncertainty, which can engender fear, let us keep the faith, and take comfort in the fact that God is in control and will bring about the fulfilment of his promises, despite the foolishness of humankind.

We continue our weekly meeting to remember our Lord, Sunday sessions for the young people, and our online Bible classes and Bible readings.

Sunday sessions kicked off the new term with a pancake breakfast, which is always a highlight. Our youth are few in number now,

however we love it when the students come back in the holidays and join us again.

A number of our older brothers and sisters are battling ongoing health issues, but they continue in patience and inspire us with their positive attitudes. Although many are facing the reality as described by the Psalmist in Psalm 90 v 10: *“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow.”*

We look forward to the time when *“they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”* (Isaiah 40 v 31).

Thanks to all who have visited us here in Hastings, and especially those who have given a talk or relieved Abi of playing the piano every week. If you wish to visit, we would love to see you!

To quote an elderly sister in our meeting *“The Lord bless and keep you always in his care.”*

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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

We sorrow with our Sis Mary and Bro Mark Simpson and their family with the tragic loss of Sis Beth Smith (the sister of Sis Mary). Our hearts and prayers go out to Bro Evan and the extended Marley and Smith families. We pray our Heavenly Father will keep them all in his loving care. May Sis Beth's sleep be short with the coming return of our Lord to raise her and all those who have gone before us on the resurrection morn.

Bro Peter Niven had another operation on his knee which has been causing problems since it

was first done. We hope he gets some relief as it heals and strengthens. Bro Alistair Spencer has been going through some difficult health challenges over the last few months and is currently undergoing treatment in Dunedin. We pray for a positive outcome and recovery and ask for our Father's continued care to be with Bro Alistair, Bro Peter, and with all those who are struggling with life's difficulties. We look forward to the time when there will be no more sorrow or pain.

Sis Adrienne Alderson (affectionally known as Aunty Adrienne) has made the shift home from

Nelson. It is lovely to have her 'home' and we are looking forward to sharing our journey to the kingdom with her back in our southern ecclesial family.

Some of our members have been on trips to various places around the world for family events, and while it has been lovely for them to be away, we are always pleased to see them home again and thank our Father for their safe travel and return.

Ecclesial Events

It's hard to believe another year has rolled around while we await Christ's return. The 2026 Sunday school year started off with the annual picnic held in Drummond. Drummond is well known to previous generations, as it was the location of many ecclesial picnics and outings with a strong local presence of brethren and sisters. These days it's simply a case of a tranquil location, providing wide open spaces for a picnic lunch, races and a make shift water slide. The hot Southland sun beamed down, leaving many picnic goers scrambling for shade and a high demand for the ice blocks. There was a variety of racing including running, egg and spoon, three-legged and long distance as well as generational family relay with the 'dads and under-fives piggy back' race being the most competitive of the day. Those with a few more years under their belt had challenges to test

their navigation, strength and measurement. It truly is one of God's most gracious blessings for us to be able to support and encourage our next generation and enjoy fellowship across the whole ecclesia in such a beautiful part of His creation. (By Hamish and Amanda Beer).

The following week, Sunday School started with a pancake breakfast which was enjoyed by all the children...and teachers to be fair! It was a great start to another year that will be spent sharing our Heavenly Father's plan and purpose with our young people through the Bible stories left on record.

Our first Sunday function was a family afternoon and evening. Bro Matt and Sis Ashleigh Beer organised a fun afternoon where



Invercargill Sunday School Picnic



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Pancake Breakfast!

competition at the bowls and lots of creativity at the hall. This was followed by a pot luck tea and a slide show of lots of photos of ecclesial members, many of whom are no longer with us. It was a trip down memory lane for the older members – and as the photos got more modern, many members saw photos of themselves ... although looking much younger! It was a chance for the young people to see their parents, family members and ecclesial members in a different light.



the men/boys went bowling at the Indoor Bowls Centre while the ladies/girls spent time with a painting activity at the hall. Both very much enjoyed their time, with serious

In March our annual Study Week was held. Our speaker this year was Bro Darren Tappouras from the Gosford Ecclesia, NSW. His subject



Ladies painting group and artwork



was, “A Tale of Two Mountains” and his studies were based mostly around Mt Sinai and Mt Zion. He spoke about the tops of mountains being the intersection between the earthly three-dimensional world we live in and the Heavenly realm. At Mt Sinai the old covenant was given which centred on the law. The Lord descended in a cloud to the top of the mountain and Moses ascended the mountain to meet with Him so that he could receive the law. Many years later the Lord chose Zion to be His own, His dwelling place, and eventually the temple was built there under David and Solomon. However, this was only temporary as history shows us. But the Lord chose Zion to be His forever, and in the future it will be the centre of His purpose. All people will flow to Mt Zion to learn of Him and be part of the new covenant relationship possible through His beloved Son

Jesus. It is our earnest hope and prayer that time comes soon. Bro Darrens talks were very encouraging and we appreciate his time and the work which went into the studies he presented. It was also wonderful to spend time in fellowship with our family in Christ from Southland, Otago and further afield. Such a rich blessing our Heavenly Father has provided us with.

We appreciate the visitors we have had join us over the last 3 months – it is always a blessing to be able to meet with other brothers and sisters from around NZ and around the world.

Looking at the troubles in the world, we know that the time for our Lord’s return must be soon. May we stay firm in the truth and continue to encourage and support each other.

KAIKOURA “Kowhai” Ecclesia

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No report this time.

NELSON

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Meeting times: Sunday, 11:00am

We have had the pleasure of two baptisms on successive weekends recently. Micah Clark was baptised in the Crawley's spa pool to the joy of everyone, and especially both sets of grandparents for whom it was a first grandchild baptised.

The following weekend Psalm Roberts was baptised in the Maitai River on Sunday before the meeting, with the ecclesia watching from the bank.

The joy of having young people taking on a life of Christ is inspiring for us all.

We have the pleasure of Bro Aaron Bryce returning to Nelson from Christchurch to take up employment here. And Bro Ton and Sis Fern Parmentier have taken up residence in a retirement village here in Richmond to be closer to family.

Sis Anita Smith is working here in Nelson currently and visiting family back Dunedin when she can.

In one weekend we farewelled Sis Adrienne Alderson to Invercargill and Bro Jake Young to Hamilton. Both will be very much missed for their ecclesial and social input. We wish them success in their endeavours.

Our Sunday School picnic was held at Rabbit Island in February with swimming, games, lolly scramble and the usual Tug of War. It is amazing how competitive adults can be at times.

We mourn with Bro Joel Struckman and family who are currently in Christchurch to attend the funeral of his grandfather, Bro Eddy Struckman.

We also send our love to Bro Evan Smith after the loss of his wife, Sis Beth, who was known to many of us.

We are organising a Special Effort here in Nelson on 11-13 September this year. Bro Steve Hornhardt is speaking on the subject "Behold I come! – Blessed are they that watch" which is about the seven vials of the apocalypse. All are welcome and accommodation is with brethren and sisters.

With regret we advise that Asher Pike has tendered a letter of resignation and we consider him Disfellowshipped from the worldwide Christadelphian body due to his adherence to the Roman Catholic Church. Our prayer is that the Father continues to work with Asher and bring him back to the body of Christ.

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.

*Rejoice always, pray
continually, give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18 NIV.

PALMERSTON NORTH

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

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

Following on from our last news we are delighted to report once again of another baptism, increasing our ecclesial numbers.

Baptism

On Sunday, 8 February, a small group of brothers and sisters gathered on the bank of the Turitea stream early in the morning to witness the baptism of Hannah Fletcher. We rejoiced with the angels in heaven as Hannah took on the saving name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Later in the morning at the memorial meeting, Sis Hannah was received into fellowship. After the meeting we shared lunch together with those who had come for the occasion. We pray that our Heavenly Father will bless Sis Hannah in her walk to his kingdom.

Combined Meeting with Whanganui

On Sunday 29 March many of our brethren travelled to Whanganui for a combined memorial meeting with the Whanganui brethren. On this occasion Bro Matt Berkahn gave the word of exhortation and then after the meeting we had lunch together. We very much

enjoyed this time of fellowship and with numbers in both ecclesias being fairly small, we find this very profitable and uplifting for us all.

God willing, we will host the Whanganui Ecclesia at Palmerston North on Sunday, 26 July.

Fraternal Gathering

We look forward to our Fraternal Gathering to be held, God willing, on Saturday, 8 August with Bro James Stephenson as our speaker.

Visitors

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

Bro Colin and Sis Ruth Roberts, Nelson; Bro Anders Holm, Sis Susanna Davies, Bro Lindsay and Sis Angela Marsden, Wellington; Sis Rivka Connolly, Bro Mars Connolly, Sis Kyria Connolly, Sis Bethany Buchanan, Hamilton; Bro Stu and Sis Janina Cambridge, Bro Josh Cambridge, Tawa; Bro Dave and Sis Pip Dangerfield, New Lynn; Bro Guy and Sis Keren Alexander, Bro Lindsay Alexander, Hutt Valley.

RIVERTON

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

Hello everyone. Greetings in the Hope of Israel.

Since our last report from our Riverton Ecclesia, we have been doubly blessed with two births, one physical, the other spiritual.

Physical Birth

Nicholas Jason Gilmore came into this world on 1st March 2026 to Bro Chris and Sis Jenny Gilmore.

Spiritual Birth

Georgiana Pankhurst, eldest daughter of Bro Andrew and Sis Rebekah Pankhurst, took on the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ in her baptism on Saturday, 18th April 2026. It was a truly wonderful occasion to witness.

We are also very happy to welcome Bro Chris and Sis Jenny Gilmore, who have now transferred from the Camden ecclesia in Sydney to Riverton.

Combined Weekend

On the weekend of 5-8 of March, we enjoyed the combined Ecclesial study of "A Tale of Two Mountains" where Bro Darren Tappouras from the Gosford Ecclesia, NSW, Australia, led us on the parable of Mount Sinai and Mount Zion as Paul the Apostle expounded to the Galatians in chapter 4. This was organised by the Invercargill ecclesia, on which members from other local ecclesias joined in fellowship around this very interesting study. We in Riverton greatly appreciate the efforts

the Invercargill ecclesia went to in organising this great effort.

We appreciate visitors to our Ecclesia, and the following are recorded in our records:

From Australia: Bro James Bonesen, Eastern Suburbs, Perth; Bro Johnay Weatherton Blue Mountains, Sydney; Bro Jim and Sis Nola Jenkins, Riverwood; Bro Rodney and Sis Linda Jansen, Mildura; Bro Peter Jansen, Mildura; Sis Selena Pitt, Adelaide; Sis Ruth Onley, Brighton, South Australia; Bro Jason and Sis Jane Gilmore, Camden, Sydney; Bro Samuel and Sis Emily Gilmore, Camden, Sydney; Bro Greg and Sis Cheryl Gilmore, Riverwood, Sydney.

From USA: Bro Jacob and Sis Rachel Osborn, Thousand Oaks, California.

From Canada: Bro Samuel and Sis Kelly Church, Kamloops.

From the United Kingdom: Bro Ariel Martin, Woodgate; Bro Anthony Godfrey, Worcester; Bro Bernard and Sis Diana Vickey, Taunton; Bro Richard Cherry, Taunton.

From New Zealand: Bro Robert and Sis Sharon Prins, Pakuranga, Auckland; Bro Evan and Sis Beth Smith, New Lynn, Auckland; Sis Kyria Connolly, Hamilton; Bro Israel and Sis Sarah Pankhurst, Whanganui; Sis Samantha Kirk, Palmerston North; Bro Lyall Davies, Sis Susanna Davies, Wellington; Bro David and

Sis Rosemary Jackson, Bro Lindsay Alexander, Hutt Valley; Sis Michaila Burley, Bro David and Sis Bev Burley, Bro Sam Crawley, Bro Jonny and Sis Liz Clark, Sis Daphne Bryce, Bro Aurthur and Sis Denise Pankhurst, Nelson; Bro Samuel Martin, Bro Mark and Sis Sarah Weber, Bro Ethan Weber, Christchurch West; Sis Abi Godfrey, Christchurch North; Bro Peter and Sis Alana Niven; Sis Heidi and Sis Elise Alderson, Bro Simon and Sis Kate Alderson, Bro Mark and Sis Mary Simpson, Sis Asha and Sis Alexa

Oosthuizen, Sis Janene Jackson, Bro Isaiah and Sis Rosie Tunnell, Bro Tim and Sis Susie Beer, Bro Malcolm and Sis Suhasini Scott, Invercargill.

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

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No report this time.

TAWA

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

Earlier in the year we held our ecclesial camp, with studies by Bro Tim Yearsley on 'My

strength is made perfect in weakness'. He looked at a series of characters who were used and developed by God through adversity. It was a great weekend together with lots of time for games, chats, good food and swimming (for the brave), and we enjoyed spending time with the Yearsley family as well. We also had an interesting evening presentation by Bro Tim on mission work in Russia, followed by a Russian themed supper.

Lots of people in our ecclesia have been very



as a goodbye evening for Sis Dani O'Grady, who has just moved to Lismore, Australia, so there was some friendly rivalry with a 'NZ vs Aus' themed dessert. We're going to miss Dani's enthusiasm and friendliness in our ecclesia but wish her God-speed on her new adventure.

We have recently welcomed Bro Ken and Sis Christine Morgan and Bro Oliver Barber, transferring from the Wellington Ecclesia. We are loving spending time together and getting to know them better.

Bro Cob and Sis Hannah Lewis have recently had a new baby, Salem Alexander Lewis, as a little brother for Asaph. They're all doing well and we pray for Yahweh's continued blessing on their family.

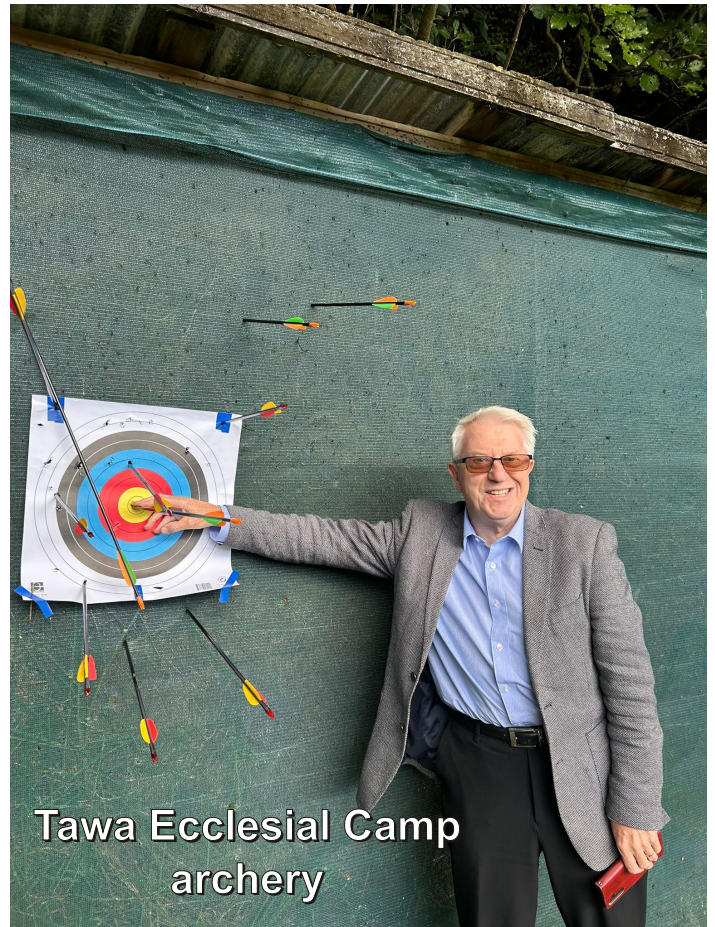
We thank our loving Father who continues to bless the work of our ecclesia and pray for His Son's soon return from heaven.



Tawa Ecclesial Camp's
keen knitters

busy preparing for and running the recent New Zealand Youth Conference. We enjoyed the fellowship of quite a few visitors because of the Conference too. With studies; enthusiastic discussion groups and activities; and time to build deeper relationships together, it was a wonderful long weekend for the young people of New Zealand and further afield. Our thanks to all who were involved in many different ways to make the conference happen, we know it's a huge job, but the work was blessed by God in a fantastic weekend.

Bro Michael France recently ran a family night with dinner followed by the readings, skits and games. It was a fun evening for young and old alike and a nice opportunity for some relaxed family time around the word. This also served



Tawa Ecclesial Camp
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TIMARU

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No report this time.

WANGANUI

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No report this time.

WELLINGTON

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Online Activities and links: Meetings and all organised activities <https://www.gotomeet.me> password: 325545813

Ecclesial website: thisisyourbible.com/wellington

Hi everyone. Loving Greetings. As I am writing we are being buffeted with rain and strong southerlies but I believe we are all OK, though some have been rather stranded. However there is plenty to talk about with the crisis in Iran and mountings costs for us all.

Health

We have a growing number of elderly brethren who need our payers: Sis Gaylene Mellor who I hear is doing comparatively well at the moment but her caregivers are very unreliable so giving the family more work. Bro Viv and Sis Lois James and now our dear Sis Adrienne Middlemiss are in care.

We were very happy to welcome Bro Alistair Petrie back into Fellowship but sadly he has fallen asleep before many of us could reignite acquaintance but we thank our Heavenly Father who, mainly through the work of Bro Tony Gibbs and Philip Green, had opened the door for him again. Our Bro Tony has also been very unwell but he made it back to the meeting last Sunday so it was great to see him there. His daughter Antonia has been back from her studies in Hong Kong. It has been nice for Tony, and for us, to see her again.

We sorrow with the Marley and Smith family over the loss of Beth. She leaves behind heart

ache but the consolation is that her next waking moments will be with Lord.

Poor Ngarita was so looking forward to her holiday break down in Invercargill, but ended up being taken by ambulance from Invercargill to Dunedin hospital, where after 4 days she was given the all clear, only to catch what she thinks was a hospital bug on discharge... I think she got a few nice days before coming home.

Fraternal

Many sisters from Wellington spent a wonderful weekend at Women@the Well and we thank the organizers for a such a spiritually refreshing weekend.

We welcomed back Kade and Benji, if only for a weekend, while they were at the Youth Conference.

Nortina and Kah Fook are back in Malaysia, occupied in mission work. We welcome back Rose Cox, Roger and Cynthia Miles and Leslie and Mike Gwlym from Great Britian all visiting families here. Also Carolyn Hyndman from across the ditch to visit family.

The Read Boys, along with a few from Australia (Bro Tag Hillian and Bro Matt Wigzell and his son Lek), have spent a few

weeks in the Tonga Ecclesia doing mainly building work for the whole community. They also each gave an evening talk (they have classes every evening with visitors present). They also dived for fish outside the reef to give fish to the community. A treat was when the Landlord (of their meeting place) put on an Umu for them all. An umu is a traditional feast like our hangi (see photo below). Zeth has decided to stay in Tonga for a few more weeks.

Sisters Class has been very enjoyable recently and we are raising funds for special projects. We have just contributed handbags to the Grace Mallone fund and Ariel is preparing a Pink Ribbon Breakfast for our May activities.

Recent Visitors

Ben and Lucy Beaumont, Asher and Nat Crouch, Auckland Pakuranga; Mark Wood, Blenheim; Shay Davies, Sharon Nicholls, Joseph O'Grady, Christchurch North. Tim

Hughes, Christchurch Parklands; Sefton Vuli Dunedin; Carol Brown, Dannevirke; Jennifer Berkahn, Celia Perrott, Hastings; Barry Hodges, Shirley Taylor, Hutt Valley; Hamish and Amanda Beer, Brad and Esther Spencer, Invercargill; Debbie Godfrey, Kaikoura; Stephanie Alderson, Arthur and Denise Pankhurst Nelson; Sandra Wood, New Plymouth; Mat and Beth Berkahn, Damon Tamakaha, Palmerston North; Daniyah O'Grady, Tawa; Jeff Marsden, Timaru; Alan Tarry, Waitakere; Israel and Sarah Pankhurst, Whanganui; David Sytles, Shelbourne, Canada; Rose Cox, Leamington Spa, UK; Roger and Cynthia Miles, Doncaster UK; Leslie and Mike Gwilym, Wigan; Chris Gilmore Camden, Sydney; Benjamin Ryan, Hunter Valley, NSW; Tim and Hanah Baily Launceston, Tasmania; Jackie Wlils, Wodfield Australia; Reuben Norton, Lismore NSW; Mark and Bronwyn Nightingale, South Brisbane; Carolyn Hyndman, Wilston, Qld.



WHANGAREI

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Loving greetings from the far north.

We have been fortunate to not suffer too much with the extremes of weather which is affecting much of the country.

We have the sad news of the falling asleep of Sis Mavis Taylor. She has not been well for a while but has been visited each week by brethren, and attended Pakuranga on Gotomeeting. Although none of her family or children are in the meeting, but because of their mother's faith, they requested Bro Chris to take the service, as a Christadelphian service, in Dargaville. Interestingly, after the proceedings, her son, Keith, asked if he could still continue listening to Pakuranga's Gotomeeting, as he had been setting it up for Mavis each week. It would be wonderful if he accepts her faith too.

Our ecclesia welcomed Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon Enstrom from Bay of Plenty recently, however circumstances have changed and they are returning to Christchurch. They will be sadly missed.

Our meeting is small and we would certainly appreciate any visitors, and especially those who can help in ministering to us.

Health wise – our ecclesia is certainly struggling with ageing.

Visitors: We have enjoyed the company of Bro Mike and Sis Gill Roberts, Pershore, UK; and Bro Tim and Sis Gail Hughes, Parklands, Christchurch. We thank Bro Tim who ministered to us.



NZYC - NEW ZEALAND YOUTH CONFERENCE

NZYC 2026 brought together 110 young people from across New Zealand and Australia from the 2nd to the 6th of April for a vibrant long weekend at Palm Grove. The theme was

centred on “Joseph – Planted in Egypt, Rooted in God.” After early morning airport runs, ferry delays, and long drives, everyone arrived to a classic Wellington welcome of sunshine and an



NZYC 2026 - Planted in Egypt, Rooted in God





Food



Readings Groups



Special Supper

uplifting atmosphere that carried through the whole conference.

Each day began with readings groups in Proverbs, drawing out short but powerful lessons, followed by discussion groups exploring Joseph's life in Genesis 37–50. These sessions highlighted Joseph's remarkable consistency, integrity, and faithfulness to God, despite hardship and injustice. Discussion groups were followed by a wrap up session by Bro Dave O'Grady, summarising some key points from the discussion groups each day and giving a few thoughts to go away and think about.



Sports

TJ Redding delivered two amazing evening studies on "Contentment: Bloom Where You Are Planted" and "Separation: In Egypt but not of it". One memorable point from TJ's talk on separation was regarding how easily AI generation can alter pictures to show things which may or may not be accurate. The question posed was: how are people going to know whether you actually did this? Is what they are seeing accurate or not? The answer: by your integrity – which will verify or deny the accuracy of what they see. Just like Potiphar chose not to kill Joseph after his wife's accusation – he believed in Joseph's integrity.



Treasure Hunt

Afternoons were filled with a mix of sports, swimming, and organised activities. Teams tackled the 'Ambulatory Aerobic Assemblage' activity, earning supplies through relays to create posters showcasing their group – sometimes with hilariously unhelpful materials like lipstick, paintbrushes (without paint to begin with), or

white primer (for use on a white piece of paper) etc. The treasure hunt challenge, “Ye shall carry up my bones from hence”, sent teams across the campsite searching for Joseph’s bones, piecing together clues and talking to interesting characters along the way. The evening activity 'The Joseph Protocol' was quiz-like in nature, but more creative than a normal quiz, which resulted in a distinctly Christadelphian competitive environment.

The final night concluded with an Egyptian themed supper and then hymn singing, rounding off a weekend rich in fellowship and spiritual growth.



Welcome Area



Discussion Groups



Activity Posters



TJ's Talks

WOMEN AT THE WELL

At the end of February, a group of 65 sisters of faith gathered together for the most delightful weekend of uplifting fellowship. Our Sis Cathy Strachan from West Ryde, Australia shared her thoughts on, 'You are God's Masterpiece'.

We enjoyed many activities centred around bringing out our individual talents to praise and honour our God. This was showcased in the watercolour painting led by Nicole on the banks of the Waikato, followed by a dip in the hot water stream and cool Waikato. A real highlight was the shared memorial meal under the boughs of the oak tree as the golden sun turned to dusk and we were surrounded by

twinkling fairy lights. Many of us shared personal reflections and experiences in our walk of faith, then we joined together in active prayer of atonement and shared praise, worship, prayer and our memorial meal. It was truly special.

Sis Cathy uplifted us in so many ways, lifting us to a higher calling of love and self-sacrifice, encouraging us to see ourselves as a beautiful work in progress.

A big thank you to all those who contributed to this year's Women at the Well.



NZ BIBLE MISSION

We have Bro Steve and Sis Steph Crouch over in Malaysia (KL) for 3 weeks (2nd – 17th May, God willing). They are supporting a number of public seminars together with Bro Kah Fook (all from the Wellington ecclesia).

These outreach programs have seen a wonderful response to the Truth in KL and serve to grow the faith, hope and love amongst our brothers and sisters in the KL ecclesia too. May God be with them all and bless their journeying and service in his name.

ACBM AND CMST



NZ Christadelphian
Missionary Support Trust

Greetings in the Hope we share.

We are pleased to inform the NZ ecclesias of another opportunity for brothers and sisters to participate in a Missionary Support Programme sponsored by the Australasian Christadelphian Bible Mission **ACBM(NZ)** and the NZ Christadelphian Missionary Support Trust **CMST(NZ)**. Both these Christadelphian charitable trusts have at the heart of their purpose, the desire to take the gospel into all the world and to provide spiritual support to ecclesias in countries abroad.

As with previous opportunities (e.g. Philippines in April '24, India in May '25, South America in August '25, and Solomon Islands in December '25) our aim is to encourage members of our community to be involved in this important work to fulfil our Lord's commission to 'go into all the world and preach the gospel' (Mark 16:15). We also believe involvement will help grow a generation of disciples who are zealous to share their faith with others in both word and deed.

THE INVITATION: South Pacific Islands, December 2026, God Willing

Applications are invited for members of our community, young or old, who would like to join a group travelling to the South Pacific Islands in a way which supports their introduction and experience in Bible Mission work.

In brief, this missionary support programme will involve the following:

- **October/November:** joining a 'Preparing to Preach' programme
- **4 – 11 December:** travelling to either Tonga or Vanuatu for ecclesial pastoral support and to engage in preaching activities (co-supported by brethren travelling from Fijian ecclesias)
- **11 – 20 December:** onward travel to Fiji to join a Fijian ecclesial weekend followed by pastoral support and further preaching initiatives
- **Post travel:** a commitment on the part of participants to develop a plan on how to continue support for those they've met abroad and how they can draw on their experience in helpful ways within their home ecclesias

Applications will be open until the end of July to allow adequate time for planning and travel arrangements to be made. Spaces are limited, so early expressions of interest are encouraged. We also ask ecclesias to actively nominate members of their ecclesia (with their consent) to be involved.

FUNDING

The ACBM(NZ) and CMSF are willing to invest in our fieldworkers who travel as part of the programme. Our aim is for the total cost of travel to be subsidised by up to 50% of the cost of travel, and for the outlay by individual participants to be no greater than \$1,500.

If ecclesias wish to provide financial sponsorship as a token of their support and encouragement, we would appreciate these contributions being directed via the Missionary Support Trust to allow a fair distribution amongst participants.

Enquiries for further information can be directed to:

- Bro Rob and Sis Rachelle Oosthuizen (Invercargill ecclesia) M: 027-324 6110
Email: ChristadelphianMSF.nz@gmail.com, or
- Bro Brydyn Melles (Christchurch West ecclesia) M: 027-627 2808
Email: ChristadelphianMSF.nz@gmail.com

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Your prayers are invited for the programme that it may receive our Lord's guidance and blessing and bring honour to His Name.

With love in our Lord Jesus, and on behalf of the ACBM (NZ) committee:

Bro Robert Alderson (Waitakere) – Secretary

[Current committee members: Brian Lean (New Lynn), Rob Oosthuizen (Invercargill), Ron Houben (Pakuranga), Zak Read (Wellington), Arthur Pankhurst (Nelson), Brydyn Melles (Christchurch West), Chris Wright (Whangarei)]

CMSF Trustees: Bro Malcolm Scott (Invercargill) – Secretary

[Current committee members: Andrew Yearsley (CHC - North), Brydyn Melles (CHC West), Ron Houben (Pakuranga), Rob Oosthuizen (Invercargill)]

HIS HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God willing, Heritage International School (HIS) will launch on 1st September 2026 as a Christadelphian, online-only school serving families across New Zealand, the UK, and beyond.

We are writing to invite expressions of interest from brethren and sisters who may feel called to serve in this work as **teachers or administrators**.

HIS seeks to provide a high-quality, Christ-centred education that develops young people of character. Confident, capable, and ready to pursue academic excellence and live lives of purpose. Learning is not confined by walls, and through a flexible online model, we hope to support families globally while strengthening our shared faith and community.

Opportunities Available

- Teaching roles across a range of subject areas
- Administrative and support roles
- Flexible, online engagement with an international student body

Information Sessions (God willing)

- Saturday 2nd May, 7:00pm NZT
- Saturday 9th May, 7:00pm UKT

These sessions will provide further insight into the vision, structure, and opportunities within HIS, along with time for questions.

Applications Close: 12 June 2026, 5:00pm UKT

For further information, the application pack, and links to the information sessions, please follow the link below or use the QR code on the attached flyer:

Teacher Info Sessions and Application Pack: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iGxctCCk0jCSmSkeFD4iXGq6C9Yw7Vbc8ctxyzJzp5U/edit?tab=t.0>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at: admin@hisonlineschool.org

We would greatly value your prayers for this work. God willing, it may help plant and nurture seeds in the hearts of His young people around the world.

God bless,

T.J. Reding

Founding Principal

Heritage International School (HIS)

“Inspiring Minds, Transforming Lives”

HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS

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HANMER SPRINGS

21st - 23rd May 2027

Join us for a delightful weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth, as we gather with inspiring sisters of all ages to explore God's Word together.

 *encourage one another and build each other up*
2nd Thessalonians 5:11

Theme

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

— It's a question asked throughout the ages. —

Moses once prayed, "Show me Your ways, that I may know You and find favour in Your sight."

OUR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER STILL LOOKS FOR A SPIRITUAL
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Join us as we explore the lives of men and women who sought to understand what truly pleases God - and discover how, day by day, we can surrender our self-will and allow Him to shape us into His workmanship.



Presenter
Margaret van Rensburg
Australia

New Venue

Due to renovations at Methven next year, our new venue for 2027 will be held at:

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Fees

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Here's our email if you need to chat to one of the team
womenatthewell.chch@gmail.com

Register here

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We look forward to receiving your registration and to spending time with you

Love in the Lord Jesus
Gail, Rosa, Deb, Sarah & Sonia
Women at the Well Committee



NZ Bible Mission

WhatsApp group



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On behalf of **ACBM and the NZ Missionary Support Trust**

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NXT GEN CAMP 2026 - THE GROWTH MINDSET

Purpose: To encourage the next generation to take up the mantle of service to God's glory.

We warmly invite the "older young people" of New Zealand (and beyond!) to our 4rd Nxt Gen Camp. Nxt Gen Camps are a long weekend retreat for spiritual encouragement and fellowship targeted specifically towards this age bracket, so that young brothers and sisters from around the country can meet together to discuss, learn and practise the tools required to contribute to creating healthy, effective, and vibrant ecclesias to the honour of God.

The format of the camp will be largely composed of a range of workshops on growing our service in various aspects of ecclesial life, and supporting each other to take up the mantle beyond the camp.

Who: Christadelphians aged 20-35 (Must have turned 20 by the dates of the camp, the upper age limit is flexible). Married couples with their children are very welcome. However, please note that the camp fees apply to children age 5 and over.

When: Thursday 16th July - Sunday 19th July 2026

Where: Forest Lakes Camping and Conference Centre - Ōtaki, Wellington

How much: NZD \$235 per person, NZD \$45 per person per day for day visitors

Contact nxtgencamps@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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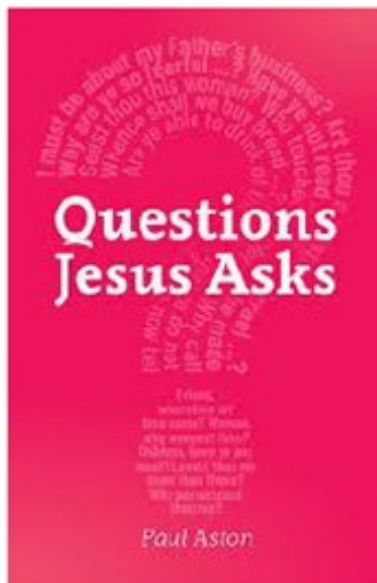
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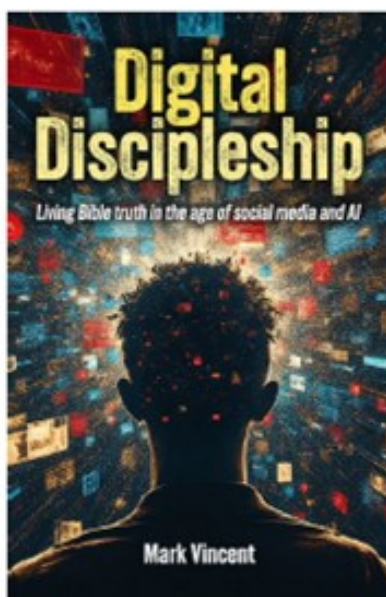
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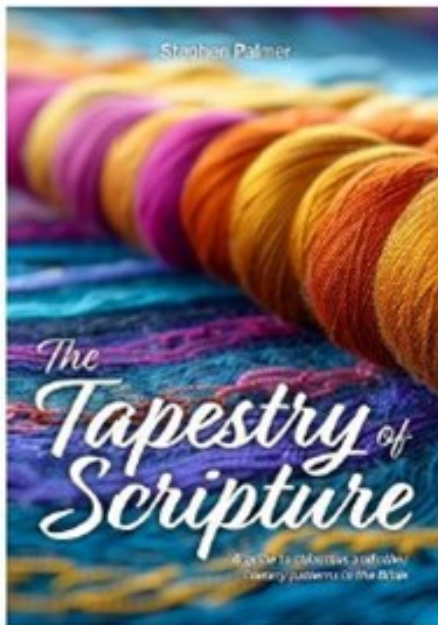
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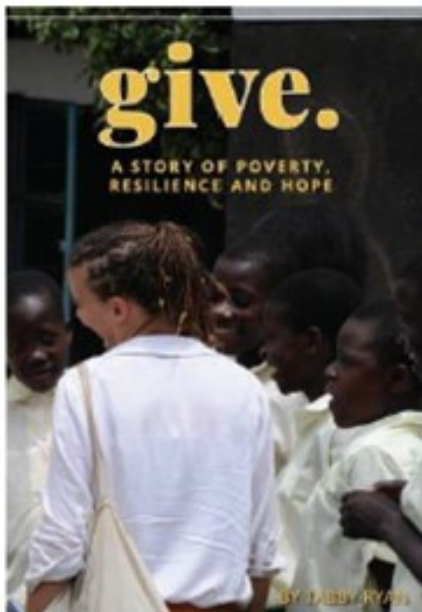
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Bookings open in June



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This is the place to advertise items for sale, places to stay, trades, services etc for the benefit of brothers and sisters around New Zealand. The more we can support each other in this way, the better.

To list your advertisement, email the editor at nzenews@gmail.com before the publishing deadlines listed on the inside cover.

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These are our New Zealand
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Joel Struckman, Richmond

Mark Richardson, Wellington

Robert Prins, Auckland

Ronald Houben, Karaka

Stuart Cambridge, Wellington



*Sing praises to the Lord, O you
his saints, and give thanks to his
holy name. For his anger is but
for a moment, and his favour is
for a lifetime ... You have turned
for me my mourning into
dancing; you have loosed my
sackcloth and clothed me with
gladness, that my glory may sing
your praise and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give
thanks to you for ever!*

Psalm 30 v 4 - 5, 11 - 12 ESV

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, 23
gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no
law.*

Galatians 5:22 - 23 NIV.

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