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*One generation shall commend your
works to another, and shall declare your
mighty acts.*

Psalms 145:4 ESV

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Your forgiveness and patience are appreciated.

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"Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."

Psalms 78:1 - 4 ESV

EDITORIAL - 60 Years of the Ecclesial News

60 Years of the Ecclesial News

I was excited to receive a box full of past issues of the Ecclesial News a few weeks ago. I eagerly sifted through the early editions and discovered that they were all there and still intact, including the very first Ecclesial News from 60 years ago. It made fascinating reading as did all the copies over the next few years.

The first Ecclesial News was printed in March 1966. The front cover of Issue 1 has been reproduced on the cover of this issue and the first two pages on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

It was thanks to Bro Brian Lean that the Ecclesial News came into existence 60 years ago. In those days, travel around New Zealand was not always easy and communication wasn't as fast as it is now, so Bro Brian came up with the idea to compile a magazine for the ecclesias to help keep them in touch with each other. With some helpful mentoring from Bro Harold Beer, the support of the Hastings ecclesia, and contributions from a few ecclesias around New Zealand, Bro Brian was able to produce the first magazine with 10 pages of news and information. In subsequent issues, the Ecclesial News began to grow as more ecclesias began to send in their contributions.

Unlike the other Christadelphian magazines at the time, the idea of the Ecclesial News was to report news rather than to promote teachings or opinions. This founding principle has enabled the Ecclesial News to stand the test of time.

Producing even a 10-page magazine was a lot of work 60 years ago. Ecclesias would send in their hand written news by post to be included in the magazine. There was no copy-and-paste, so each piece of news had to be laboriously

typed out by hand on an old-fashioned typewriter (Brian had to teach himself to type with four fingers). Each letter had to be punched hard through wax-coated stencil paper in the typewriter so that it would make a stencil for the Gestetner when it came time to print the Ecclesia News.

After all the information had been typed up, the printing began on a second-hand Gestetner duplicating machine. The stencil was put around a cloth drum and the machine was modern enough to be electrically operated to print each copy. Then the process would repeat for each consecutive page. Following the printing, the pages would be compiled, stapled and sent out to each ecclesia.

Bro Brian edited and produced the Ecclesial News until he did a mission trip to the Philippines in 1967, passing on the editorial responsibilities of the Ecclesial News to Bro Tony Croxford and then Bro John Beer, both from Hastings. I will say a bit more about Bro John Beer in the next issue, God willing.

Bro Brian's message to us today is to "enjoy [the Ecclesial News] as a spiritual family newsletter, and to use it as a communication tool, knowing what is going on and what is coming up."

On behalf of the ecclesias all around New Zealand, I would like to express my thanks to Bro Brian, and to all the editors and contributors since, for the legacy we have been given in the Ecclesial News today. We have been blessed more than we realise through the unity that has come from communications such as these.

"They will tell you of conditions and activities here, "(Col. 4:9), Phillips)
 "They rehearsed all that God had done unto them, and how he had opened the
 door of faith unto the Gentiles," - (Acts 14:27)

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THIS copy of ECCLESIAL NEWS is the first tangible result of a proposal to make available to the brotherhood a newsletter concerning the Truth's activities. (It is not intended as a replacement of what is already published in "The Christadelphian",)

So far, just over a half of the Ecclesias have replied to our circular and generally express approval for such a publication,

The principal purpose of the newsletter is to provide a medium for the brothers and sisters to use in reporting ecclesial news and other items of interest concerning the Truth; eg baptisms, visitors, fraternals, campaigns, group activities, forthcoming events, etc. The newsletter is your paper. Its success depends on the amount of support received from you. We appeal to all ecclesias - both small and large - to contribute material for the benefit of our brothers and sisters who feel a real need for such a newsletter.

We will gladly welcome any ideas and comments concerning the contents and form of ECCLESIAL NEWS.

EXTRACTS FROM OUR READER'S (or rather, readers to be) LETTERS

"Your suggestion to inaugurate a newsletter for circulation within the Brotherhood has very great merit and with a few necessary and obvious safeguards could do nothing but good,"

"Yes I have thought of a newsletter or some such thing for some years, I have felt we need some form of magazine in New Zealand, to keep Brethren and Sisters in touch with one another,,,"

"Yes, I personally feel that there is a great need in N.Z. for such a publication, and I know this feeling is shared by many Brethren throughout the Dominion,"

"We in ----- would give such a proposal. our wholehearted support, as we think such a letter would keep the Brotherhood informed of the activities of all Ecclesias throughout N.Z. Perhaps in this way we may get to know each other better and so strengthen each other in our Glorious Hope."

Godly service is the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, This applies as much to each aspect of ecclesial life as it does to the manner of our personal devotion. He who was Lord and Master was at the same time the chief servant of our God.

It will not do to be slipshod in our ecclesial life, We should render diligent and acceptable service to the best of our abilities even though those may be limited This does not mean that the execution of our duties shall be slick or savour of those methods of business efficiency which lack warmth, moral fibre and the per

sonal touch. It does mean that our work shall be carried out with an awareness that it is for the Lord.

- H. Tennant

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HEW ZEALAND YOUTH CAMP - 1965-66

FROM December 24th to January 6th the 1965-66 Christadelphian Youth Circle Camp was held at the District High School in Temuka, eight miles north of Timaru. For two weeks approximately 85 young people and. bro-there and sisters (including several from Australia) spent an enjoyable and profitable time together.

Several thousand leaflets were distributed by the young people in and around Temuka. Besides afternoon outings and barbecues they enjoyed two all-day bus trips to Mount Cook National Park and the Benmore Dam. At the Hermitage a well-timed view of Mount Cook appearing from its blanket of cloud was followed by a picnic lunch and an informative hour on the last Bible reading of the day together with comments on the world situation in the light of prophecy by Brother John Martin. With a grand backdrop of alpine scenery as a testimony to God's power in creation, this was a memorable occasion.

In addition to the camp theme there were various talks on such topics as moral conduct, military service, Bible Study, and the sacrifices.

The theme of the study sessions was "Wanderings in the Wilderness of Life" and five talks were given on this subject by Brother John Martin of Adelaide. In these talks the hearers were brought face to face with lessons, principles and types - the children of Israel became very real. There was also a group discussion on the Passover, and Brother Brian O'Grady concluded the series with a talk on Joshua.

Israel's wanderings in the wilderness "Happened unto them for types" of the Ecclesia's wanderings dm the wilderness of life - deliverance from sin (Egypt), through baptism (crossing of the Red Sea), sacrifice (Sinai) and probation (wilderness wanderings), to salvation (the Promised Land) through the baptism of the Spirit (crossing of the River Jordan). Typical events were pointed out in various incidents during the wanderings. Marah (bitterness), where bitter waters were made sweet, taught, "Don't complain, live the Truth!" At Elim there was a picture of the Kingdom of God. Manna typified the Lord Jesus Christ as the true bread of life and taught the necessity of inwardly digesting the Word of Life daily. At Rephidim and Meribah the two different rocks pouting out water were typical of Christ's sacrificial work at the one, and his High Priesthood at the other. Other events were reminders of the need to be humble and not envious; to be dedicated to the Truth and not to "remember" the things of the world; to walk by faith and not by sight; to be doers in the the Truth's service and not complainers or obstacle makers. "As we journey through life, let us heed the warnings of Israel's typical history

The lessons learned during the Camp instilled enthusiasm and a love for the things of God in the hearts of the young people and gave them an earnest desire to put into practice the principles that were so clearly shown.

EVENTS

Saturday 8 August 2026

12.00 noon – 5.00pm

Palmerston North Fraternal Gathering

Ashhurst Village Valley Centre, Ashhurst

Speaker: Bro James Stephenson, on 'Two of the Parables of Christ'

5 September 2026

Ladies Day Out at Pakuranga, 1:30pm

Speaker: Sis Alex Simpson on 'Grace'

Donations of baking/food, books, crafts, plants are welcomed

Funds raised will support the Beath Shean Trust and Kapalpal Christadelphian School in Tanna, Vanuatu

See advertisement on page 62

11 – 13 September 2026

Nelson Special Effort

Speaker: Bro Steve Hornhardt on 'The Seven Vials of the Apocalypse'

See advertisement on page 66

12 – 13 September 2026

Parklands Spring Fraternal

Speaker: Bro Glen Davies, Christchurch West, on 'Deliberate Discipleship'

Saturday: South New Brighton Community

Hall 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday: Abberley Park Hall 10:30am

25 – 27 September 2026

New Lynn Fraternal

Speaker: Bro David Zammit, Moorebank, NSW, on 'Preparing to Reign and Work with Christ'

25 – 27 September 2026

Tawa CYC Camp

Speaker: Bro Andy Norton on Philippians

Book in: tawacyc.wixsite.com/tawa-cyc-camp

26 – 27 September 2026

Wanganui Fraternal

Wanganui ecclesial hall, 138 Great North Road Wanganui

Speaker: Bro Tim Stephenson on 'They sang a hymn' (taken from Matthew 26:30)

23 – 26 October 2026

Tautuku CYC Camp

Speaker: Bro Sam Bailey on 'Lot: Decisions, consequences and faithfulness'

\$140 pp

Email: cycsouthland@gmail.com

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30 October 2026

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4 - 20 December 2026

ACBM South Pacific Mission

See advertisement on page 54

25 December 2026 – 2 January 2027

Summer School at Blue Skies.

Speakers will be Bro Peter Owen from the UK on 'Judges'

and Bro Roger Lewis from Christchurch Bible Hall on 'The Future Restoration of Israel'

See the Summer School website for details
www.cfbs.org.nz

See advertisement on page 61

28 December 2026 – 3 January 2027

New Zealand Christadelphian Bible School

Speakers will be Bro Richard Morgan from the USA on 'Living by Faith'

and Bro Ben Brinkerhoff, Christchurch North, on 'Judah – Overcoming Resentment'

See the Bible School website for details:
nzcbs.co.nz

See advertisement on page 60

30 April 2027

Ecclesial News Issue 260 deadline for submissions

21 – 23 May 2027

Women at the Well

Hamner Springs

See advertisement on page 63

13 – 17 April 2028

NZYC in Christchurch

Subject: 'David: A man after God's own heart'

To pre-register, please go to: <https://www.nzyouthconference.org.nz/>

24 – 27 June 2027

(Matariki long weekend)

NXT GEN 2027 in Queenstown with the theme of 'Lost and Found'

See more details on page 52

30 July 2027

Ecclesial News Issue 261 deadline for submissions

30 January 2027

Ecclesial News Issue 259 deadline for submissions

*I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your wonders of
old.*

*I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.*

Psalms 77:11 - 12 ESV

FAMILY
NOTICES

Baptisms

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

Sis Mari Fernandez, Waitakere
Bro Zac Young, Waitakere

Births

The new life of hope

Rocco Toohil, to Bro Jono and Sis Ellese Toohill, on 25 March, Wanganui

Theo Caleb Van Rooyen, to the family of Aidan and Laura Van Rooyen and his older brother Levi, on 9th June 2026, Christchurch North

Deaths

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

Bro John Stephenson, 16 February 2026, Wanganui

Sis Kath Berryman, Christchurch Bible Hall

Sis Jan Nicolson, Christchurch Bible Hall

Sis Lois James, 5 June 2026, Wellington

Sis Saasha Green, Christchurch Parklands

Bro Paul Smith, 17 May 2026, Dunedin

FAMILY NOTICES

Engagements

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

Marriages

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

Sis Kade Read to Bro Benji
Ryan, 25 July, Wellington

Transfers

*Transfers within the family of
God*

Sis Rebekah Manning from
Pakuranga to Wanganui

Bro Andrew and Sis Susanna
Tooth from Christchurch North
to Christchurch Bible Hall

Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon
Enstrom, Whangarei to
Christchurch Bible Hall

Sis Adrienne Alderson from
Nelson to Invercargill

Bro Eden and Sis Rosie
Simpson from Riverton to
Invercargill

Bro Stanley Worsnop from
Hamilton to Birmingham, UK

Sis Georgiana Pankhurst from
Riverton to Christchurch West

Bro David and Sis Rachel
Maynard from Invercargill to
Christchurch West

Bro Tim and Sis Suzi Beer
from Invercargill to
Christchurch West

Bro Ariel Martin from
Woodgate, UK, to
Christchurch West

Bro Rhys Smith from
Pakuranga to Christchurch
West

Bro David and Sis Pam
Pankhurst from Riverton to
Nelson

Sis Mina Butler from
Pakuranga to Tawa

ECCLESIAL NEWS

There are about 1785 Christadelphians in New Zealand, according to Google, and 589 subscribers to the Ecclesial News, according to my email list. That means there are still more than 1000 Christadelphians in New Zealand who are not receiving the New Zealand Ecclesial News.

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

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

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

Printed Copies

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1) Choose whether you would like a colour copy \$22.00, or a black-and white copy \$12.00. Postage is included within NZ. Discounts are available for bulk ecclesial orders.

2) Deposit the funds into the Pakuranga Christadelphians bank account 02-0176-0024524-00 with the references 'enews' and your name.

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

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

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



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Our love to you all, from your family here at New Lynn. The year is whizzing by and we continue to work within our lightstand waiting for Jesus' return. World events intensify then seem to recede or calm down – a bit – then ramp up again. Working, witnessing and waiting patiently has never been more important!

New Lynn Fraternal Weekend

Held annually on the first weekend of the September school holidays (this year on the 25th to 27th September), we are delighted to announce that Bro David Zammit of the Moorebank ecclesia, Sydney, will be speaking to us on 'Preparing to Reign and Work with Christ'. The study considers the final parables of Christ in Matthew 25 and examines our role in the Kingdom of God from a practical perspective; they are sure to guide us as we prepare for serving in God's coming Kingdom. We extend a warm invite to all; please contact Paul or Liz Marley for further details and put it in as a diary date!

CYC

In May, the Pakuranga CYC held their May camp at the Waitawheta Camp in Karangahape. Bro Ron Houben delved into the mysteries of the biblical donkey with four studies over the weekend. Our CYC members enjoyed the camp, and were pleased to also see friends who had come up for it from around NZ. In June

Ben A attended June weekend and in July Bro Ronald attended the Nxt Gen camp, both down in Wellington. Sis Kauri and Spencer attended the Rathmine's Young People's Study Week in July, in NSW, along with other Auckland CYC members (study subject 'Ephesians'), absolutely having a great time of fellowship, friendship and fun with around 400 other young people. All our young people thoroughly enjoyed their trips and camps away. It is super important to nurture our young folk and we thank all those who organise the camps and work so hard for their benefit.

In May the CYC held another Debates night after their success in running it last year. This year the debate question was 'God has chosen us VS We choose God' – a debate centred around free will and predestination. As last time, the CYC were split up into two teams to debate this question, using resources such as concordances etc, and coming up with opinions based upon scripture. It was a very animated and spirited debate; one of the ground rules is that all CYC members must talk, and this included our 13-year-old members who read from Bible passages to back up their team debate arguments.

The annual CYC progressive dinner was held in June, with yummy sharing plate starters (sausage rolls, cheese, crackers, fruit, dips etc) at Ben and Georgia William's place, pizza

mains at Chris and Anna O'Connors place (using their really big and very hot pizza oven), and the dessert and meditation at Mark and Nicky Malloy's place (ice cream, choc pudding). A rather large group of CYC members car pooled to do the circuit and the evening was very much enjoyed by all. Continuing with our 'Disciples' series of talks, Bro Jamin Adey has given a talk on Judas Iscariot, whilst Keith and Lis Presswell hosted the CYC when Bro Paul Herbert spoke about the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. At the end of June, Ben A hosted a lively and entertaining joint CYC / Junior CYC quiz afternoon at the hall.

Classes and Events

We finished our Bible Class topic on 'Living Like the Thessalonians', a subject which we all thought was interesting and we could learn many take-home lessons from. We have also had three study classes on 'Ezra' and have started classes on 'Priesthood', looking at Melchizedek, and the Aaronic priesthood to date. Our homes readings groups are looking at 1 John and these group readings continue to be popular.

Sunday afternoons have seen a number of talks given on topics including 'Bible Teaching Concerning the Soul'; and a series of five talks on 'The Framework of Bible Prophecy'. We have also held a video presentation on the Dead Sea Scrolls which was very interesting to watch. Apparently, the Isaiah Scroll and some

other scrolls were handed over to the Jewish Hebrew scholars in Jerusalem whilst - unbeknown - this being the same night as the State of Israel was being declared in the US in 1947! At the end of June, we hosted another outreach external venue talk in Glen Eden, where Bro Justin Roche (Pakuranga) spoke on 'Jesus' Hand in World Affairs – Iran, Israel and Russia.' We had some interested friends come to this including our interested Filipino contact friends from the Open Day last year. These contacts continue to attend regularly – we earnestly pray that God will open their hearts and give increase.

Early May saw the annual Working Bee at the hall; where deep cleaning, and any repairs and maintenance were carried out. It was a great team event fostering working relationships within the ecclesia. Towards the end of May, we had another social night where the men in the ecclesia went to the Malloy's house for a BBQ meal, readings and get together. At the same time the ladies and kids went over to Ben and Georgia William's house for a crafts and supper night, and listened to an online talk during the crafts. The ladies all brought their own crafts to work on such as knitting, drawing, journalling, card making, cross stitch, macramé and paper making. It was really nice to get together to just sit, chat, and spend time with each other in a social setting. We thank our hosts for use of their homes and for a wonderful time. A coffee morning was held in Riverhead for another social event.



New Lynn Sister's Class Craft Night

A big number of families and young people attended the Winter School in Napier in July, an always much anticipated Bible school. Bre Ken Styles (USA) and Rob Oosthuizen spoke and, by all accounts from returning members and young people, was much enjoyed both spiritually and fraternally.

At the end of July, the annual Auckland Combined Ecclesial Weekend was held where Bro Sam Bailey spoke on 'The House in Bethany'. We looked at the differences in service between Martha and Mary, drawing some insightful lessons from both characters. The talks and fraternal meeting and greeting were much enjoyed, and lessons were drawn to take encouragement and strength from. It was good to see Bro Sam, Sis Sarah and family up here and catch up with them over the weekend and we thank Sam for his words.

Travel and Other Welfare

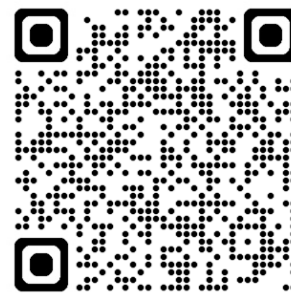
Bro Zay and Sis Georgia Jackson returned safely after their vacation to Japan, and Sis Marilyn Lau also returned from her extended stint in Europe with family. Bro Craig

Alexander visited China for work and we are very pleased to see them all return safely to us.

Our elderly members continue to walk with patience awaiting our Lord's return – we have many who are battling the vicissitudes of ageing and accompanying issues. Also, Bro Daniel Walton underwent a small op and Bro Ross Yearsley has been unwell, as has Sis Jude Bostin. We continue to think of and pray for our Bro Evan Smith particularly at this difficult and challenging time after the additional loss of his father, Bro Paul Smith of Dunedin, so soon after the loss of Sis Beth. Bro Paul had been unwell for the best part of a year and Evan and Beth had been visiting him and Sis Sue frequently over this time. We also pass on our love to Sis Sue. Bro Paul is now at peace, waiting for the resurrection call upon our Lord Jesus' return.

God bless you all and keep you safe in His loving arms as we continue for the remainder of 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 for the recent surgery for Bro Rumen Lal. We pray for Bro John Marsich's recovery after a recent fall.

Travellers

Bro Robert and Sis Sharon Prins have been busy travelling in recent months and we are pleased to have them home again. They visited family in Adelaide and Bro Robert led a study weekend on the topic 'Joy' for the Canterbury ecclesia in Melbourne.

The Horrell family have just arrived back from visiting family in Canada as well as spending time in America and we thank God for their safe return.

Farewell

Pakuranga held a farewell lunch to send off our Bro Daniel Welsh who had been with us for over a year. He has returned home to his family in Wales and we pray for God's blessing in God's vineyard there.



Bro Daniel Welsh with his leaving cake



Pakuranga sisters at a coffee morning

Sisters Morning Coffee Group

Our sisters gather together at cafes and homes around Auckland for their monthly morning coffee group. In June they sang songs and learned a new song around Sis Lorrie's piano, and in July they gathered at the Little Lucious Café to share time around God's word and coffee.

Transfers

Sis Mina Butler has transferred to the Tawa ecclesia, and Bro Rhys Smith to the Christchurch West ecclesia.

Visitors

We've had the pleasure and company of the following visitors around the Lord's memorial table. Apologies for anyone missed.
Sis Lois Sandle, Whangarei; Sis Lorrie Mundy, Bro Charles and Sis Chelsea Fraser, Bro

Nicholas Ram, Bro Paul and Sis Liz Marley, Sis Marilyn Lau, Bro Daniel and Sis Rebecca Walton, New Lynn; Sis Dani Mau, Sis Misha Simpson, Bro Matt and Sis Alex Simpson, Bro Paul Herbert, Sis Amber Adey, Bro Reuben Alderson, Waitakere; Bro Ben and Sis Ally Worsnop, Sis Lois Brinkman, Bro Peter and Sis Shiling Meads, Bro Stanley Worsnop, Hamilton; Sis Carol Brown, Danniverke; Sis Jan Teal, Sis Glenys Thomas, Hutt Valley; Sis Abi and Bro John Tarry, Hastings; Sis Veronika Nai, Suva, Fiji; Bro Joel Hudson, Brighton, SA; Sis Anne Melles, Bro Jason Kelly, Canterbury, VIC; Bro Daniel Alexander, Dandenong Ranges; Bro Levi Ryan, Boolaroo, NSW; Sis Verity Russell, Sis Prue Russell, Brisbane, QLD; Sis Lynda Russell, Toowoomba, QLD; Sis Ruth Devis, South Bank, QLD (still a member of Pakuranga); Sis Helen Morse, Malvern, UK

AUCKLAND - WAITAKERE

Recorder: Bro.Martin Herbert

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

Memorial Meeting time: Sunday 10:30am

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

Welcome to the cooler Winter season! Waitākere continues to meet on Sundays at 10:30am in West Auckland. All visitors are most welcome! Waitakere meets at a local school hall with the option of being online for Sunday memorials.

Whilst we all brave the winter months, it was wonderful to have a combined memorial meeting held at Pakuranga Hall recently. There was a good turnout for the Auckland Combined Ecclesial Gathering. We thank our speaker, Bro Sam Bailey from Christchurch North Ecclesia. Over the weekend his subject was The House of Bethany and The Home of Mary and Martha. The study presented two faithful women with different personalities each processing life's pressures and circumstances in their own way. It was great to share with the Auckland folk in a memorial meeting together.

Baptisms

Waitakere has been blessed with recent baptisms which encourage and uplift us all. The angels rejoice with us all, at such a special time.

Mari Fernandez was baptised on Saturday 2nd May at the Milford Beach. Marie has been a positive and inspirational gift to the Waitakere meeting. Her baptism was attended by many of her South American, Columbian friends. She brings life and happiness to our gatherings. God has blessed us with her presence.

We further rejoiced in the baptism of Zac Young on August 1st. Zac was baptised at Shakespeare Regional Park, North Shore. Zac has been a keen Bible student and youth group member. Zac is supported by his family and his brother Bro Jake Young who was baptised on the same beach just a few years ago. Zac's grandparents Beryl and Jason Young, from Brisbane also joined in the celebrations and were present for Zac. Truly a special time for them and their family.

Blessings to our newly baptised folk.

The Baptism of Zac Young



Bible Class

So far this year's online Bible class has been a selection of wild cards and a study of the Gospel of Matthew. The parables of Christ allow us so much to ponder on, as Christ dedicated his time in the early years of his ministry. The disciples had a great deal to learn as their mission was to then carry on spreading the message of Christ's teaching and the Kingdom of God. All these talks inspire us to see how the gospel message came to us. Bro Robert Alderson's wild card was a fascinating study that looked at a theme of time, dates, and the calendar from ancient times to the present day. Our wild cards are always thought provoking and engaging. The effort and times that goes into these talks are always appreciated.

Sunday School and CYC

Sunday School continues with regular gatherings including joint Sunday Schools with the Auckland meetings.

Senior CYC continues to meet regularly with events joined with other the Auckland CYCs.

Junior CYC events planned for throughout the year continue to include activities such as rock

climbing, cooking and a beach clean-up with a BBQ and bonfire to conclude the year.

Welfare

We have had members unwell with influenza over the winter periods. The blessing of being able to meet online for memorial meetings has been so helpful for many.

Sis Margaret Price continues with the management of her heart condition. She is up and about when she is able and enjoying the company of her friends and family. We continue to pray for her and for Paul, who is a wonderful carer for her.

We pray for all our older members who may find attending activities a little harder. However, we know their wisdom and encouragement is a wonderful example to us all.

May God bless those who need him in whatever way.

We pray for Christ's sure return and continue in hope as we watch his plan unfold in the world around us.

AUCKLAND - WESTERN LIGHTSTAND

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No report this time.

BAY OF PLENTY

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Meeting Times: 11.00am Sunday memorial meeting

No report this time.

CHRISTCHURCH - BIBLE HALL

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

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

"But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they will soon come home." (Ezekiel 36:8 ESV).

With all the news out in the world, we are reminded that God is continuing to work His plan and purpose. He is the one who is actively working with natural and spiritual Israel, that we would bring forth fruit to His name.

Gospel Proclamation

Our Bro Keith Boddington has presented to our members on '12 prophecies that are being fulfilled in Israel right now', encouraging us in our personal preaching and reminding us that even in this political climate, God continues to work to fulfil his purpose with Israel. The more we keep fulfilled prophecy in the forefront of

our minds, the more we can be prepared to offer 'and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you', as 1 Peter 3:15 (KJV) encourages us.

Deaths

This season has been a heavy one for many of our members.

Sis Kath Berryman, a mother in Israel and mother to Bro Roger, has fallen asleep after declining health.

Our Sis Jan Nicolson, who had been struggling with dementia, also fell asleep.

Our hearts as well are with Bro John and Sis Loreene Green, who mourn the death of their daughter Sis Saasha of the Parklands ecclesia, who fought her good fight and fell asleep due to complications from her long-time health

struggles.

We take comfort in the end of their suffering and the hope of the resurrection, when all the infirmities of the flesh will be done away.

Transfers

We have had the pleasure of welcoming additional new members. Bro Andrew and Sis Susanna Tooth have transferred from Christchurch North, and Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon Enstrom have returned from their time with the Whangarei ecclesia. We are so pleased for their presence and service and continue to request that if anyone would be willing to come and help out our ecclesia, they would be very welcome!

Travel

Our Bro Roger and Sis Pauline Lewis have been traveling to the USA, where Bro Roger is speaking at the Trine Bible School. Our Bro Brett Roberts and Sis Nerine Roberts have also been away, travelling in Europe. We have missed their presence.

Health

Our Bro Keith Boddington and Sis Helen Nair have both undergone minor surgery and are recovering.

Visitors

We are very thankful for the company of the following visitors, and especially for the visiting speakers who have uplifted our hearts with the bringing of words of exhortation:

Bro Hans and Sis Gabi Widemann, Bro Sean and Sis Terri Scott, Bro Travis Scott, Sis Ruth Stedman, Sis Carole Taylor, Bro Caleb Jackson, Bro Andrew and Sis Shaye Yearsley, Christchurch North; Bro Jesse and Sis Vivi Parkinson, Bro Dan Green, Christchurch West; Sis Judith Lloyd, Bro Stuart and Sis Robyn Ackerman, Bro Wayne and Sis Carole Bates Kaiapoi; Bro John Green, Sis Jo Marsden, Parklands; Bro Andrew and Sis Rebeka Pankhurst, Riverton; Bro Chris and Sis Julie Cowell, Wellington; Bro Lionel and Sis Sharon Estroy, Whangarei; Sis Elisabeth Alderson, Boolaroo, NSW.

CHRISTCHURCH - KAIAPOI

Recorder: Bro Ian Ashton

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Meeting Times: Sunday 11am; Tuesday 7.30pm

Greetings in the one hope that we share.

There is so much turmoil and chaos around us, these are certainly the sign of the times but how long will it be?

Health

As winter is upon us, we have had the usual coughs, colds, and flu. It's been a cold but also sunny winter this year but it won't be long until the new day of spring arrives.

Bro Reg Stedman is still doing very well and is coming up to a good age of 99. He is still active with doing duties and this is amazing at his age.

Bro Wayne Bates is doing extremely well with his cancer treatment and has even given a couple of exhortations and Bible talks in the last few months.

Events

Our yearly Bible camp with the Timaru ecclesia is coming up in November, which is always lovely to spend time in quiet solitude.

We had an afternoon lecture on the 26th of July, but sadly, there was no response to a very good talk on 'The Gospel Global News for Todays Troubled World'.

Please Help

We are a very small ecclesia and would be very appreciative of help. *"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'"* (Acts 16:9 ESV).

May we all continue to keep our vision on God's kingdom, moving closer to fulfilment every day.

Visitors

We are thankful for the visiting brethren, those who gave the word of exhortation, and their families.

Sis Tamara Perez, Parklands; Bro Philip and Sis Deborah Alderson, Bro David and Sis Carolyn Bailey, Sis Beth Cowell, Christchurch North; Bro Brook and Sis Olivia Yates, Bro Brydyn Melles, Bro Peter and Sis Geraldine Fullwood, Sis Trisha Mandac, Bro Stephen Albrecht, Bro Mark Weber, Bro Graham Garroway, Bro Jared and Sis Clare Bates, Bro Brendon and Sis Alana Clark, Bro Chris and Sis Katherine Yearsley, Christchurch West; Bro Chris and Sis Julie Cowell, Wellington.

CHRISTCHURCH - NORTH

Recorder: Bro Sam Bailey

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

Bible class: 7:30pm Wednesday

Firstly, the writer would like to acknowledge the hard work and effort that goes into (and has gone into over the last 60 years!!) organising these delightful Ecclesial News issues that get sent around and thank Bro Robert Prins for his work compiling and sending them. It is such a nice way to feel connected and up to date with what is happening throughout NZ.

It's been a reasonably quiet quarter here, bunkering down and getting ready for a busy end of the year! We of course have our large Sunday School running in full force as usual, as well as 9-12's, CYC, and all the regular

ecclesial events. Many of our number attended and enjoyed the Winter Bible School and enjoyed spotting each other on the boat sailing up, as well as the fantastic talks led by Bro Ken Styles who spoke on, 'God's Family Design', and Bro Rob Oosthuizen whose subject was, 'The Benjaminites and the Hope of Israel'. It was a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and fun together! Preparations are being made for our highly-anticipated upcoming North/West Special Effort to be held in late August which will, God Willing, be led by Bro Jason Hensley.

Other than that, there are just a couple things of note for our Ecclesia from the past few months, as follows:

Preaching

We have had another term of Sunday night Bible Readings Groups, Monday night Bible Readings Groups and a Tuesday Night Bible Study Course with a couple of Questions and Answers near the end to keep our leaders of this group on their toes! These have been going really well and we've been encouraged and motivated by people's enthusiasm to learn about the Bible!

We also had a special lecture on 30th June lead by Bro Carl Marsden on the topic, 'The World is in Turmoil: Where is it all Heading? The Bible Offers Hope'. This was well attended and enjoyed by all and we had some interested friends come along and remark upon a friendly welcome which is always the aim! We appreciate your prayers for the continued work in this small part of God's creation to reach hearts still looking for Him.

CYC and NZYC 2028!

Christchurch wide was recently invited to purchase a ticket for a play put on by the CYC lead by Bro Ben O'Grady depicting the relationship between Paul and Timothy entitled 'Keep the Charge'. This was at a local school hall with great facilities which made for a very special atmosphere. This play was one that was previously presented at a conference but was put on again as a fundraiser for the next NZYC which 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/>

A big thank you to all the CYC and Bro Ben and Sis Liz O'Grady, Sis Vanessa Thelning and Bro Devin Davies and all those others who were involved in putting this play on for us to enjoy!

Visitors

We are thankful to welcome the company of the following visitors: Bro Lindsay and Sis Angela Marsden, Bro Simon and Sis Cindy O'Grady, Wellington; Sis Lesley Ledger, Bro Stanley Worsnop and Nadine Helbun, Hamilton; Sis Josie Mailman, Bro Ezra Roberts, Bro Wayne and Sis Dinah Roberts, Sis Psalm Roberts, Bro Jake Young, Bro Josh and Sis Shiloh Mansfield, Sis Tarah Roberts, Bro Arthur and Sis Denise Pankhurst, Bro Samuel Crawley, Nelson; Bro Tim and Sis Susi Beer, Invercargill; Sis Allicia Cheek, Salisbury, Adelaide; Bro Tim and Sis Lorna Yearsley, Bro Ross and Sis Wendy Melles, Bro Sam Martin, Bro Ariel Martin, Sis Clare Bates, Bro Brydyn Melles, Bro Jesse and Sis Vivi Parkinson, Sis Sarah Yearsley, Sis Anna Yearsley, Bro Joshua Tooth, Christchurch West; Bro Sam and Sis Letitia Jackson, Hutt Valley; Bro Graham and Sis Ruth Travers, Boronia, Melbourne; Bro Isaac and Sis Kristy Slattery, Sis Jeannie McClannahan, Las Vegas, USA; Bro Matthew and Sis Abby Archer, Enfield, Adelaide; Bro Jesse and Sis Colleen Brown, Bible Hall; Sis Michele Van Rooyen, One Tree Hill, Adelaide; Bro Brian O'Grady, Tawa; Sis Georgia Jackson, New Lynn; Bro Daniel Alexander, Dandenong Ranges, Melbourne; Sis Veronika Naiwanga, Suva, Fiji.



Keep the Charge - Fill Cast



Scenes from 'Keep the Charge'



CHRISTCHURCH - PARKLANDS

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

Online activities: Tuesday night Bible Class 7:00pm on Zoom. Please email for Zoom link.

Fraternal greetings from your brothers and sisters at Parklands.

We would like to thank all those who have visited and encouraged us during the year, we are grateful for your continued support and encouragement.

We mourned with our Bro John and Sis Loreene Green and family on the sad loss of Sis Saasha in June. Saasha endured lifelong health challenges from a young age, and we take comfort in knowing that she is now free from pain and suffering. She sleeps awaiting the return of our Lord Jesus, and the hope of being raised from the dead to eternal life – whole and healed in spirit and body, which she earnestly looked forward to.

A number of our members have been enjoying overseas trips of late; in January we welcomed Bro Tim and Sis Gail back from their ten-month sailing adventure around Australia and the Pacific. While in Vanuatu they spent five

weeks volunteering at the Christadelphian School on Tanna, which is supported by Agape in Action, and visited ecclesias at Port Vila, Malekula and other brothers and sisters in isolation. We welcomed back Bro Robin and Jasmine who had been in Cambodia for three years, so Jasmine could attend school here. Sis Saruon and Ember are still currently in Cambodia. Bro John and Sis Fiona are currently enjoying a three-month trip, spending time with family and taking in the sights of Canada, Alaska and Australia.

Our Spring Fraternal is to be held on the weekend of September 12 and 13, God Willing. Our speaker, Bro Glen Davies of Christchurch West, will speak on, 'Deliberate Discipleship', with two talks on Saturday and an exhortation on Sunday. We invite anyone who may like to attend our Spring Fraternal to join us.

We welcome any visitors who may be visiting Christchurch to meet with us.

CHRISTCHURCH - WEST

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Memorial meeting: Sunday 11:00 am at Pareawa Banks Ave School, 57 Averill Street, Richmond

Bible Class: Wednesday 7:30 pm at Pareawa Banks Ave School, 57 Averill Street, Richmond

Bible Reading Groups/Seminars: Sunday 7:00pm 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 Jesus's name. We pray that this year, God willing, may bring the return of our Lord. How we earnestly long and pray for this to happen soon!

Transfers

Over the past three months, our role continues to grow with the transfer of these seven new brethren: Sis Georgiana Pankhurst from Riverton, Bro David and Sis Rachel Maynard and Bro Tim and Sis Suzi Beer, all from Invercargill, Bro Ariel Martin from Woodgate in the UK, and Bro Rhys Smith from Pakuranga.

God indeed continues to richly bless our ecclesia, with the current role sitting at 104, making us officially the largest meeting in Christchurch (of baptised members)!

Ecclesial Events

The CYC have had several activities in their program recently.

As a fundraiser for the NZYC28, the Timothy play (that was previously presented at the Australasian youth conference last year) was put on for all the Christchurch meetings and those who wanted to attend. Unfortunately, it wasn't a full house on the night, but nonetheless it was a very enjoyable evening.

There have been two more light-hearted events organised, these being a gym afternoon and ice skating (which also included children from the 9-12 aged group to increase numbers to hire the whole skating rink).

A number of our CYC attended the annual June weekend in Wellington over King's Birthday. During the July school holidays several members of our ecclesia attended the Winter School in Napier.

Currently for Bible Class we are considering the subjects, 'Dwellings of the Almighty', a series by Bro Tim Yearsley, and 'Mary', another series by Bro Brendon Clark.

In our homegroups, we have commenced a book study entitled, 'My Kingdom Handbook' by Bro Stephen Whitehouse. It is such a wonderful blessing to be able to meet in small groups and discuss the things that are shortly to come to pass!

In June we replaced our normal monthly fraternal lunch with something more special, to the theme of 'Lunch in Russia, Dessert in the Solomons'. The primary focus of this lunch was the presentation of Bible Mission work that had been done by Bro Tim Yearsley over six trips to Russia, and in the Solomon Islands

by Bro Brydyn Melles. Everyone brought either a popular well known main or a dessert from each of those countries. Quite a few members from Christchurch North also joined us. All plates and serving bowls were licked clean, and were washed down with cups of lavish hot cacao drinks.

Our Bible readings groups continue to be fruitful, with several interested friends attending, and supported by about two dozen brothers, sisters and young people.

We sorrow with our Bro Rhys Smith, at the recent falling asleep in Christ of his father, Bro Paul Smith of the Dunedin Ecclesia. We also grieve with Bro Matthew and Sis Debra Green, who laid to rest Bro Matthew's sister, Sis Saasha Green (aged 46), in a very moving ceremony on 17th June. Sis Saasha (a member of Parklands Ecclesia) suffered many debilitating medical conditions since childhood, and was in later life confined first to a wheelchair, and then over the last year became bed ridden. We also grieve with Saasha's parents, Bro John and Sis Loreene Green, who so lovingly cared for their daughter during her shortened life. But in the midst of this terrible sadness, we are strengthened by our united hope, that we will see our beloved family members again in the Kingdom when our Lord Jesus returns. When there will be no more pain or suffering, and all will be restored to a good measure of health.

Our Sis Coralie is experiencing an extended period of ill health following a recent head injury and subsequent concussion. Our prayers and love go out to her, as she has been unable to attend ecclesial activities for some time. By

God's grace and healing hands, we hope to see her return to us soon.

Several of our members have travelled overseas recently: Bro Chris and Sis Kathryn Yearsley along with their family followed in the footsteps of Paul through Greece and Turkey; Bro Warren and Sis Sheryn Shapcott, Bro Charles and Sis Agnes Wang and Bro Ezek Wang spent time in Brisbane; Bro David and Sis Rachel Maynard travelled to Perth for David's work; Sis Lee Vogel is still in Lismore visiting family; Bro Glen and Sis Nikki Davies are in Cambodia on mission work, and Bro Brydyn Melles in Vanuatu.

Visitors over the last 3 months

Bro Carl (exhorted) and Sis Hannah Marsden, Bro Daniel Alexander, Bro Ben and Sis Liz O'Grady, Bro Simon, Sis Rosie and Bro Lucien Alderson, Sisters Ahava and Asha Brinkerhoff, Sis Jane Evans, Bro Andrew and Sis Shaye Yearsley, Sis Sharon Nicholls, Sis Abi Godfrey, Sis Hazel Alderson and Bro Paul and Sis Bronwyn Brown, Christchurch North; Bro Murray and Sis Carol Green, Kaikoura; Bro Don and Sis Anne Clark, Morrinsville; Bro Daniel Fletcher, Palmerston North; Sis May Nelson and Sis Bella Dondero, Dunedin; Bro Kent and Sis Dani Larsen, Wellington; Bro Luke Snelling, Wilston, Brisbane; Sis Holly and Sis Jacqui Ingram, Riverton; Sis Alexa Oosthuizen, Sis Heidi Alderson, Bro Malcolm and Sis Suhasini Scott, Sis Rowena Scott, Bro Eli Mundy, Sis Kaelah Dondero, Invercargill; Sis Lesley Ledger, Hamilton; Sis Lois Sandle, Whangarei; Bro Jonathan Goodwin, Eastern Suburbs, Perth; Bro Joshua Elrom, Canterbury, Melbourne.

DANNEVIRKE

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No report this time.

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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.

Please note that our PO Box number 11041 is now closed. Send letters and packages to the Secretary's home address, thank you.
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DUNEDIN - CENTRAL

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It has been a busy few months for the Dunedin ecclesia, with plenty of fellowship and activity, along with the sadness of farewelling a much-loved brother.

We were saddened by the recent death of our much-loved brother, Paul Smith, who had been part of the Dunedin Ecclesia since moving south in 1974. Baptised as a young man, Paul's faith was central to his life, and for more than 50 years he served the ecclesia faithfully in many roles, including Sunday School superintendent, recorder, presiding brother, exhorting brother and Bible class speaker. He was a thoughtful and diligent student of Scripture, with a particular love for the Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, and was known for listening carefully and respecting the views of others. Paul's steady commitment to God and his hope in the coming Kingdom will be greatly missed, but we look forward in faith to the time when we may meet again. Paul's graveside service in the peaceful setting overlooking Orokonui Lagoon, seemed especially fitting for someone who spent so much time pondering the wisdom of Proverbs. Our thoughts and prayers remain with his wife, Sue, and their family following what has been a particularly difficult time.

Missionary work

Bro Ian and Sis Marjorie Bowen are in Cambodia undertaking important missionary work, Marjorie comments below:

"At present Ian and I are in Cambodia staying

at the Bible Education Centre. Here is where students from university and schools are invited to come and learn English for free and also have the opportunity to learn about the Bible for free. In fact, anybody who hears about this centre can come and have fellowship and meals and learning. It has been an amazing experience to talk and teach English and Bible lessons to interested Cambodians and Iranians. There is a need for Field Workers here as there are many students coming after their school, keen to learn from English speaking people. We have felt very humbled by their happy natures and loving care they have for us. There is much work to do in God's vineyard."

A Fresh Name, a Wider Reach

Dunedin ecclesia's Book Supply is becoming Living Ink Books. Over the years, we've built up a wonderful collection of books and resources through Dunedin Book Supply. We've come to realise that much of this material has value well beyond our own Christadelphian community, particularly for



Dunedin Book Supply
is becoming
Living Ink Books

Still for members • Now opening wider

*The same trusted service.
A wider community of readers.*



♥ Ian & Marjorie's Mission Adventures ♥



Preparing then delivering food to the poor



The girl's dormitory after their lesson on God's plants in creation.



Enjoying a meal with members of the Sihanoukville ecclesia



Visiting the Siem Reap ecclesia

Christians and other readers exploring faith from a Unitarian perspective. So, we're opening the doors a little wider. Dunedin Book Supply is being rebranded as Living Ink Books — a bookstore that will continue to serve Christadelphians while making this wealth of thoughtful, Bible-based material more accessible to a wider audience. Our new website is currently in development, and we hope to go live within the next week or so. In the meantime, visit Living Ink Books and enter your email address to join our newsletter and be among the first to know when we launch. <https://www.livinginkbooks.co.nz/password>. Our existing Dunedin Book Supply website will transition as Living Ink takes shape.

Gospel Proclamation

We are really pleased to have ongoing regular students to our Learn English class on

Sunday mornings, with often between five and ten visitors each week. It is great to be able to help others in our community and build connections, with some bringing their children to join in with Sunday School, and even staying for the memorial meeting at times.

We have also been advertising Bible topics online and in our local paper, inviting people to visit our website to read a monthly topic in our blog. We've had well over a hundred unique visitors read the posts each month, with an average reading time of 1 to 2 minutes, which is a great start to planting a seed and encourage people to consider views they may not have heard before.

Youth Group

Over the past three months, our young people have enjoyed a varied programme of fun, fellowship and learning. Activities included



laser tag, exploring personality types, considering positive uses of technology, and supporting a member in his school production.

They also shared a lovely evening with Beverley and Kelvin, learning about monarch butterflies and hearing about their travels in Israel. More recently, two members attended Study Week in Sydney, returning inspired, enthusiastic and understandably tired after a memorable week.

Women's Class

Our monthly women's classes continue to offer valued fellowship, encouragement and spiritual growth, with a variety of thoughtful topics, uplifting discussion and excellent suppers. Recent sessions have explored 'Gems of the Bible,' Ruth's example, the women in Exodus who influenced Moses, and book review of 'Moms of the Bible'.

Wedding Abroad

The Vuli family recently returned from Glasgow, where they celebrated the wedding of their son, Bro Joseph Vuli, to Sis Rachel Smith. The couple are both members of the Glasgow Kelvin ecclesia.

Visitors

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

Bro Evan Smith, Auckland New Lynn; Sis Rachel Mearns, Parklands Christchurch; Bro and Sis Tim (exhorted) and Natasha Keating, Christchurch North; Bro and Sis Geoffery and Julie Beer, Dipton; Bro and Sis's Simon (exhorted) Kate and Heidi Alderson, Bro and Sis Peter (exhorted) and Alana Niven, Invercargill; Bro Warwick Hobbs, Dunedin Bayfield.

HAMILTON

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

Family Matters

Bro Stanley Worsnop has gone off to see the other side of the world, working for a couple of years and saying, 'I'll be back in between'. He chose to fly an anti-clockwise route via Vancouver to Germany, avoiding the Middle East hotspots, then to Birmingham, U.K.

Sis Karyn Box and Sis Lorraine Byrne have lost yet another relative, Bro Matt Biggs, of Leicester, UK, being the husband of their sister, Sis Gill Biggs. Lorraine and her husband Aran and a granddaughter went to the UK in June on an extended trip, pre-planned, and now coinciding with a memorial event for Matt in his village. Lorraine is still recovering from a horse-riding accident in N.Z.

Another accident victim, Bro Steve Swain, has been wearing a moon boot for several weeks following an awkward leg fracture while playing volleyball.

Bro T.J. Reding, a teacher by profession, has been appointed as the Founding Principal to the

newly formed Heritage International Online School, a Christadelphian Trust established in U.K.

The latest 'orchestra', put together on a Sunday morning, when visitors brought their instruments, comprised of a euphonium and a tenor sax adding to the two flutes and a violin – and No piano.

Ecclesial Visitors

Bro Levi Ryan, Boolaroo, NSW; Bro Ron McBride, Gosnells, W.A.; Bro Shaine and Sis Glynis Williams, Bro David (exh) and Sis Jenny Luxmoore, Pakuranga; Bro Ben Alexander, Bro Keith and Sis Lis Presswell, Bro Dave (exh) and Sis Pip Dangerfield, New Lynn; Sis Misha Simpson, Waitakere; Bro Andrew and Sis Anita Saxon, Bay of Plenty; Sis Leah Mullins, New Plymouth; Bro Jake Young, Nelson; Sis Asher Brinkerhoff, Christchurch North; Bro John (exh) and Sis Fiona Worsnop, Christchurch Parklands.

HASTINGS

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

Sessions for children and young people

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

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

No report this time.

HUTT VALLEY

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

Sunday 7:00pm (varies between hall, homes and online)

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

No report this time.

INVERCARGILL

Recorder: Bro Rob Oosthuizen

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Regular meeting times: Memorial Meeting 11:00am Sunday; Sunday School 9:25am Sunday (except holidays); Sunday Evening function most Sundays 7:00pm; Bible Class 7:30pm Wednesday; CYC Saturday nights.

Greetings to our New Zealand ecclesial family from the deep south. Events in the world around us are surely bringing us closer to the kingdom at a swift pace. Things are changing on a daily basis and there is no stability anywhere, except in our Heavenly Father whose plan will be carried out regardless of what man decides. We are reminded of the verse in Proverbs 19:21 “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that will prevail” (NIV).

Family News

We sorrow with the family of Bro Paul Smith who was part of our Dunedin Ecclesial family. Bro Paul passed away peacefully after a battle with his health. Our Sis Lydia Corson and family are in our prayers after what has been a very challenging time over the last few months with the devastating loss of Sis Beth Smith in a motorbike accident followed by the falling asleep of Bro Paul. It has been a tough time for all the Smith family and we keep them all close in our hearts and prayers.

Sis Janice Nicholson also passed away peacefully in Christchurch. Sis Janice was a member of the Invercargill Ecclesia for many years before her shift to Christchurch. Our prayers also go out to her family. We pray that our Heavenly Father will keep all those who sorrow in His loving care as well as those who through the challenges of life are struggling with everyday life. We look forward to the time when our frail mortal bodies are changed into

glorious immortal bodies and there will be no more pain and sorrow.

We welcome by transfer Sis Adrienne Alderson from Nelson (who we mentioned in our last edition) but who is now an ‘official’ member of our ecclesia. We are really enjoying having Aunty Adrienne back home. We have also gained by way of transfer Bro Eden and Sis Rosie Simpson and their three wee girls who have transferred from Riverton. It is lovely to have them all join us and we look forward to sharing our walk to the kingdom with them in our Invercargill ecclesial family.

We have had some members away travelling over the last while. Sis Helen Beer is with her daughter Sis Kerin and her husband Bro Shaun Pitt in Hartley, South Australia, since the arrival of their little son Levi Shaun Fletcher Pitt in May. Sis Michelle Findlater and family and Sis Ainsley have been away having a holiday in the USA and enjoying the sights as well as catching up with family while they were away. We thank our Heavenly Father for keeping them all safe during their travels.

Ecclesial Events

Our annual Fraternal was held at the beginning of May. We had a wonderful evening of uplifting words and songs of praise. This year our Bro Eli Mundy organised an evening around the theme of finding joy in the trials in our lives. Bro Matt Beer spoke to us about the Apostle Paul and showed us that despite the

many trials Paul suffered he still kept the vision of the kingdom before him and constantly encouraged the brethren and sisters to remain joyful or to rejoice in whatever situation they found themselves, just as he had. Bro Russell Kells showed us the greatest example we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah chapter 53 tells us that he was a man despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering, smitten and afflicted, pierced and crushed, a lamb led to the slaughter and assigned a grave with the wicked. There was not a lot of joy found in his life. But despite this he looked to the future knowing that his Father had something glorious prepared for him and for all those who faithfully follow Him. Bro Simon Alderson spoke to us about our walk and finding things to bring us joy through the difficulties we face in our lives. He showed us that it is essential to have a vision of the future and to put ourselves into it and plan for it and make it real so that it becomes our focus over and above the trials and difficulties we are all facing in different ways. Many thanks to our speakers and to Bro Eli for reminding us that we need to look forward beyond the trials we face now in this life, because they are nothing compared to the future our Heavenly Father has prepared for us.

Sunday School Play

Our annual Sunday School play was held at the end of June. It was based around the life of Moses – from his birth through to entering into the household of Pharaoh, until he was an old man at Sinai. We were treated to a very enthusiastic rendition with amazing props to help bring the stories to life. When it came time for the 10 plagues, the audience was bombarded by frogs and large hail stones (ping pong balls). There were laughs aplenty when it came to the golden calf which was a jigsaw on boxes but the boxes got muddled and we had a very unusual looking calf until it got sorted out. There was plenty of enthusiasm both in the acting and in the singing. It is such a blessing to be able to watch our little/young people show how much they love God and the stories left on record. Our teachers and organisers do an amazing and essential job and we are grateful



Invergargill Sunday School Play



Invergargill Sunday School Play



for all the efforts and love they put into the young people. After the play was finished they got a chance to decorate cupcakes, which were passed onto parents and grandparents with pride, and they also had a go at doing other crafts.

Riverton Fraternal

The Riverton fraternal was an evening based around the theme of the coming kingdom. There was a journey through pictures, music and songs going through the subjects of 'God's Beauty from Creation', 'The Decline of the World', and 'The Kingdom – New Creation'. It is essential to keep looking forward to the

coming kingdom and making it the reality in our lives. There is something wonderful prepared for those who look forward in faith and follow the example of our Lord Jesus. We were welcomed with a little gift bag of goodies and spent an evening of special fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

Couch Conversation

We held a couch conversation evening where Bro Laddy Czerepowicz and Sis Gerlint shared some of their life history. It was truly a treat to hear about the things they had been through – they have both certainly had challenging (and in some cases colourful) lives. Many thanks to both of them for sharing their story with us.

CYC

The Southland Youth Group recently hosted a fun-filled Quiz Night as a fundraiser for Tautuku Camp, bringing together the Invercargill and Riverton members for an evening of entertainment and fellowship. The event was expertly led by the ever-enthusiastic Josh Giles, whose energetic game-show hosting kept the crowd engaged and eager to participate throughout the night. Alongside the quiz everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments by the Cafe. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the CYC in raising valuable funds to support Tautuku Camp coming up 23rd – 26th October. The speaker is Bro Sam Bailey and his topic is 'Lot: Decisions, Consequences and Faithfulness.' For anyone who would like to go to the camp please email: cycsouthland@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all those who have visited us and given talks over the last three months. It is one of the richest blessings of ecclesial life to be able to share fellowship with others of like-minded faith, to encourage and be encouraged to continue the race we have begun.



KAIKOURA “Kowhai” Ecclesia

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

No report this time.

NELSON

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Meeting times: Sunday, 11:00am

We welcome Bro David and Sis Pam Pankhurst to Nelson ecclesia as they have done the downsize to a retirement village. They will keep their daughter and grandkids busy here in Nelson.

The Stephenson family recently organised an electives day at Rodney and Zoe's property. This entailed various ecclesial members showing their talents to teach others. Activities ranged from diamond art, scrapbooking and stamping, chainsaw and knife sharpening, to making furniture from pallets and backing a trailer. The latter had no lower age limit and so a tribe of young boys followed Joel Struckman around the back paddock and thought all their Christmases had come at once. They could just see through the steering wheel and reach the accelerator by sitting on the front of the seat.

No cars were harmed in the process.

Bro Ton Parmentier has had a significant milestone and lots of family have been in Nelson to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Recent visitors to Nelson have been: Sis Sheryl Beer, Tasman; Bro Mark Wood, Blenheim; Sis Sandra Wood, New Plymouth; Sis Pauline Maxwell, Sis Shirley Taylor, Hutt Valley; Sis Joy Giles, Invercargill; Bro Hayden Smith, Dunedin; Sis Andrea Prince, Kaikoura; Bro Hayden Bryce, Christchurch North; Bro Marcus and Sis Alison Clark, Christchurch Parklands; Bro James and Sis Aria Hughes, Gabriel Heights, Australia; Bro William Mansfield, Bro Elias and Sis Kayla Mansfield, Yagoona, Australia; Bro Daniel Alexander, Dandenong Ranges, Australia; Sis Robin Clark, Kallangur, Australia.

NEW PLYMOUTH

Recorder: Bro Mark Taylor

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Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting Sunday at 10.30.am.

Greeting to all brothers and sisters,

It has been some time since New Plymouth has submitted a newsletter to you all. Time has gone past so fast, I need to apologise for my slackness.

Things have changed here since the last newsletter, which would have been done by Bro Ton Parmentier. It was very sad to see Bro Ton and Sis Fern depart New Plymouth and head south to Nelson. Their company has been missed very much and the meeting on a Sunday morning is never the same when one member let alone two members are no longer around. We are a small meeting as it is, but we make do with the situation.

We have had the company of Bro Lyle and Sis Narita Davies, Bro Dean and Sis Sarah Cowell. Sis Leah Mulligan also has been a frequent visitor to our small meeting, while she spends time with her sister Ruth Connolly. These have been always very much appreciated and are a boost to our Sunday mornings.

Not much has been happening in New Plymouth. Once again, we topped the sunniest

recorded days. Winter is now upon us and like everywhere around New Zealand, we will be finding things chilly and wet.

We have now only two brothers in New Plymouth who are active to do the Sunday duties. At times Bro Mark Wood (based in Blenheim) joins us via zoom and helps us out for the readings and exhortations.

If any brother and sister would like to have a weekend in New Plymouth, especially if any brothers are willing to give a exhortation to help us out, you would be very much appreciated.

We hope this update finds every one well and safe. As things around the world deteriorate, we see the hand of God shaping the world, getting things to a point when his Son, our Lord, will be asked to return and sort the man-made problems out and establish the kingdom we are waiting and looking for.

Bro Mark Taylor.

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.

Over the past three months we have had reduced numbers at our meetings due to brethren being away or incapacitated for medical reasons. We are especially grateful to have been able to share fellowship with the Whanganui brothers and sisters during this period.

Shared Meeting with Whanganui

On Sunday 26 July we hosted a combined memorial meeting with the Whanganui ecclesia at Palmerston North. On this occasion Bro Paul Manning gave the word of exhortation and we enjoyed lunch together afterwards. 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.

Fraternal Gathering

We look forward to our fraternal gathering to be held, God willing, on Saturday, 8 August with Bro James Stephenson speaking on two of the parables of Christ.

Visitors

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

Bro Phil and Sis Katrina Green, Bro Lyall and Sis Ngarita Davis, Sis Susanna Davies, Bro Mark and Sis Delene Holm, Wellington; Sis Jenny Berkahn, Hastings; Bro Guy Alexander, Hutt Valley; ten brothers and sisters at the combined meeting from Whanganui.

RIVERTON

Recorder: Bro James Pankhurst

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Phone: James 0273511569

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 the Riverton Ecclesia, we have the sad occasion to say goodbye to Bro David and Sis Pam Pankhurst who have now moved to sunny Nelson to live. They have been members of the Riverton ecclesia for many years, and have been solid workers in our ecclesia, and will be sorely missed by all. We wish them God speed for the new chapter in their lives in Nelson, and in the Nelson ecclesia.

On Saturday 27th of June, we had our annual fraternal in the Thornbury Hall where Bro Jason delivered an interesting talk on 'The Beauty of God in Creation and the Kingdom to

Come'. God's creative power and beauty in all of creation is truly wonderful to behold and to marvel at, yet this is just a shadow of what is to happen once God's kingdom is established here on earth, when all of mankind and the animal kingdom will be at peace with each other, and eventually the whole earth will be filled with God's glory. It is such a wonderful thing we can look forward to in the near future.

As always, 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.

TASMAN BAY

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Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting: Sunday 11:30am

No report this time.

TAWA

Recorder: Bro Stuart Cambridge

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Meeting Times: 11:00am Sunday Memorial Meeting; 6:00pm Sunday Lecture; 7:45pm

Wednesday Bible Class

Website: <https://www.thebible.org.nz>

We hope everyone is keeping well with the inevitable mid-winter coughs and colds! The Tawa Ecclesia has been keeping busy over the last few months, with many of our ecclesial members attending the recent Winter Bible School and enjoying some much-needed spiritual refreshment. Bro Ken Styles spoke at the school on family life, and then we were grateful to have him exhort the following Sunday at Tawa on a similar theme: 'The ecclesia as our Family'. We enjoyed a large number of visitors, creating an opportunity for an ecclesial lunch and extended fellowship time.

We have recently had Sis Mina Butler transfer to Tawa from the Pakuranga ecclesia in Auckland, it's lovely to have her back with us again!

Bro Brian O'Grady has recently been sharing a Bible Class series entitled 'Disciple to Shepherd', looking at a number of characters (David, Peter, James etc.) who underwent spiritual journeys from being disciples, to leading God's people. There have been lots of lessons emerging, causing us to think about the process of conversion in our own spiritual lives.

The sister's class meets once a month and is

currently reading the book 'My Kingdom Handbook' by Bro Stephen Whitehouse. So far it's been a great book for reading and discussing together, with lots to think about as we prepare for the soon return of Christ.

Our CYC has been busy with talks and activities over the last few months. They recently held a café evening fundraiser, which was a lovely low-key evening of fellowship with far too much good food! A number of our CYC attended the 'Nxt Gen' Camp held in Wellington this year, which sounded like a very encouraging weekend. It was a full camp with lots of international attendees, so many in our ecclesia had visitors being hosted, and there were lots of young people exploring Wellington together the following week. A great time was had by all! The annual Tawa CYC Camp is coming up on the 25th – 27th of September God willing, with Bro Andy Norton from Lismore speaking on Philippians. It looks like it will be a great weekend, and we'd encourage any young people from around the country to attend. Please book in here if you would like to do so: tawacyc.wixsite.com/tawa-cyc-camp.

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

TIMARU

Recorder: Bro Bob Tooth

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

Contact: Edward Patterson, 027-6126050

Loving greetings to all our brothers and sisters.

Youth

Our Sunday School has a roll of seven children who are spread across four classes. This year we have been working through the Stage 4 book. Our children have been amazed at the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Such wonderful lessons that our children are learning, and you can see the enjoyment they get from these lessons. The oldest two in our Sunday School are both now CYC age and have gone through to Christchurch a number of times to be part of their programme. We thank the ecclesias there for their support in this area.

Bible Class

With our ecclesial hall still out of action, we are still holding the Memorial Meeting at the Timaru Park Centre, and Bible Class in various members homes. Our Bible class series have been all online this year, but there are certainly some wonderful talks on there. Time and time again we have been amazed by God's word and his plan that works beautifully again across all scripture. If you are in Timaru and want to attend the Memorial Meeting or a Bible Class contact Edward Patterson on 027-6126050 for directions.

General

Of late we have had some discussions on how this world has become so evil in every way. We see that the Lord must be near and are worried

that the world is creeping more and more in to our daily lives. To help us here, when we are together, we have really tried to focus our discussions around the word and how we can help others in this world come to know about our God. Being an example of godliness all the time can be a massive way to preach the gospel in today's age.

Health

It is fair to say there are lots of bugs around lately. Many in our ecclesia have had some of these, while others have had a few other issues. We pray for the day when we will be healed from all these ills.

Bro Paul Vogel passed away recently and awaits the resurrection. He was much loved brother from Christchurch who was very close to many in our ecclesia. He had visited here many times over the years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all his family at what has been a very tough time for them.

Visitors

We have had a lot of visitors meet with us this year. This has been great and they add so much to our small ecclesia. We thank you all, and in particular we appreciate those brothers who have served by way of exhortation.

WANGANUI

Recorder: Bro Tony Evans

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

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

This news also includes information from our May 2026 report which somehow got lost in cyberspace between us sending it and it not arriving in the Ecclesial News inbox.

Family and Health

Sis Jill Sullivan had stint in Wanganui hospital for a minor operation, and Bro Maurice Beale suffered a heart attack in March and spent some time in Wanganui and Wellington hospitals. Sis Linda Evans underwent an eye operation in Wellington hospital in April and a hernia operation in Wanganui hospital in June. Sis Rebekah Manning spent 3 weeks in the UK in June. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father for restoring all to us.

Bro John Stephenson fell asleep in the Lord on February 16, aged 84, surrounded by family.

Bro Jono and Sis Ellese Toohill were blessed with the safe arrival of a baby boy, Rocco, born on 25th of March. A brother for Rafferty.

Sis Jo Hodder applied for re-fellowship and was subsequently accepted back into fellowship on Sunday 29th of March.

Fraternal

Planning is underway for our fraternal on the first weekend of the September school

holidays, being Saturday September 25 and Sunday September 26. Bro Tim Stephenson of Hawkes Bay has agreed to lead the studies on the subject, 'They Sang a Hymn', (taken from Matthew 26:30). If you require accommodation, please contact Sis Suanna Manning (phone 06 327 3763; cell 027 610 5331; email suanna_m@hotmail.com).

Combined Meeting

On the 29th of March we held our biannual combined meeting with Palmerston North, this time it was Palmerston North's turn to visit us. We had a good memorial meeting followed by a lunch together, it was good to have a musician to play our organ/piano which otherwise sits there silently as we don't currently have an organist in Wanganui. A reciprocal combined meeting was held in Palmerston North on Sunday July 26, again followed by lunch and much fellowship.

Visitors

We have had the pleasure of welcoming the following visitors: Bro Barry Hodges, Bro Paul and Sis Jan Teal, Bro Hayden and Sis Juliette George, Sis Pauline Maxwell, Hutt Valley; Bro Tim and Sis Lucy Stephenson, Hawkes Bay; Bro Steve and Sis Stephanie Crouch, Bro Jared and Sis Verity Crouch, Bro Lindsay and Sis Angela Marsden, Bro Sam and Sis Tessa Green, Bro Phil and Sis Katrina Green, Bro Andrew and Sis Sam Davies, Josh and Belinda Green, Wellington; Bro James and Sis Jeanette

Stephenson, Bro Ken and Sis Christine Morgan, Tawa; Sis Samantha Kirk, Bro Andrew and Sis Katrina Fletcher, Bro Mark and Sis Joanne White, Bro Matt and Sis Beth Berkhan, Palmerston North; Bro David and Sis Naomi Stephenson, Nelson; Sis Rose Cox,

Leamington Spa (UK); Sis Lydia Manning, Bro Jeremy Green, Christchurch West; Bro Bevan Stephenson, Shirley (UK); Bro Mark Wood, Blenheim; Sis Sandra Wood, New Plymouth; Sis Carol Brown, Dannevirke; Thankyou to those brothers who exhorted.

WELLINGTON

Recorder: Bro Andrew Davies

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Meeting Times: Memorial Meeting Sundays 11:00am; Sunday School 9:30am; Bible Class Wednesdays 7:30pm; GPG activities usually 7:00pm Sundays

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

Ecclesial website: thisisyourbible.com/wellington

Hello everyone. Our mid-winter edition brrrr!

Health

It is with much sadness we said our final farewell to Sis Lois James as she was laid to rest after a lifetime of service both here in Wellington and also in Great Britain. We miss her but her last year was not a happy one, so now she is at rest until her Mater returns.

Viv is still (happily) in the Rest Home.



Sister Lois James with her family. Lois fell asleep in the Lord 5th June

Bro Phil Green suffered a heart attack and was fitted with two stents the following day.

Sis Shirley Clover had a fall and ended up in hospital with cracked ribs and a badly sprained knee. She was home for a week and has just had to go back into hospital with a bad infection. Our prayers are with both Phil and Shirley.

Sis Gaylene Mellor is needing almost full-time care now and the family are doing that wonderfully.

Bro Aaron Middlemiss had a sporting accident and had to have a steel rod in his lower leg which is causing him some grief until it settles down. He is still on crutches when out and about. But the pain levels are still high.

Welcome

We welcome Bro Asher and Sis Natalie Crouch to Wellington with little Albie. They will be really appreciated.

Preaching

Wellington has been preparing a Bible Expo on, 500 years of the First English Printed New Testament. We are opening it in three venues in August. It is our major GPG event of 2026. Most of it is very transportable and if any other ecclesia would like to use the material, it is available for part of September and all October till the end of the year.

We are doing a video when it is set up so if anyone would like to view that or wants more information in what's available, please contact suzannebeer42@gmail.com Meanwhile we have sent a poster which is on the following page.

CYC

Our annual Kings Birthday Youth Weekend went well with speaker Bro Will Patino speaking on what we need for our journey and lots of fun activities.

Wedding

We have had very few really bad days this winter, but one happened on the very special day of Kade and Benji's wedding. However it created its own excitement and added to the laughs. Kade was stunning while braving the wind walking up thru the glen to meet her groom. Almost eclipsing her was little Zeb in his suit walking up the isle trying to keep his long trousers up. And the seven beautiful bridesmaids in sheer summer frocks also

cheerfully braved the wind and rain as they gathered under a large deciduous tree to attend Kade as she and Benji exchanged their vows followed by a homily. The audience, resplendent with colourful umbrellas, had its own beauty.

The little orchestra were keeping their instruments dry under a small gazebo.

May our heavenly Father bless them both as they move to Australia to start their life together.

Visitors

Asher and Nat Crouch, Pakuranga; Devon and Shay Davies, Christchurch North; Glen and Nicki Davies, Georgiana Pankhurst, Ethan Weber, Christchurch West; Bella Dondero, May Nelson, Sefton Vuli, Dunedin; Ben Flint, Hayden and Juliette George, Xanthe George, Abbey and Joel Middlemiss, Annie Ryan, Shirley Taylor, Hutt Valley; Matt and Beth Berkahn, Palmerston North; Rochelle Oosthuizen, Alexa Oosthuizen, Invercargill; Daniyah O'Grady, Nathaniel and Shelly Pryde, Tawa; Carolyn Hyndman, Wilston Queensland; Nathan and Michelle Ryan and Alfie Ryan, Boolaroo, NSW; Reube Norton, Hunter Valley; Micah Window, Lismore, NSW.

Also it's great to see Nortina and KahFook Tham back in Wellington for a while before returning to Malaysia, and also Chris and Julie on their return trips to Wellington.



Kade and Benji's Wedding

The Enduring Legacy of Tyndale

William Tyndale's impact extends far beyond his own time.

Linguistic legacy

His translations shaped the English language itself. The rhythm, vocabulary and phrasing he introduced influenced not only subsequent Bible translations but English literature broadly. Tyndale's translation work was characterized by:

- His use of clear, direct English prose which captured the rhythm and power of the original texts
- Phrases he coined entered the English language permanently, such as "Let there be light," "twinkling of an eye" "the powers that be" and "the salt of the earth"
- Scripture was made accessible to ordinary readers, using common language rather than ecclesiastical terminology

DID YOU KNOW?

Although much of the 1526 edition was lost to confiscation, a few copies survived. One is now in the British Library.

The 1526 New Testament Bible was only the beginning of Tyndale's work but it set the tone for all other English Bibles.

Religious legacy

He worked on the principle that ordinary believers should have direct access to Scripture in their own language.

Translation legacy

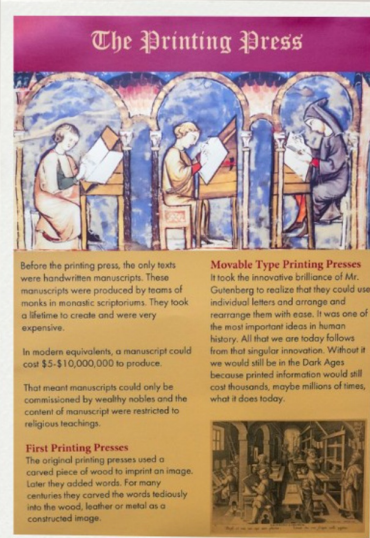
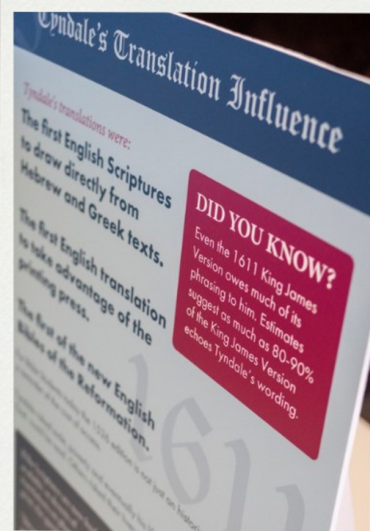
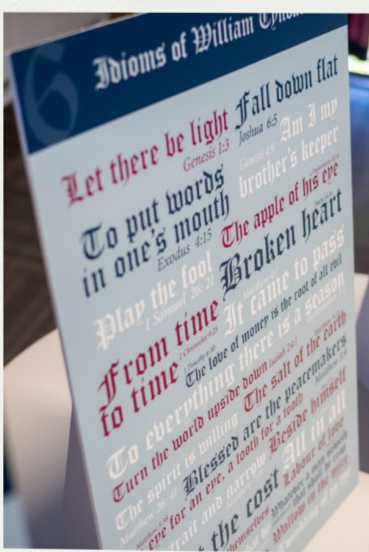
His practice of translating from original languages, using clear everyday language and prioritizing accuracy with accessibility, established principles still followed by Bible translators today.

Martyrdom

His willingness to die for his convictions inspired generations of reformers and believers.



THE ENGLISH NEW TESTAMENT FAMILY TREE



Some images from 500 years Anniversary Expo
For more info please email suzannebeer42@gmail.com if interested.

WHANGAREI

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No report this time.

WINTER SCHOOL 2026

The 2026 Christadelphian Winter Family Bible School was held in Napier, during the first week of the July school holidays. As always, it was a wonderfully encouraging week of spiritual refreshment from the word of God, and time away from our busy lives to connect with our brethren from across New Zealand. It was a very full school and praise and thanks go to God in heaven for allowing us another special week together.

This year the two main sessions were 'God's Wisdom in the Family Design' by Bro Ken Styles (Okanagan ecclesia, Canada), and 'The Benjamites and the Hope of Israel' by Bro Rob Oosthuizen (Invercargill ecclesia).

Bro Ken's series was a very practical look at

the principles which govern God's design of the family unit. He began with looking at the marriage relationship, and the roles of husbands and wives before moving on to the family unit and children. One particular theme which emerged was the idea that in God's wisdom, the family is the perfect environment to ensure the salvation of all; wives can be saved by the care of their husbands, children by the devotion of their parents, and parents through the work of raising their children. We were all encouraged by the principles found here which we can put into practice in our relationships together.

The series on Benjamin by our Bro Rob drew lessons for us from a less familiar character and tribe. The Benjamites story is a very

relatable one of human failure and God's salvation through the Lion of the tribe of Judah. It was a very interesting series, giving us all an appreciation for the wider story of Benjamin woven through scripture, and teaching us the lesson that it is more important how we finish the race than how we start.

For the teens sessions (13-15yrs), Bro Tim Yearsley lead the first session on 'The Tabernacle,' including the structure, furniture and the lessons it taught both for the Israelites and us. Bro Ken Styles lead their second session on 'Choosing Holiness' – a very practical look at end time prophecies, and the subsequent lessons for the life of believers in our day and age. The young people also had a full programme during the week organised by Bro Dave and Sis Pip Dangerfield, including a fantastic quiz night, the annual trip to Ocean Spa, and a memorable Napier Treasure Hunt in the pouring rain!

The evening series at the school looked at the three main feasts of Israel (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles), with two fun family evenings on Passover and Tabernacles. This series culminated in the final evening of song and praise, looking forward to the Kingdom when we will join with Israel in feasting and worship of our King.

The children were well looked after during the week by lots of willing volunteers! Bro Andrew and Sis Naomi Knox ran the Junior School. The children learnt about 'The Early life of Christ' in the first session, and about

'Occupations During the Time of Christ' in the second session. They also had lots of activities to keep them busy during the week including a trip to Anderson Park playground where they just managed to dodge the rain. A number of story times and craft class sessions were also held – it was just as well the boys weren't given free reign of their new cross-bows before the end of the week!

The school also had some wonderful opportunities for fellowship and fun. This year there was a new football tournament, with four teams battling for the win. It was a great afternoon with enthusiastic players and support squads, ending in a young team just pipping an older one in the final match. On another afternoon the school travelled to White Pine Bush Reserve for a short walk through some beautiful native bush – it was great to get out into the fresh air for some exercise – and several of the kids were running laps of the track to see how many they could complete before the rest of us were done. A great way to tire them all out! In the late evenings there were some wonderful platters for the adult night owls who were interested in staying up to socialise or play games – this was a wonderful time of fellowship and laughter for everyone.

We all enjoyed a wonderfully blessed week together and are so thankful to all those many, many people who put in hours of work to make the schools happen every year. We look forward to seeing everyone again at another school next year, God willing, if our Lord remains away.



Winter School 2026

NXT GEN 2026

This year's Nxt Gen theme was based on 'The Growth Mindset' and was made up of a group of 55 brothers and sisters from NZ, Australia, Canada and the UK. Workshops, fellowship and good times were spent together at Forest Lakes, north of Wellington.

We are thankful to have had a few brothers put the time and effort into sharing their wisdom and findings on growth. Bro Rob Oosthuizen focused on the topic of 'Growing Up', Bro Guy Alexander spoke on 'For Whom the Lord Loves He Chastens', Bro David O'Grady on 'He Who Walks with Wise Men', Bro TJ Reding on 'Held Together' and Bro Hayden George on 'As Iron Sharpens Iron'. It seemed that everyone walked away from the camp with new knowledge and good tools to help implement a growth mindset in all that we do.

We were extremely blessed to have had great

weather and delicious food lovingly cooked by Si and Liz Sutcliffe. They did an amazing job despite the tiny kitchen!

The weekend also included lots of socialising, snacking, playing sports and/or board games, as well as personal Bible study time. Nxt Gen concluded with an exhortation focused on 'Being diligent to present yourself approved to God', loving goodbyes, and a couple of cars needing to be jump started.

Keep an eye out for details about NXT GEN 2027, planned for the Matariki long weekend (24-27 June) in Queenstown with the theme of 'Lost and Found', God willing! (Some people have already booked flights!)

"But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. To him bring glory both now and forever. Amen" - 2 Peter 3:18.





NXT GEN 26



NZ BIBLE MISSION

At present we have several brothers and sisters overseas or recently returned from doing mission work. Please keep them and our brothers and sisters in all mission areas in your prayers.

Bro Zac Forbes in Cambodia

Bro Josh Luxmoore and Bro Brydyn Melles in Chile and Bolivia

Bro Ian and Sis Marjorie Bowen have just returned from Cambodia and Malaysia

Bro Glen and Nikki Davies have just returned from Cambodia

Bro Dan Welsh recently in Ecuador

Bro Steve and Sis Steph Crouch recently in Malaysia

Bro Kah Fook and Sis Nortina Tham in Malaysia again

Bro Zac and Sis Abi Read in Tonga

Brother Tim Woods in Malaysia

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)]



NZ Bible Mission

WhatsApp group



Scan to join!

The Group promotes Bible Mission news (esp. involving Kiwis), upcoming trips and opportunities to be involved. Thanks for your interest and prayers for the gospel to go out into all the world!

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

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HIS HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Inspiring Minds. Transforming Lives.

An Update from Heritage International School

Over recent months, the Lord has continued to bless the development of Heritage International School (HIS), an online international school founded upon the Word of God and created to serve Christadelphian families and other families of faith around the world.

Our motto, '**Inspiring Minds. Transforming Lives**', expresses our conviction that education should do more than communicate knowledge. It should renew the mind, shape character, deepen faith, develop God-given abilities and prepare young people for lives of wisdom, service and purpose.

This vision is drawn from Paul's words:

'And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.'

— Romans 12:2

God willing, HIS is preparing to commence classes in September 2026. Interest has already come from families across New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom, South Africa, the United States, Canada, Bangladesh, India, the Philippines and elsewhere.

The international character of the school is reflected in several important appointments:

- **Vice Principal East — Sis Joanna Whitehead from South Australia**
- **Vice Principal West — Bro Jesse Adair from Toronto, Canada**
- **Admin East — Sis Vanessa Thelning from Christchurch, New Zealand**
- **Admin West — Sis Ruth Walker from the United Kingdom**

We are thankful for the experience, commitment and willingness to serve that each of these brothers and sisters brings to HIS.

Enrolments are now open for both full-time programmes and individual subjects. This flexibility will enable HIS to support families seeking a complete school programme, as well as those who are homeschooling and would value specialist teaching in particular areas.

At the heart of our model is a simple commitment:

Every student will be known.

Students will participate in live explicit teaching, small-group learning clinics and regular individual learning conferences. This structure is designed to help teachers understand each student's strengths, needs, interests and progress while providing flexibility across countries and time zones.

HIS is working with Toddle, an innovative learning platform that will support planning, assessment, feedback, communication and reporting. Technology will not replace the teacher. Rather, it will help teachers know their students more deeply, personalise their support and spend more time teaching, encouraging and building relationships.

We are deeply grateful to the brothers, sisters, ecclesias and families who have already supported HIS through prayer, encouragement, practical assistance and financial contributions. This generosity has helped meet the significant costs involved in technology, learning platforms, curriculum development, administration and preparations for teaching.

We warmly invite those who are able to consider supporting HIS financially. Further donations will help meet the remaining establishment costs and assist us in making this opportunity accessible to families in a wide range of circumstances.

Families, ecclesias and individuals are warmly invited to contact HIS with any questions or to learn more about the school:

- **Admissions and enrolment enquiries:** admissions@hisonlineschool.org
- **General enquiries:** admin@hisonlineschool.org

Please continue to remember HIS in your prayers: for wisdom, for the families and teachers, and that God will give the increase.

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New Zealand Christadelphian Bible School at MiCamp, Taupo

Monday 28th December 2026 to Sunday 3rd January 2027

Arrangements are well underway, God willing, for this year's school which is the 60th since the first one in 1967. The venue is MiCamp overlooking Lake Taupo which offers a beautiful and peaceful setting away from the world's distractions. The focus on the word of God this year will be led by our two main speakers as follows:

Bro Richard Morgan - Simi Hills ecclesia, USA
Subject: Living by Faith.

Bro Ben Brinkerhoff - Christchurch North ecclesia
Subject: Judah – Overcoming Resentment.

Programme for the **teens** includes classes on the above topics from Bro Richard and Bro Ben.

Programme for the **Junior School** led by **Bro Asa and Sis Katie Cox**.

The programme will include some reflection and thanksgiving on the occasion of the 60th School.

More information is available including registration details are on the website which is: nzcbs.co.nz



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in our glorious Hope.

We are writing to inform you of the upcoming **NZ Christadelphian Family Bible School** that will be held at Blue Skies (Kaiapoi) from **Friday 25-Dec-2026 to Saturday 02-Jan-2027**, God Willing.

Applications will open at 8pm on the 1st of August, with all applications to be made via the website - <https://cfbs.org.nz>.

Additional information will also be made available on the website.

The key details for the coming school are:

Main session speakers:

- o **Bro Peter Owen** (UK) - Judges
- o **Bro Roger Lewis** (Christchurch Bible Hall) – The Future Restoration of Israel

Teen session speakers

- o **Bro. Russell Kells** (Riverton)
- o **Bro. Peter Owen** (UK)

Junior School sessions (in parallel with the main sessions) will be organised for all children by Bro. David & Sis. Leah O'Grady (Tawa)

If you could please notify all the members of your ecclesia of these details and arrangements.

With love in our hope,

Bro. Andrew Yearsley

Programme Coordinator on behalf of the Christadelphian Family Bible Schools.

You're invited to

Ladies Day Out!

1:30pm | 5th September 2026

51 Dale Cres, Pakuranga - Pakuranga Ecclesial Hall

An afternoon of fellowship and friendship around
God's word with trading table and afternoon tea.

Speaker: Sis Alex Simpson | Topic: Grace

Donations of baking/food, books, crafts, and plants
welcome; please no clothing or bric-a-brac.
Please bring to PK hall c/- Sis Adrienne Clark prior
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*All contributions help support the Beth Shean Trust & Kapalpal
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women at the well

HANMER SPRINGS

21st - 23rd May 2027

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2nd Thessalonians 5:11

Theme

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— 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."

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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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Hanmer Springs

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Here's our email if you need to chat to one of the team

womenatthewell_chch@gmail.com

Register here

<http://tiny.cc/5o11101>

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



3rd New Zealand UCA
Conference
Don Rowland Centre, Karapiro
20 to 22 November 2026

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I want to let you know about the third annual NZ Unitarian Christian Alliance (UCA) conference planned to be held Friday 20 to Sunday 22 November at the Don Rowland Centre, Karapiro (near Cambridge).

Background note about the UCA

Formed in 2019 the UCA is not a church, fellowship or denomination and involvement does not involve sharing of fellowship or worship. The purpose of the UCA is to promote that the one God is the Father alone, and Jesus is his human Messiah, now exalted as Lord and Saviour and stand against the beliefs that Jesus is God and that God is a trinity. While the UCA affirmation is narrower than our Statement of Faith and can accommodate views we would reject, it does not contradict our Statement of Faith.

The Christadelphian Magazine (Nov 2024, pp. 584–586) article about the UCA concluded that engagement opens a genuine preaching door rather than a drift towards ecumenism.

Call for Papers

At the core of the conference is the presentation of papers of a scholarly standard. There is now a general call for papers for presentation at the conference. I ask you to consider submitting a paper, and to pass this on to anyone you think would be interested.

UCA conference attendees are often isolated, and/or still sitting in trinitarian churches, and in need of community, support and connection. Christadelphians are the largest unitarian community in New Zealand and are well placed to offer this with well grounded scriptural teaching.

The brief

- Deadline: end of Sunday 27 September 2026, NZ time. Decisions to be advised by 4 October.
- What to submit: A complete paper/presentation written in full, not an outline or proposal.
 - o Focus: intended to advance the cause of unitarian Christianity.
 - o Style: Chicago Manual of Style (notes, footnotes and bibliography).
 - o Examples: www.unitarianchristianalliance.org/conference-papers/
- Full details: www.unitarianchristianalliance.org/call-for-papers-new-zealand-conference/
- Send to: nzconference@unitarianchristianalliance.org.

You may already have suitable material in hand; personal bible study, a bible class series, written expositions or articles, that could be worked up into a paper. The additional work is usually the referencing rather than the content.

The committee also welcomes offers to lead a practical workshop instead of presenting a paper; those go to the same address.

Please share this invitation with anyone you think may be interested. Further details about the conference including registration will follow. I am happy to answer questions in the meantime.

Your brother in Christ,

Andrew Knox

Contact details: 027 807 0500 | alknox37@gmail.com

UCA Conference committee

Living Hope Ministries: Zach (secretary) & Kayla Mayo, Michael & Sheryl Hughes, Unaffiliated: Matthew Cunliffe, Christadelphians: Bro. Andrew & Sis. Naomi Knox (Pakuranga), Bro. Nathan & Sis. Rosie Hughes (Hamilton)

Further details about the UCA can be found at: www.unitarianchristianalliance.org

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Southland



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and faithfulness**

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Sunday the 13th of September

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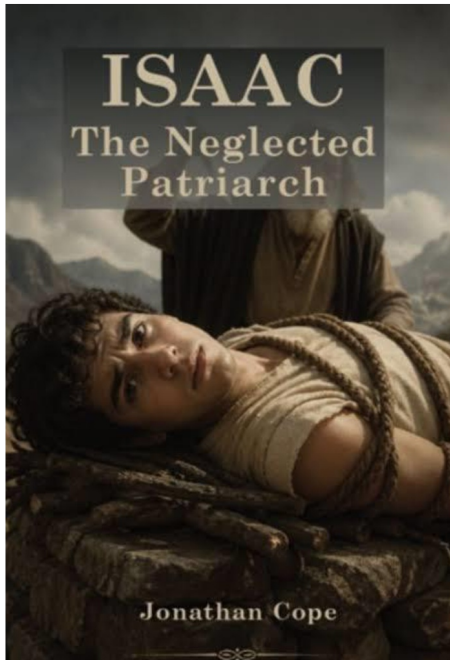
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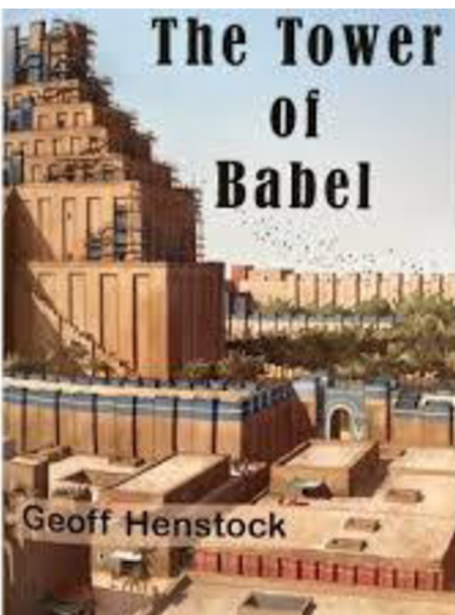
Isaac, the Neglected Patriarch

I would dare to suggest that we may, at times, forget just what a giant of faith Isaac was. He is, perhaps, overshadowed a little by his father and maybe at times his son, but this book will help to redress the balance.

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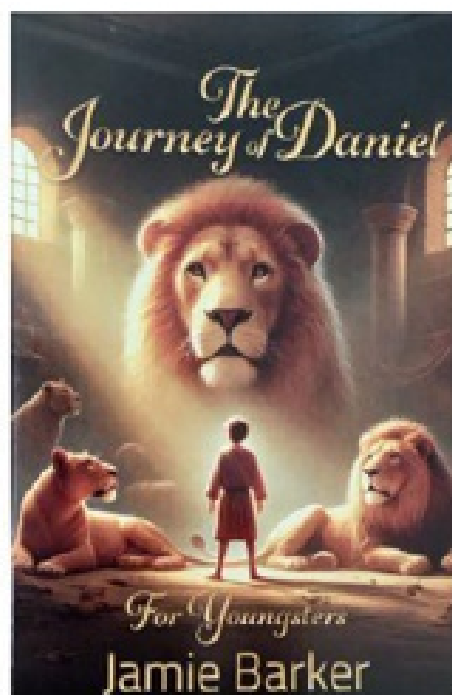
The Tower of Babel

The city and tower of Babel was built to 'make a name for themselves'. The tower would 'reach unto heaven' and be a centralised power with authority over all.

An excellent, quick read into the historic and modern Babel. It provides a scriptural viewpoint on all that would make a name for themselves and exercise rulership in direct challenge to the authority of God.

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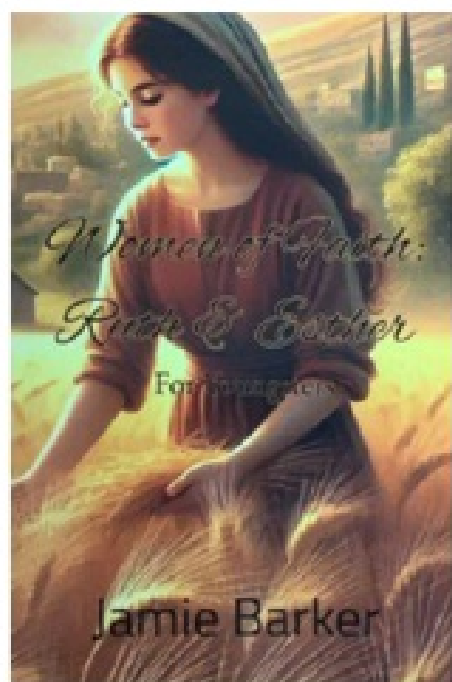


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Illustrators Wanted.

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Holiday Houses

Have you got a holiday house you can advertise in this section? Brothers and sisters will soon be planning their holidays for later in the year. Could you list your holiday home here?

Back Issues of the Ecclesial News Wanted

The Ecclesial News archive is missing the following issues:

Issue 146, May 1997

Issue 174, June 2004

Issue 192 to 226, all copies from December 2008 to September 2018

If you have any of these and are willing for them to be put into the archive, please contact the editor at nzenews@gmail.com.

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1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 ESV

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