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Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Psalm 36:5 ESV

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'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Matthew 25:21 ESV

EDITORIAL - 60 Years of the Ecclesial News

While preparing this issue of the Ecclesial News, I have thought about Bro John and Sis Hilary Beer (Hastings, Hamilton) who were involved in producing the Ecclesial News for over 40 years. Bro John was a printer by trade. When Bro Tony Croxford took over production of the Ecclesial News from Bro Brian Lean, it was Sis Hilary who planted the seed: "You are a printer, you should print the News," she said to John. So between 1967 and 1972, Bro John managed the production of the Ecclesial News, while Bro Tony Croxford edited the magazine. When Bro Tony and his family left Hastings for Auckland, Bro John became the editor and producer of the Ecclesial News. He continued as editor through to September 2008. In all, 183 issues were edited, printed, collated, stapled, put into envelopes, addressed and posted by Bro John and Sis Hilary and their family during those 40 years.

As well as deciphering the hand written reports they received, Bro John had to type them out on a manual typewriter and arrange them for printing. Then he could produce copies on the often-frustrating Gestetner copy machine.

At times, the family dinner table would be covered in stacks of paper as the Gestetner churned out pages one by one. Then John, Hilary, their family, and any visitors or ecclesial members who happened to be around, would spend evenings collating each magazine by hand, and packing them up to send. Over 460 copies were sent to ecclesias around New Zealand. That's eight reams of A4 paper and 1400 staples for each edition! Copies were also sent to those in isolation as well as to international visitors who wanted a copy.

As times changed, so did the production and look of the Ecclesial News. Computers, photocopiers and automatic page collation reduced labour from the job, as did the ability to send receive emailed reports, and copies. But though times and technology changed, the faithful dedication of Bro John and Sis Hilary to the work of the Ecclesial News remained constant. Sometimes, when pressures were greater, Bro John would take a week's holiday from work to make time to prepare the Ecclesial News for us.

Because of John and Hilary, the Ecclesial News has been around all my life. Every few months another issue would be handed out at the meeting. I remember the first time I met John at a May Camp. I was awed by his humility, friendship and gentle wisdom.

Over a period of 40 years, every person, family and ecclesia has ups and downs. It was the same for John and Hilary. Circumstances changed, they had times of enthusiasm and discouragement, busyness, holidays and sickness, but they persevered through it all. We can be thankful for the devoted service John and Hilary have given us.

God is faithful. Despite how things change around us, his faithfulness will see us through. He expects the same from us. That's the example John and Hilary have shown in their faithfulness to us over those 40 years.

In this edition of the Ecclesial News we read of people serving at Bible schools, at camps, as recorders, people speaking, organising events, preaching, praying, caring, teaching, bringing up children, writing, supplying books, travelling, playing music, cooking food, and much more. There is always something to do. Like John and Hilary, let's serve with dedication and faithfulness. And let's thank God for them and for all those whose faithful service has brought us to where we are today.

EVENTS

20 – 22 November 2026
Unitarian Christian Alliance Conference
Don Rowland Centre, Karipiro
See advertisement on page 53

4 – 11 December 2026
ACBM Pacific Preaching Week
See details on page 50

11 – 20 December 2026
ACBM Fijian Ecclesial Weekend
See details on page 50

20 December 2026 (**Sunday**)
Community Carols Evening at Pakuranga

25 December – 2 January 2026/27
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 58

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 from Christchurch North, on 'Judah – Overcoming Resentment'
See the Bible School website for details: nzcbs.co.nz
See advertisement on page 59

30 January 2026
Ecclesial News issue 259 deadline for submissions

30 April 2026
Ecclesial News issue 260 deadline for submissions

1 – 2 May 2027
Bay of Plenty Fellowship Weekend
Details to follow

21 – 23 May 2027
Women at the Well
Hamner Springs
See advertisement on page 61

24 – 27 June 2027 (Matariki long weekend)
NXT GEN 2027 in Queenstown with the theme of 'Lost and Found'
See more details on page 60

8 – 10 July 2027
The Queensland Christadelphian Music Camp
See details on page 56

30 July 2026
Ecclesial News issue 261 deadline for submissions

24 – 26 September 2027
New Lynn fraternal
Speaker: Bro Luke Jurevicius, Mount Barker, SA
Subject: To be advised

30 October 2026
Ecclesial News issue 262 deadline for submissions

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/

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

1 Samuel 12:24 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

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Sis Hadassa Widemann, Christchurch North

Sis Zipporah Yearsley, Christchurch North

Bro Roger Ellison, on Sunday October 4th, Wanganui

Bro Michael Edwards, Christchurch West

Sis Kathryn Tooth, Timaru

Sis Tupou Motuliki, Tonga

Births

The new life of hope

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Zack Daniel Thoms, to Bro Nathanael and Sis Samantha Thoms, 18th October, Riverton

Sophia Grace O'Grady, to Bro Dan and Sis Bek O'Grady, Tawa

Deaths

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

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Sis Margaret Johnson, Bay of Plenty

Sis Jenny Gibbs, Dannevirke

FAMILY NOTICES

Engagements

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

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Sis Tarah Roberts to Bro Jake Young, both from Nelson

Marriages

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

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Sis Chloe Noll to Bro Hayden Roche, both Pakuranga

Transfers

Transfers within the family of God

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Bro Daniel Alexander from Dandenong Ranges, Melbourne, to Christchurch North

Bro Kent and Sis Danielle Larsen from Wellington to Christchurch North

Bro Aaron and Sis Alicia Cheek from Salisbury, Adelaide to Christchurch North

Bro Nathan Pitt from Tea Tree Gully, Adelaide to Christchurch North

Sis Christina Green from Wanganui to Pakuranga

Bro Asher and Sis Nat Crouch from Pakuranga to Wellington

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.

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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



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Suddenly the year has turned and is embracing spring. Warmer weather, more sunshine, heat and the promise of summer are not far ahead. Spring is a time of hope, new beginnings and renewed joy for God's goodness towards us. The New Lynn brothers and sisters send our greetings and love to you all as we look forward to the end of year activities, summer Bible schools, family gatherings and travel.

CYC / Sunday School

In July, we rejoiced with the Waitakere meeting at the baptism of one of our Auckland CYC members – Zac Young. A combined CYC was held later in the day, when the Auckland CYC travelled down to join the Hamilton CYC in a shared BBQ, bonfire and talk at the Redding's place. A weekend later, the majority of the Auckland CYC travelled to the Christchurch North Camp to hear Bro Brendon Clark talk about Judas Iscariot. They had a great time and we thank the Christchurch committee for organising this. Ben A attended the Tawa camp in September, and also had a great time. CYC studies on Bible Duo's have included a look at Elijah and Elisha, and Abraham and Lot.

In August, the young people held a breakfast CYC, another annually anticipated and well attended event at Mark and Becky's house, and a movie night was held at the Chittinappilly's. The CYC watched 'The Prince of Egypt', an animated movie known to older people but fairly obscure to the younger ones. When a 'hands raised' question was asked at the end, 'who is the eldest here?' (in relation to the death of the firstborn), over 50% of CYC (and a couple of parents) would have been affected by this edict, a sobering truth bringing home this stark reality. A driving range golf activity was also held in October.

The intrepid Junior CYC have been rock climbing and held a food event and also did a beach clean-up around Mission Bay. Sunday School continues weekly, combining with both Waitakere and PK periodically.

Classes and Events

In September, Bro David Zammitt of Moorebank ecclesia (NSW) spoke to us on 'Preparing to Reign and Work with Christ'. This was such a wonderful weekend of fraternal fellowship, study and a real boost to New Lynn. Bro David's timely studies focused on Matthew 25 and the parables of the ten Virgins, the Talents, Sheep and Goats (MM), and a session on what the kingdom might be like and our work during the millenium, taken from scriptural glimpses and what we as kings and priests might be doing during that time. Are we ready? Have we prepared? Do we maintain oil in our lamps? Are our lamps burning brightly, sputtering or not at all? Are we bearing fruit?

Are we serving cheerfully? Do we use our time and talents wisely? Are we honing talents and service now for our future use in the kingdom? This was an uplifting weekend, accompanied by abundant food, young musicians accompanying our pianists, and other myriad acts of service (catering, dishes, cleaning up etc) using our talents for the Lord and for each other. Held every first weekend of the September school holidays, we look forward to our annual fraternal and are indeed blessed by God in this event.

Once again, we thank the PK sisters for organising their annual Ladies Day Out in September, a lovely time for sisters, girls and friends to hear a talk, mingle, and of course, have afternoon tea together.

Our Bible class has had a series on looking at 'the Lost', namely studies on Cain, Esau, the Prodigal Son and Judas Iscariot and lessons drawn from these. Common traits involved with these include pride, arrogance and self, rather than service, obedience and selflessness; all also were privileged to know the Way to Life – they were not ignorant yet made the poor choice to walk away from that. Another class series has been on Jesus' healing – so far we have looked at leprosy and healing the blind. Another set of talks has been on 'Between the Gardens', looking at life and worship between Eden and the kingdom. Our homes readings groups have continued, always popular with our elderly members and families.

Our preaching activities have been diverse. Sunday afternoons have seen a series of talks related to the Bible, most notably a couple of video presentations on William Tyndale, celebrating 500 years of the Bible being translated into English. The hard work and dedication of this, and others historically, to produce a Bible in a language that then encircled the globe, is truly humbling, especially since many suffered persecution and martyrdom for their efforts. It is interesting to note that Tyndale held many beliefs common to ours and this after his study and translation work. It is also interesting to note how God has worked through history in a variety of ways (e.g. through translation work, travel, migration, exploration, communications technology etc) to make his word available in many local languages, globally, to enable missionary work, preaching and teaching truth.

We have also looked at the rapture – a subject of interest to our contacts and what the Bible says about this fairly modern church doctrine. Bro Dave also gave an awesome talk on 'The Environment in Crisis – is there a solution?' Dave, being involved in this work as a job, gave some startling and sobering facts to show how only God can change the destructive path mankind has put itself on. Another on-point talk at the end of October entitled, 'A Vote for the Kingdom of God' was also given and was most appropriate to witness during the current political elections.

We held a presentation in Glen Eden in September on Daniel 2, explaining how Nebuchadnezzar's image has been relevant throughout history with world empires and what this prophecy means for the future. We take our banners to these external venues as they provide a good basis for discussion and another talk point in addition to the presentation.

The social Friday coffee morning continues, and we also held another craft night at Ben and Georgia's place in October. We thank God for the opportunities we have to meet together and strengthen one another in these last days.

Travel and Other Welfare

Bro Bailey has been over to Australia again (Adelaide and Sydney), and our Sis Rebecca Walton is spending a few months in Taiwan with her parents and wider family. Seasonal colds have circulated. Bro Keith Beaumont had a nasty fall and broke his femur, resulting in an operation and hospital stay, and a road ahead of recovery and rehab. He remains well and getting better daily, thankfully. Sis Joyce Nightingale, Bro Vin and Sis Adey Williams and Bro Brian and Sis Beth Lean attend meeting when health permits. Sis Pauline

Rock, and Sis Patty Retter remain doing OK, in their care homes, Sis Patty recently celebrated a milestone birthday (fourscore and ten!). Other milestone birthdays have also been celebrated by Sis Pip Dangerfield and Sis Georgia Williams recently (Bro Dave Dangerfield and Bro Ben Williams reached these same milestones earlier this year!).

God bless you all and keep you safe in his loving arms as we continue 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 Dirk Prins and during Sis Val Prins' stay in hospital. We continue to pray for Bro John and Sis Kay Marsich and Bro Rumen Lal with their ongoing health issues.

Travellers

We were pleased to welcome home in early October from the Northern Hemisphere, our Bro Nick and Sis Micah Mudge. In September, Sis Cheryl Franklin was able to visit her family in Melbourne. Bro George Wang and Sis Helen Yan spent time in China, and Sis Adrienne and Ashley Clark are currently in Europe and the UK.

Ladies Day Out

Sisters had a lovely afternoon together on 5 September. Our guest speaker, Sis Alex Simpson, led an interactive workshop on how we can show more grace toward others in all aspects of our lives, and in particular our ecclesial life. There were lovely donations of



Ladies Day Out at Pakuranga



Themed Sunday School supper

baking, food, books, crafts, and plants sold to raise funds for the charities of the Beath Shean Trust and Kapalpal Christadelphian School in Tanna, Vanuatu.

Sunday School Play

We were blessed with a wonderful play from our Sunday School on 14 September around the healing miracles of Jesus, in particular blind, lame and dumb. We thank Bro Darryn and Sis Josie Horrell for their hard work along with the team of teachers to pull this event off. The children got to enjoy a wonderful, themed supper on the miracles of Jesus – water into wine, Jesus walking on water, raising Lazarus, the coin from the fish, sailing, boats, healing the deaf, blind, dumb and lame.





Sunday School Play

Wedding

We were delighted to celebrate with Sis Chloe Noll and Bro Haydn Roche at their wedding on 24 October. We pray for God's blessing on their marriage as they walk towards God's kingdom together.

Transfers

We are delighted that Sis Christina Green has transferred from Wanganui. And sadly, Bro Asher and Sis Nat Crouch have transferred to the Wellington ecclesia.

Visitors

We have had the pleasure and company of the following visitors around the Lord's memorial table. Apologies for anyone missed.

Sis Val Green, Sis Lois Sandle, Whangarei; Sis Lorrie Mundy, Sis Marilyn Lau, New Lynn; Sis Misha Simpson, Sis Alex Simpson, Bro Alan Tunnell, Bro Martin (Exhortation) and Sis Lyn Herbert, Sis Amber Adey, Bro Reuben Alderson, Waitakere; Sis Lois Brinkman, Bro Peter and Sis Shiling Meads, Hamilton; Sis Verity Kidd, Bay of Plenty; Bro Matt and Sis Beth Berkahn, Palmerston North; Sis Joanne Hodder, Sis Christina Green, Whanganui; Sis Marta Teal, Bro Jotham Teal, Bro Stephen Connolly, Sis Charis Teal, Hutt Valley; Sis Kathy Graham, Nelson; Bro Filo Saqabobo, Christchurch North; Bro Ian and Sis Marjorie Bowen, Dunedin; Bro Colin and Sis Anne Thoms, Invercargill; Sis Veronica Nai (long term visitor), Suva, Fiji; Sis Pru Russell, Brisbane, QLD; Bro Levi Ryan, Boolaroo, NSW; Bro Rajumon and Sis Ruth Devis (still members of PK), South Bank; Bro Jordan and Sis Isabel Collins, Brisbane, QLD; Bro Peter and Sis Colleen Roberts, South Adelaide; Sis Jacqui Evans, One Tree Hill, Adelaide; Sis Wendy Pan, Guangdong, China.



Chloe and Haydn's Wedding

AUCKLAND - WAITAKERE

Recorder: Bro.Martin Herbert
Contact Details: herbone@xtra.co.nz
Hall Address: Glen Eden Intermediate School, 23 Kaurilands Road, Titirangi, West Auckland 0604
Memorial Meeting time: Sunday 10:30am; from December 20 2026 – February 1 2027 the memorial meeting starts at 10:00am.
Online activities: Memorial Meeting each Sunday; Bible Class Wednesdays 7:30pm.

Welcome to another change of season!

Waitākere continues to meet at 10:30am in West Auckland. With the summer months pending, from December 20 – February 1 (2027) the memorial meeting will start at 10.00am.

All visitors welcome! Waitakere meets at a local school hall with the option of being online for Sunday memorials.

Memorial meetings
We wish to thank everyone who has contributed over the year to our meetings. Last week we had the privilege of Glen and Gail Williams to support Waitakere. Their presence along with Glen's parents, Adrienne and Vince, was wonderful and encouraging for our meeting. We continue to have regular attendance from online visitors. Bro Benji and Sis Helen Shrosbree have now moved to Keri Keri, also Bro Benji is currently working in the Solomon Islands and is able to connect to our activities.

Bible Class
We continued to have our online Bible classes on Wednesdays, working through Matthew's Gospel. One worthy mention was the class given by Bro Stan Shrosbree while working in the Marshal Islands.

Sunday School
Sunday School continues with regular gatherings including joint Sunday Schools with the Auckland meetings. This year, our small but mighty Sunday School has continued learning a variety of lessons from the Bible, from Genesis to Acts, with some Bible heroes in between! The children performed an amazing shadow play of Jesus' birth. It was a





Sunday School Shadow Play





Sunday School Shadow Play

moving performance with a touch of humour too! We have had three combined Sunday Schools with Pakuranga and New Lynn. These are always such fun and help strengthen the growing friendships between ecclesias.

We are finishing our year with our usual delicious afternoon tea, songs and prizes for the children.

Senior CYC

CYC continues to meet regularly as a combined Auckland CYC. Some events are in homes, and other activities are meet ups in various locations. The group is dynamic and enthusiastic.

Junior CYC

Junior CYC has had so many fun events this year including the annual Beaumont's fireworks event. A cracker of a night! Thank you to every parent who contributes to support Junior CYC.

Welfare

We have a number of folks who have been travelling, including Mari Fernandez and Paul Herbert who spent a few weeks in Colombia to enjoy time with family and friends. Anna and Joshua Tunnell enjoyed time with family in the USA and send greetings from the Santiago meeting. Jamin Addey spent two weeks in England to surprise his family to celebrate his dad's 80th birthday. He brings the loving greetings of the Malvern ecclesia, from the Midwest of England. Also, Vanessa and Stan Shrosbree have returned from visiting family in Canada.

We have just celebrated the milestone of Judy and Wynton Perrott's 60th wedding anniversary! A diamond wedding representing a lifetime of shared memories, love, challenges overcome, and a commitment to life in the truth. Statistically only 4% of folk in Aotearoa New Zealand make their 60th for many reasons … so a blessing indeed.

We always pray for our dear Margret Price who continues to struggle with health issues.

We continue to pray and hope for Christ's sure return as we watch his plan unfold around us. Whatever the season, we wait and watch and pray.

AUCKLAND - WESTERN LIGHTSTAND

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No report this time.

BAY OF PLENTY

Recorder: Bro Geoff Wickham
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Phone contact: Liz Sutcliffe 021 059 2528, Yvonne Blanch 027 659 0960, Geoff Wickham 027 600 0456 (please let us know if you're planning to visit)
Meeting Times: 11.00am Sunday memorial meeting

Margaret Johnson
We were saddened by the falling asleep of Sis Margaret Johnson. She was a beloved member of our ecclesia and will be missed. She always had a smile on her face and loved fellowship with her brothers and sisters.

Fellowship Weekend
We shifted our Fellowship Weekend to May to take advantage of nicer weather. We enjoyed Bro Wynton Perrott's enthusiastic take on Keeping Your Faith on Fire - we especially enjoyed his 'interactive session' involving lighting different mediums on fire, though he was disappointed when we told him he couldn't let fireworks off at the hall, or have a bonfire at the beach.
We're looking forward to our next Fellowship Weekend which is to be held, God Willing, over the first weekend in May (1-2). We will forward information in due course.

Change of Hall
With the Greerton Senior Citizens Hall being taken over by the council, we are pleased to have secured a Hall for our meetings in 2027. From 10 January we will be meeting at the Pyes Pa Hall, 724 Pyes Pa Road.

An Appeal
With our numbers greatly diminished (we currently have four brothers) we appeal for assistance with exhorting in 2027. If you know of weekends you would be available to join us and speak, please contact Sis Liz directly and liaise dates.

Visitors
We've been blessed with a number of visitors which has helped boost our numbers. Please think of us when you're in the area and come visit for our memorial meeting. Because our ecclesia is geographically spread, we find Sundays the perfect opportunity to extend our fellowship over a shared lunch, and warmly invite any visitors to stay and join us.

Over the last six months we have been pleased to welcome:

Bro Wynton and Sis Rachel Perrott, Hastings; Bro Ben and Sis Ally Worsnop, Sis Jean Coe, Bro Nathan and Sis Rosie Hughes, Bro Brendon and Sis Jess Mudge, Hamilton; Bro David and Sis Jenny Luxmoore, Bro Philip and Sis Catherine Nightingale, Bro Ron and Sis Catherine Houben, Bro Gordon Mudge, Pakuranga; Bro Jamin Adey, Waitākere; Bro Aaron and Sis Lydia Middlemiss, Wellington; Bro Paul and Sis Judith Mudge, Hamilton.

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

CHRISTCHURCH - BIBLE HALL

Recorder: Bro Steve Jackson
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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.

"And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." (Habakkuk 2 v 2 – 4 KJV).

With continued upheaval in the world, we look to the truths in scripture and are reminded to live according to our faith! We pray that all of our brothers and sisters in New Zealand and around the world are doing the same, so that we can be a light in this dark world.

New Recording Brother
Our Bro Kent Berryman has stepped down as recording brother. We thank him and his wife Sis Shirley for their service, and for Bro Steve Jackson who has stepped up to take his place.

Transfers
We continue to ask for brothers and sisters to

prayerfully consider transferring to Christchurch Bible Hall to help our lovely ecclesia.

Sunday School
Some of our members had the pleasure of attending the combined Christchurch Sunday School picnic. A fantastic time was had by all, with readings, races, games and gelato! We thank Bro Brad and Sis Laura MacNamara for organising it.

Travel
Bro Andy and Sis Susanna Tooth visited Kaikoura, where Andy was exhorting. Bro Steve and Sis Allie Jackson travelled to Timaru for the happy occasion of a baptism. We also welcome back our Bro Keith Boddington and Sis Becky Price, who travelled across the ditch to Australia to visit family.

Health
Our Sis Helen Nair has recently had a fall and broken her hip. She is home recovering after some time in hospital. Our hearts and prayers are also with our Sis Loreene Green, who is caring for her husband Bro John Green of the Parklands ecclesia in hospital since August.

Visitors
We are very thankful for the company of the following visitors, and especially for the visiting speakers who have uplifted our hearts by words of exhortation.

Visitors included:
Bro Hans and Sis Gabi Widemann, Sis Ruth Stedman, Sis Carole Stedman, Sis Carol Bell, Sis Sharon Nicholls, Bro Ben and Sis Elissa Brinkerhoff, Christchurch North; Bro Sefton and Sis Alison Vuli, Dunedin; Sis Judith Lloyd, Bro Stuart and Sis Robyn Ackerman, Bro Wayne and Sis Carole Bates, Sis Gina Currie, Kaiapoi; Bro Edward Patterson, Bro David and Sis Christine Tooth, Sis Alison Page, Timaru; Bro John Green, Sis Jo Marsden, Parklands.

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It's a lovely time to be in Christchurch as we enter the spring season, waking up to the crisp and still sunny mornings, and relaxing in the mild, still and bright evenings. Still the odd cold snap of course, won't deny that - but the feeling of Summer is in the air and is glorious. It has been a busy quarter, let's get into it!

Transfers

This quarter we have had the pleasure of welcoming to Christchurch North Bro Kent and Sis Danielle Larsen from Wellington Ecclesia, Bro Nathan Pitt from Tea Tree Gully, Bro Daniel Alexander from Dandenong Ranges, Melbourne, and after some time away it is lovely to have our Bro Aaron and Sis Alicia Cheek return to Christchurch North from Salisbury Ecclesia in Adelaide.

Preaching

We've continued the productive and well attended Tuesday evening seminars with two interested friends returning from last term and three new interested friends beginning with us this term. Much gratitude to the GP committee, the presenters, supper sisters, and doormen staying late to encourage discussion, and members attending for their dedication in this area of spreading the gospel in Christchurch!

Christchurch North/West Special Effort

In August we had the pleasure of a visit from the Hensley family all the way from Simi Hills Ecclesia, California. Bro Jason Hensley delivered a series of talks for us about King Manasseh, titled 'Amazing Grace', for our combined Christchurch North and Christchurch West special effort. This was such a wonderful



Fellowship Dinners

long weekend of organised events, talks and time for fellowship together. We even had a day-trip in the plan to Margaret Mahy Park for those who were around at 10:30am on a Friday to go to the park! We also had a fellowship evening where we all got assigned to different host venues around the city for a pot luck dinner to share together in people's homes. This was such a lovely time to have a meal and a chat with members of our ecclesias whom we may not have spent so much time with before – a superb way to help make more connections with our wider ecclesial family.



School of the Prophets





Sunday School Picnic above, Quiz below

School of the Prophets

The School of the Prophets weekend is back up and running again. This year many enjoyed fellowship together on the weekend of 18-20 September 2026 at the Staverley Camp. Bro Tobi Widemann and Bro Ben O'Grady presented the Framework of Bible Prophecy Foundational Series, and Bro Stephen Hornheart from Salisbury Ecclesia, Adelaide, spoke on Revelation.

Sunday School Quiz and Picnic

The Sunday School has also had a busy quarter with a fun team quiz to wrap up our weekly lessons from the stage four lesson book. This featured lots of running and lollies and great engagement across the board. The following week was our optional review of the year's lessons. It was a good chance to do some revision at home to help our children recall what they have learnt throughout the year. This was followed by our annual SS picnic which was looking dicey weather-wise in the days leading up to it – but we were blessed with a beautiful







Sunday School Quiz

sunny day for the usual picnic lunch together: races, prizes, facepainting, our beloved and fabulous gelato cart, and plenty of great guessing games and competitions organised by Bro Brad and Sis Laura McNamara. It was a lovely afternoon of fellowship and fun together to celebrate the hard work of the children, teachers, and so many others who put effort into Sunday School throughout the year! Although the work is not over! We are now diving full force into Presentation Day preparations and play rehearsals for our final SS event of the year! Stay tuned!

Christchurch CYC
Winter/Autumn Highlights 2026

Christchurch CYC has enjoyed a busy few months, with a great mix of Bible studies, discovery nights, camps and fellowship activities, providing plenty of opportunities to grow in faith, strengthen friendships and encourage one another.

One of our winter highlights was an **ice-skating** evening, where CYC hired out the entire rink for an afternoon of fun on the ice and extended the invitation to 9-12's to join in. Afterwards, the CYC headed back to the hall for a hearty stew dinner, followed by ice blocks for dessert. The evening finished with an icy challenge of a different kind! A wheelie bin was filled with ice and freezing cold water, and several brave young people took up the challenge of an ice bath, much to the amusement of everyone watching!





CYC Ice Skating, Dinner and Games







Christchurch CYC Camp was another highlight, with around 120 young people gathering at Woodend for a weekend of Bible study, fellowship and activities. Bro Brendon Clark from Christchurch West led a series of studies on Judas, exploring an Old Testament parallel with an interesting twist, the events in the upper room and the last supper, the background to Judas' betrayal, and the trial of Jesus. Alongside the studies, there was plenty of action with team sports, games and a bonfire. The camp had a fantastic atmosphere, with plenty of energy and enthusiasm throughout the weekend. It was certainly one of those weekends the young people didn't want to end!

During the **North/West Special Effort,** the CYC enjoyed a special Friday evening with Bro Jason Hensley, who spoke on Bible translation. It was an interesting and helpful evening, giving the young people a greater appreciation for the Bible and the importance of understanding God's word.

Our regular **Bible studies** have continued to explore the parables of Jesus and the practical lessons they teach us for everyday life. These have been complemented by Discovery Nights, encouraging young people to think more deeply about their faith and how to put it into practice.

Another special occasion was our **Fellowship Evening**, where young people visited the homes of older brethren and sisters to share Bible readings and supper together. It was a lovely opportunity to strengthen friendships across the generations and enjoy the encouragement that comes from spending time together in the truth.

We have also enjoyed a **Boys' and Girls' Activity Day**, adding to the variety of activities and opportunities for fellowship throughout the winter months. Not to mention a walk to a beautiful waterfall, and a custom escape room complete with God’s 7000-year plan and handmade 3D models of the books of the Bible!

It has been an encouraging and action-packed few months for Christchurch CYC, with a wonderful balance of spiritual learning, fun and fellowship. We are thankful to all the brethren, sisters and young people who have contributed to these activities, and pray that the friendships formed and lessons learned will continue to encourage our young people as they seek to follow Christ.

Tautuku Camp

A group of fun and dedicated parents headed off from Christchurch to Tautuku for the annual camp with 26 youths along for a fun ride and a wonderful weekend. I trust the weekend camp was fantastic but from the photos it seems the journey there and back was also pretty epic with so many friends to share the hours driving with! Thank you, Invercargill Ecclesia, for putting on a great camp for so many of us to fellowship with you all.

Visitors

Bro Graham and Sis Ruth Travers, Boronia, Australia; Bro Anders Holm, Bro Russell Beaumont, Wellington; Bro Ezek Wang, Bro Joshua Tooth, Bro Glen and Sis Nikki Davies, Sis Asha Oosthuizen, Bro Alex and Sis Louise Mundy, Sis Trisha Mandac, Bro Peter and Sis Geraldine Fullwood, Bro Tim and Sis Susi Beer, Christchurch West; Sis Val Smith, Invercargill; Sis Bek Kells, Sis Holly Ingram, Bro Richard and Sis Anna Brown, Riverton; Bro Tom and Sis Abi Gibson, Blackburn, Australia; Sis Miriam Wilton, One Tree Hill, Australia; Bro Brandon McCall, Sis Josie Mailman, Nelson; Bro Nathan Pitt, Tea Tree Gully, Australia; Bro Peter Ross, Launceston; Bro Andrew and Sis Jess Ackerman, Thousand Oaks, USA; Sis Lesley Ledger, Hamilton.



Tautuku Trip - A Stop On The Way



Tautuku Trip Drivers



Tautuku Trip Van Load



Tautuku Trip Needed Food

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No report this time.

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Bible Class: Wednesday 7:30 pm at Pareawa Banks Ave School, 57 Averill Street, Richmond
Bible Reading Groups/Seminars: Sunday 7:00pm at St Albans Community Centre, 1049 Colombo Street, St Albans; Monday 7:30pm at Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road, Sockburn.

Loving greetings to all our fellow brothers and sisters throughout New Zealand. Well, this year has nearly drawn to a close, and still our Lord remains away. We continue to earnestly watch and pray that his return may indeed be soon!

Ecclesial Events
This last quarter has been very busy indeed, with many ecclesial events happening.

At the beginning of August, our CYC hosted the annual "Christchurch Camp". The venue this year was at Woodend Christian Camp, with Bro Brendon Clark speaking on "Judas", which was very well received. The young people all had a wonderful time reacquainting themselves with friends old and new. Numbers peaked at 125 this year!

In September, CYC members were put into small groups, then went to various 'older' brethren's homes to do the readings together and then share supper afterwards. The hosts commented how much they loved sharing time with the CYC and how special it was to have fellowship together in more close-knit settings.

Several CYC members supported the Tawa CYC camp in Wellington over the last weekend in September.

In October the boys and girls had individual activities, which they planned and organised according to what they wanted to do. The girls chose a day of pampering and relaxation (arts and crafts, exercise, dancing, painting nails, and of course food)! Due to the forecast being cold and wet, the venue had to change from being outdoors at the lovely venue Mona Vale, to one of the girl's homes. The boys chose an activity more fast paced and thrilling – a fishing excursion to Kaikoura. Several fish were caught, but only by a few boys.

Our combined North/West Special Effort was held at the end of August. Bro Jason Hensley from Simi Hill ecclesia (LA), accompanied by his wife Sis Ruth and their family, gave his talks on 'Manasseh' and the amazing grace of God. At the close of the weekend, families were placed into small groups who then went to a 'host' family's house for a shared dinner on Saturday evening. Then after the memorial meeting on Sunday, everyone enjoyed a shared lunch of curries made by several sisters. It most certainly was a delicious meal!

For Bible class we are currently having talks to the theme of 'The Glory of God', given by different brothers, and a new series on Philippians, led by Bro David Bailey (from Christchurch North).

On Thursday evening (September 17th), many of our members shared in witnessing the joyful occasion of the baptism of Bro Michael Edwards. Bro Michael has been on a remarkable spiritual journey over the last few years and attended many seminars. We pray for God's continued guidance and blessing on our new brother, as we strive to help each other to the kingdom.

At the start of October, we had our yearly combined meeting of all Christchurch ecclesias. Bro Ian Clark (now living in Adalaide) gave the exhortation. At the conclusion of the meeting, we enjoyed a pot luck lunch together.

Formal Sunday School lessons have finished for the year, with our final activities being the quiz and then our review morning (replacement of the old Sunday School exams). Immediately after this we celebrated at our combined Sunday School picnic held at the Ohoka Domain. The weather had been quite unsettled and wet that week, but the day turned out pleasantly sunny and fairly warm! Children and parents alike were able to enjoy delicious gelato ice-cream's from our local gelato cart 'Gelato Dolce', AKA the business owned by Bro Andrew and Sis Susie Tooth.

Nearly half our CYC attended the annual Tautuku camp, held in the Caitlins over Labour weekend. Bro Sam Bailey gave a series of talks on 'Lot'. The weather was spectacular, and this enabled the group (of about 70 young people) to frequently get outdoors.

Bro John Green of the Parklands ecclesia (father and father-in-law to Bro Matthew and Sis Debra Green) has been seriously unwell, and has been in hospital for 3 months. All the doctors and specialists are at a loss of how to formally diagnose and treat Bro John, and his future remains uncertain. We ask for God's continued guidance and mercy to be with the Green family as they navigate life during this very emotional and trying time (which has come hard on the heels of Bro John and Sis Loreene's grief for their daughter, Sis Saasha, who fell asleep in June). We pray by God's grace, that our brother be restored to a former measure of health.

Several of our members have travelled overseas recently. Bro Glen and Sis Nikki Davies went to Cambodia on mission work, and then shortly on return, Bro Glen went to the UK for work. Bro Brydyn Melles has travelled to Vanuatu, Chile and Bolivia for a mix of business and mission work. Sis Lorna Yearsley returned home to the UK after her uncle passed away, then had to slightly extend her trip as her dad became unwell. Bro Ross and Sis Wendy Melles visited family in Melbourne, and Bro Pong and Sis Virgie Pablo had a long-awaited

holiday back home in the Philippines. Bro Tim Yearsley travelled to Montenegro for a work conference, and was also able to meet with some brothers and sisters he had visited on mission trips to Russia, but who are now living in Montenegro.

Visitors over the last 3 months

Sis Holly Ingram, Bro Russ and Sis Bek Kells, Riverton; Sis Laura Tran, Kedron Brook, Brisbane; Bro Kaleb Witton, Bro Tom and Sis Abi Gibson, Blackburn, Melbourne; Sis Liz Clark, Bro David and Sis Naomi Stephenson, Sis Meg Stephenson, Bro Joel Struckman, Bro Josh and Sis Aleisha Burley, Sis Jose Mailman, Bro Josh and Sis Shiloh Mansfield, Nelson; Bro Murray and Sis Carol Green, Sis Andrea Prince, Sis Sarah Chann, Kaikoura; Bro Rob and Sis Carol Worsnop, Bro Nathan and Sis Rosie Hughes, Sis Lesley Ledger, Hamilton; Bro Chris and Sis Julie Cowell, Wellington; Bro Daniel Fletcher, Palmerston North; Bro Daniel Alexander, Bro Simon and Sis Rosie and Bro Lucien Alderson, Bro Andrew and Sis Shaye Yearsley, Bro David (exhorted) and Sis Carolyn Bailey, Christchurch North; Bro Luke Snelling, Wilston, Brisbane; Bro Daniel (exhorted) and Sis Esther Hughes, Bro John (exhorted) and Sis Fiona Worsnop, Parklands; Sis Sabrina Officer, Bro Bryce Mansfield, Bro Sean Mansfield, Yagoona, Sydney; Sis Anna Oosthuizen, Rugby, UK; Sis Diana Vickery, Taunton, UK; Bro Ian and Sis Lyn Clark, Brighton, Adelaide; Bro Ben and Sis Lucy Beaumont, Pakuranga; Sis May Nelson, Dunedin; Bro Simon, Sis Kate and Sis Hedi Alderson, Invercargill; Bro Graham and Sis Ruth Travers, Boronia, Melbourne.

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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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"He hath made everything beautiful in his time." — Ecclesiastes 3:11.

Dunedin has survived another chilly winter, and we are welcoming the new life and blessings of spring! As the seasons change, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and the many blessings of fellowship we share.

We were delighted to welcome **Ian and Marj** home from their missionary trip to Cambodia. While we know they miss the many friendships they made, we have loved hearing their stories and seeing them return with renewed enthusiasm.

A couple of our members have undergone knee and ankle operations recently, and we continue to keep them in our prayers as they recover.

We were saddened by the sudden departure of **Judith Taganahan**, who has taken up a new job opportunity in Tauranga. We trust in God's guiding hand as she begins this new chapter and pray that her work arrangements will allow her to enjoy Sunday fellowship with the Tauranga (Bay of Plenty) ecclesia.

We are also preparing to farewell **Hayden Smith**, who is moving to Nelson to join his wife, Anita, following her recent move for

work. Both have been such valued members of our ecclesial family and will be sorely missed. We wish them God's richest blessings as they settle into their new home.

Bella Dondero, our gorgeous American student, is heading home for the summer. We look forward to welcoming her back in the new year for her final year of study in Dunedin before life's next big adventure!

We have also enjoyed visits from Invercargill exhorters **Eli Mundy** and **Darran Roberts**, and are thankful for their fellowship and encouraging words.

Sunday School

Our annual Sunday School play was a wonderful highlight! The children enthusiastically performed three scenes exploring what it means to be a good friend, following the example and teachings of Jesus. We enjoyed having some extra visitors, including students from our Learn to Read English class, and finished with a delicious morning tea.

With the play behind us, classes are settling into their final lessons before the summer break.



CYC

CYC continues to go well, with our young people exploring some thought-provoking topics, including anxiety and burnout, why God allows suffering, and The Case for Christ, following Lee Strobel's journey from scepticism to faith as he investigated the evidence for Jesus' resurrection.

We also enjoyed a Bible reading and games evening with Lindsay and Cheryl. It is encouraging to see our young people growing in faith and friendship.

Women's Class

Our Women's Class continues to be a lovely time of learning and fellowship. Recent topics have included whom we serve, finding rest in God, inspiring books about women of faith, and a wonderful insight into Marjorie's experiences and the beautiful people she met in Cambodia.

We also enjoyed taking a little time out to celebrate Cheryl's birthday!


Celebrating Cheryl's birthday at a recent Women's class

Living Ink Books – Website Now Live!

Some exciting news! The new Living Ink Books website is now live! You can visit it at: https://www.livinginkbooks.co.nz/ With the end of the Sunday School year fast approaching, this is a wonderful resource for ordering Sunday School book prizes and finding encouraging reading material. Do take a look!



Though some of our ecclesial family are moving on, we remain united in Christ and in the wonderful hope of his coming Kingdom.

"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." — Hebrews 10:24.

Visitors
Over the past few months, we have enjoyed the company of the following visiting brothers and sisters:
Bro Cameron Archer, Punchbowl, Australia; Bro Evan Smith, New Lynn, Auckland; Bro and Sis Ken and Christine Morgan, Tawa, Wellington; Bro Eli Mundy, Sis Kayla Dondero, Bro Malcolm and Sis Suhasini Scott, Bro Darran and Sis Nicola Roberts Invercargill; Bro and Sis Barry and Sue Mailman, Riverton.

HAMILTON

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Loving Greetings to all our brothers and sisters.

Family Matters
We sorrow with our Sis Judith Mudge in the death of her father, Bro Brian Connolly, in the release from his condition. Brian and his wife Sis Beth Connolly are from the Dawn fellowship. Our thoughts are with all their family members in our central ecclesia and other groups, as death always brings the pain of separation in this earthly life.

We were pleased to see Bro Peter and Sis Shiling Meads and their two sons return home safely from a family trip to China.

Sis Margaret Johnson has fallen ill in Hamilton while transferring from the BOP ecclesia to a rest home to be near her family. [Sis Margaret fell asleep in the Lord on 31st October – Ed.]

Bro Jake Young of Nelson has passed through his trial period of work at Rukuhia, and now has a permanent position as an apprentice aircraft engineer.

Events
Combined CYC's Weekend - Auckland and Hamilton: The weekend was well attended with about 50 people including adults. There were activities including teambuilding (getting the team to the kingdom), dinner and gathering around a bonfire. The theme was loosely based around Ephesians chapter 4.





Hamilton CYC trip to Miranda to see the Godwits

Speaking of CYC, Hamilton youth had a springtime Saturday out at Pukorokoro, Miranda, to learn and witness the story of Godwit and other shorebird migrations, and the wonders of creation; isn't it amazing how few people out there seem to see or acknowledge that what is in front of them cannot have developed from evolution?

Kingdom Day afternoon seminar

Around 5000 quality leaflets were distributed, together with social media, to advertise an afternoon 'seminar' at the hall. Six people attended who were not connected to our community. Bro Steve Swain and Bro TJ Reding presented the two sessions: 'Thy Kingdom Come' and 'Thy Will be Done', which were separated by a carefully prepared afternoon tea.

Visitors

We have welcomed the following visitors: Bro Jony Connolly, South Lakes, NSW; Bro Andrew Galbraith, Boronia, Vic; Bro Maranatha Gilfillan, Halifax, Adelaide; Bro Peter and Sis Colleen Roberts, South Adelaide; Bro Robin and Sis Varna Bennett, Sis Ella Bennett, Sis Juliet Knox, Sis Naomi Knox, Bro Josiah Knox, Sis Lesley Clapperton, Pakuranga; Bro Ben and Sis Georgia Williams, Bro Bailey Alexander (exh), New Lynn; Bro Eddie Worsnop, Sis Mesha Simpson, Waitakere; Bro Stephen Connolly, Sis Marta Teal, Hutt Valley; Sis Naomi France, Tawa; Bro Phil Stedman, Bro Jake Young, Nelson.

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No report this time.

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No report this time.

INVERCARGILL

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At this time there are many changes happening around the world, and we are waiting to see what future governments will be put into place. Big promises have been made that we know cannot solve any of the problems that society suffers from. God willing, our wait for a righteous and just judge who can, and will, fix all the troubles that the world faces, will not be long. We wait with anticipation and hope.

Family News

Aunty Naomi Morgan had a fall and spent some time in hospital recently. She is back in the care home now. It has knocked her, but she still loves a visit and is cheerful to chat to. She has just had her 96th birthday this week and we are very grateful for such a lovely and faithful sister in our ecclesial family. We have some other ecclesial members who are working through challenging situations and we pray for our Heavenly Father's loving hands to support and care for those in need.

Ecclesial Events

This is our quieter time of the year with special events but we have had the following:

Bro Paul and Sis Janene Jackson finished off our Sunday afternoon programme with a fun-filled family afternoon. We built a house out of





Invergargill Family Afternoon





Invergargill Family Afternoon and Escape Room (left)

cards, played charades to guess the Bible quote, tried to work out hymns from the 2nd line of music played (which was quite challenging!), had word games and other challenges to get our brains working (also quite challenging!). Thanks Paul and Janene for a lovely fellowship afternoon.

Tautuku Camp

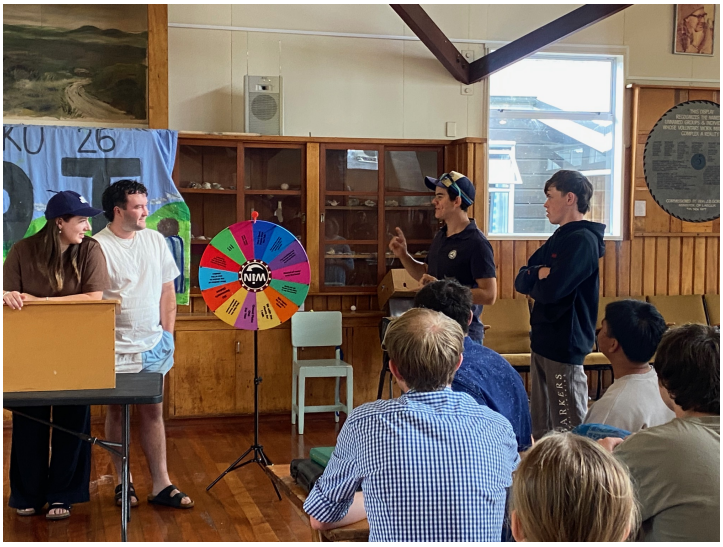
The CYC put on their annual Tautuku weekend during Labour Weekend. Unlike last year when Southland was in a big storm just before Labour Weekend, this year was gorgeous. The following is a write up of the weekend:

Tautuku this year was such a fantastic weekend with young people from all over NZ coming, which was great! We had Uncle Sam Bailey giving us the talks on Lot and his decisions and consequences, with plenty of great takeaway points. The weather was beautiful, and a games afternoon with swimming at the beach was enjoyed by all. Needless to say though, there were lots of pink faces afterwards! On the last evening an amazing escape room activity was organised, which had everyone scratching their heads, followed by a late-night beach walk! A big thankyou to all the organisers and Uncle Sam for all their hard work. We look forward











Tautuku Camp Photos

to seeing you all at Tautuku next year, God willing!

One Fine Day

To dispel the fallacy that Invercargill is always in winter weather we had a run of beautiful days which allowed for a picnic in the park after the memorial meeting one weekend recently. However the weather this week has made a mockery of the lovely spring days and we are back in winter!

Webiste

We have a new website (www.invercargillchristadelphians.com) and also an outreach Facebook presence thanks to the hard work and dedication of sisters Jordan McCall, Nicola Roberts and Ashleigh Beer. God-willing this will help increase our outreach and keep our lampstand shining in our wee corner of the world. There are also plans for a free community meal in the new year. Many thanks to the sisters for their dedication in making this happen.

We have really enjoyed the visitors who have come to visit and share fellowship with us. Special thanks to those who gave talks and exhorts.

KAIKOURA “Kowhai” Ecclesia

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No report this time.

NELSON

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Meeting times: Sunday, 11:00am

Bro Sam Crawley has returned home from the wilds of Blenheim and so we have the pleasure of seeing him at Bible class as well as the meeting now.

Bro Caleb Pike has joined his parents at Owen River for a few months and we look forward to seeing him at the meeting as often as the fishing work allows.

We are very pleased to hear that Jake Young has proposed to Tarah Roberts and it seems she has accepted. Further news of the wedding is to come at a later date.

Sis Kathy Graham has become a grandmother again with the birth of Alodia Bird to Bro Sim and Sis Emma Bird in Brisbane.

Bro Steve Hornhardt gave us a rapid-fire journey through the Seven Vials of the Apocalypse over our Special Effort weekend in September. It was a mission to write notes fast enough.

Many young and old have travelled to camps and fraternals at Tautuku, Christchurch and Kaikoura to build friendships and faith.

Recent visitors to Nelson have been: Bro Austin Brown, Riverton; Bro Nathan Simpson, Invercargill; Bro David and Sis Lee Gibbs, Dannevirke; Bro Alan and Sis Maureen Struckman, Sis Yvonne Otto, Bro Ariel Martin, Christchurch West; Sis Hazel Alderson, Bro Stephen Roberts, Sis Ruth Pitt, Sis Carole Taylor, Bro Aaron and Sis Alicia Cheek, Christchurch North; Sis Pauline Maxwell, Hutt Valley; Sis Katrina Fletcher, Palmerston North; Sis Sheryl Beer, Tasman; Sis Andrea Prince, Kaikoura; Sis Sandra Wood, New Plymouth; Bro Chris and Sis Julie Cowell, Wellington; Bro James and Sis Sarah Mansfield, Yagoona; Bro Martin and Sis Kate Pitt, Kersbrook; Bro Nathan Pitt, Teatree Gully; Bro Steven and Sis Christine Hornhardt, Salisbury, Australia.

NEW PLYMOUTH

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No report this time.

PALMERSTON NORTH

Recorder: Bro Phil Walker
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Website: www.pnchristadelphias.co.nz
Meeting times: Breaking of bread, Sunday 11:00am; Bible Class, Thursday 7:45pm (In homes)

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

Since last reporting we have often had low numbers at our meetings with brethren away or having medical treatment. However, we have been much encouraged by fellowship with brethren coming to our fraternal gathering in August and our monthly visiting speakers.

Fraternal Gathering
On Saturday, 8 August at our annual fraternal gathering we enjoyed fellowship with a good number of brethren from surrounding ecclesias. This was held at the Village Valley Community Centre in Ashhurst. Bro James Stephenson (Tawa Ecclesia) presented talks on two parables of Jesus. He spoke first about the parable of the Unjust Steward, taking the context of the whole of Luke 11 to show how Jesus was speaking of the unjust ways of the Jewish rulers, but then comparing this to the just stewardship of men like Joseph and encouraging us to be just stewards.

Under the heading of 'Tis the season' Bro James spoke in his second talk about the meaning of the covenant of salt and that in Mark 9 Jesus taught that our sacrifices and offerings to God should be made in the right spirit, as it were, seasoned with salt. We thank Bro James for encouraging us in our walk to the kingdom.

Memorial meeting location
From the beginning of December the location of our memorial meeting will be moving from the downstairs Workshop Space to the upstairs Creative Space in the Square Edge building.

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

Bro Paul and Sis Suanna Manning, Whanganui; Bro Lindsay and Sis Angela Marsden, Wellington; Bro Stuart and Sis Janina Cambridge, Bro Josh Cambridge, Tawa.

RIVERTON

Recorder: Bro James Pankhurst
Hall address: 56 Princes Street, Riverton
Email: riverton.ecclesia@nzchristadelphians.org.nz
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 our Riverton Ecclesia, we have the sad occasion to say goodbye to Bro Eden and Sis Rosie Simpson who have transferred to the Invercargill ecclesia. They have been members of the Riverton ecclesia for many years, and have been solid workers. They will be sorely missed by all. However, they have promised to visit our ecclesia from time to time. We wish them God Speed in the new chapter in their lives in Invercargill ecclesia.

Bro Nathanael and Sis Samantha Thoms were blessed with the safe arrival of their 8th child, Zack Daniel Thoms, born 18th October 2026. Both mother and baby are well.

During Labour weekend, our CYC members attended the Tautuku CYC camp located in the Catlins area by the Tautuku Bay east of Invercargill, surrounded by native bush. It fell to the lot of Bro Sam Bailey of Christchurch North ecclesia to lead the study on lessons we can learn from Lot, Abraham’s nephew.

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

Bro Dan and Sis Beth Symes, Dandenong Ranges; Bro Martin Pitt, Blackbourn, Melbourne; Bro Tim and Sis Nola Jinkens, Riverwood, Sydney; Bro Gideon and Sis Rhiannon Osborn, Okenagen, Canada; Bro Robert and Sis Sharon Prins, Pakuranga; Bro Evan Smith, New Lynn; Bro Matthew and Sis Debra Green, Bro Joshua Tooth, Bro Ethan Webber and Sis Georgiana Pankhurst, Christchurch West; Bro Hugh Graham, Nelson; Bro Eden and Sis Rosie Simpson, Bro Paul and Sis Janene Jackson, Sis Asha and Sis Alexa Oosthuizen, Bro Isaiah and Sis Rosie Tunnell, Bro Malcolm and Sis Suhasini Scott, Invercargill.

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
Hall address: Main Road Tawa and Linden Avenue, Linden, Wellington 5028
Email: tawa.ecclesia@gmail.com
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 and enjoying the gradual increase in sunshine as we come into the summer months, and the end of the year creeps up on us. The Tawa ecclesia has been keeping busy with their usual activities and is thankful for Yahweh's care throughout 2026.

Tawa will soon be remembering 25 years as an ecclesia, and we're celebrating with a 'silver sockets' themed anniversary. The silver sockets joined together the wooden panels in the tabernacle, so our theme looks at building towards the kingdom, joined together by Christ. We have a walk, dinner and special evening planned, God-willing, and are looking forward to spending some time both reminiscing and looking forward together.

In Bible Class recently, our Bro Jacob Lewis has been leading us in a series of studies on the man Joshua, looking at the different roles he played (a servant, a captain etc), and the way these point to the greater work of our Lord. Bro Michael France has also given a Bible class on the timeline of Christ's ministry, helping us to

understand the chronology of events, and where they took place throughout the land.

We were treated to a family music night recently, enjoying the gift of music which God has given us. There were a range of items from many different people (some serious, some not so much); children performing piano pieces, a family instrumental group, lots of singing items, and a lovely group choral item to close. Bro Jono and Sis Ruth O'Grady organised the evening, and so much work was put in by lots of people to get something prepared to share. We have held these evenings in the past, but it has been eight years since the last one. It was such a fun night enjoyed by all, and we're looking forward to making them a regular occurrence again!

Bro Dan and Sis Bek O'Grady have welcomed a beautiful little girl, Sophia Grace. We're so thrilled for them, and she has three very excited older brothers looking out for her! We pray for God's continued blessing on them and their family.

Our CYC has been busy with talks and activities over the last few months. They recently held their annual Tawa CYC camp with Bro Andy Norton from Lismore speaking on Philippians. It was a wonderful weekend together with young people from around the country and Australia, and we look forward to next year, God willing. They have also just had a trip to 'Staglands' (a local wildlife park) which was a fun morning walking around together and enjoying the animals and surroundings.



Tawa CYC Camp above; Staglands Trip below



‘Spring into Tawa’ is a local community festival which happens every October. As usual the CYC had a fundraising stall there selling cakes, baking and real fruit ice-creams. It was a particularly nasty spring day this year, so while they sold out of baking it doesn’t sound like ice-creams were all too popular! This year we also had a GPG stand, with information about the Christadelphians, and advertising some upcoming events.

An open day/Bible display was held at the hall the following weekend, with a display of old Bibles and information on the story of William Tyndale (this year marks 500 years of the English translation of the Bible). We’re grateful to the Wellington ecclesia for the use of the fantastic displays, and we were thrilled to have a few visitors pop in to have a look. God-willing we are also starting a ‘Bible Group’ at the local community centre, which we have advertised as an open and honest Bible readings session. We pray that God blesses the work of proclaiming his word both in this city and throughout the world before his Son’s soon return.

We thank our Father in heaven who continues to bless the work of our ecclesia and pray that the work of this lightstand keeps giving him glory until our master returns.



Spring Into Tawa Stall



Tawa Open Day

TIMARU

Recorder: Bro Bob Tooth
Email: bobandmary.tooth@xtra.co.nz
Hall Address: Botanical Gardens, Timaru. (Call first to check the location).
Meeting Times: 10:30am Sunday; 7:30pm Bible Class Thursday
Contact: Edward Patterson, 027-6126050

Fraternal Greetings to all our brothers and sisters.

Camp
During the last weekend of October we held our annual combined camp with the Kaiapoi ecclesia. It was a wonderful weekend around God's word. Bro Phil Alderson took us through the life of Stephen and brought out many wonderful lessons from his life and his contemporaries, some of which vehemently opposed him, but later were wonderfully changed by the same gospel he followed. This year's camp was, for the first time in several years, not held at Glenroy. This year we moved just up the road to Te Waiora House. What a beautiful spot we have found which we will continue to use moving forward if the Lord remains away.

Baptism
In early October, Kathryn Tooth took on the hope of Israel on a beautiful Timaru day. With the ecclesial hall still currently out of action, the baptism was held at her parent's house – Bro David and Sis Christine Tooth. The calling of the gospel is still being heard and the angels in heaven rejoice on these occasions. Our new sister's baptism ceremony included a talk by her uncle, Bro Stephen Jackson, which wonderfully showed the blessing of our calling amongst all the billions of people worldwide who have lived – and that this shows the magnitude of his character to still be calling a small remnant of people who want to glorify him even today.

Health
The winter has been a tough time for some brethren. But their example in sickness and pain continues to inspire us all. We pray our Father's love and care continue to be upon all our brothers and sisters near and far.

Youth
Our Sunday School has seven children who have worked through the Stage three lessons this year and now eagerly await the prizegiving day coming up.

Our CYC has two teenagers who have been away to many day activities and camps recently, where they had wonderful fellowship and teaching.

Visitors
We have a small ecclesia in Timaru and visitors are really appreciated here. Many of these have also ministered for us and we thank you all for this.

WANGANUI

Recorder: Bro Tony Evans
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Email Address: Wanganui.ecclesia@outlook.co.nz
Phone Contact: Bro Tony Evans 0274653602
Meeting Times: Sunday 11:00am; Bible class /proclamation Tuesday 7:30pm

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

Baptism
On the 4th of October, Roger Ellison took on the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ in baptism and was received into fellowship at the memorial meeting on the same day.

Fraternal
We held our annual Fraternal on the 26th and 27th of September where Bro Tim Stephenson from Hastings delivered an interesting series of three talks entitled, 'They Sang a Hymn'. An uplifting time both spiritually and fraternally was had by all who attended.

Jenny Gibbs
Several of our members attended the funeral of Sis Jenny Gibbs in Dannevirke on Wednesday September 23. Sis Jenny was well known to many of our members through her work at the May Camps and the Dannevirke picnics held at the Gibbs' farm over the years.

80th Birthday
We were privileged to attend the 80th birthday party of Sis Diana Stephenson on the afternoon of Saturday October 10 and enjoyed an afternoon of live music and good food together.

Health
Attendance at our memorial meetings has been up and down over the winter due to the usual winter ailments. Sis Jill Sullivan and Bro Maurie Beale have both been in hospital for short stays. Sis Linda Evans underwent another eye operation in Kenepuru Hospital (Porirua) in late October.

Visitors
We have had the pleasure of welcoming the following visitors to our memorial meetings: Bro Mark and Sis Joanne White, Bro Matt and Sis Beth Berkhan, Palmerston North; Bro Steve and Sis Stephanie Crouch, Bro Henry and Sis Joanna Stephenson, Bro Shamus and Sis Sara Stephenson, Bro Lindsay and Sis Angela Marsden, Bro Asher and Sis Natalie Crouch, Bro Lyall and Sis Ngarita Davies, Wellington; Bro Sam and Sis Letisha Jackson, Hutt Valley; Bro James and Sis Jeanette Stephenson, Bro Jethro Stephenson, Bro Brian O'Grady, Tawa; Bro Tim and Sis Lucy Stephenson, Hawkes Bay; Bro David and Sis Naomi Stephenson, Nelson; Sis Rose Cox, UK. Thank you to those brothers who exhorted.

WELLINGTON

Recorder: Bro Andrew Davies
Hall address: 229 Helston Road, Paparangi
Email Address: recorder@wgtnecclesia.co.nz
Phone Contact: 04 4789350
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

In everything give thanks. This was the theme for our Special Effort long weekend held in September. And we have a lot to be thankful for in this country.

Bro Jason Gilmore was our speaker, accompanied by Sis Jane. A very uplifting time. Thanks to Cindy O'Grady for setting up the hall for the occasion. On the back noticeboard we all had the opportunity to write what we were thankful for.

We are so thankful to God for the blessing of Krish a delightful baby for Sam and Letisha Jackson (Hutt Ecclesia). Our Sisters held a special afternoon tea to celebrate his arrival. Krish had a difficult start to life with having to go to Starship Hospital to mend two holes in his heart, but now he is doing really well thanks be to our Heavenly Father.



A combined evening for Sam,Tech and Krish



Health

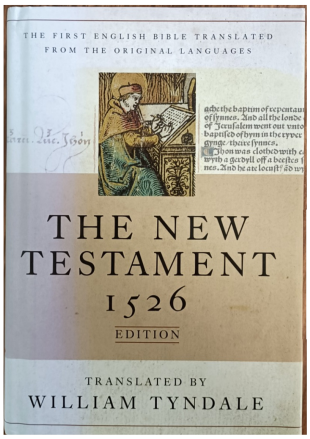
Viv is still (happily)in the rest home.
Sis Adrienne is also settling down quite well in her rest home.
Sis Shirley Clover has been in and out of hospital but home again now.
Sis Gaylene Mellor is needing almost full-time care now and the family are very dedicated in doing this.
Our special prayers are with Sis Margaret Leith who is to have an operation to remove a stent which her system seems to be rejecting. She is currently quite miserable with continual vomiting.
And young Rhys Thomas who has had yet another mishap, this time breaking his arm.

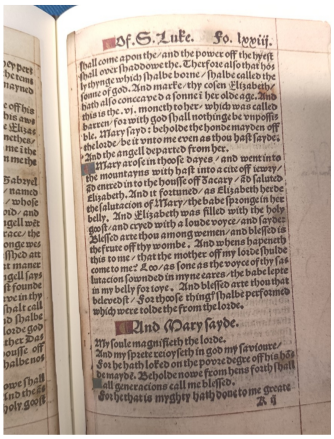
GPG and outreach

We held our Anniversary Expo: 500 year of the English Printed New Testament in three different venues. Overall we had about 40 visitors including a UK University Professor who has been involved over the years with Bible translations. He came to the Pataka Expo and then returned when it was in our hall and brought us in a copy of his facsimile edition of William Tyndale's New Testament. He and Sis Margaret Nicholls had quite some discussions. Most of the material is quite transportable and if any other ecclesia would like to use the material, it is available. If you would like a video of the contents, please email me at suzannebeer42@gmail.com.









Facsimile edition of Tyndales The New Testament

Tonga

Abi, Zak and wee Zeb were Tonga in August doing mission work. Abi writes:

Morning our wonderful family in NZ. Had a wonderful wedding with our girl, then basically straight to Tonga to support them over here... Lots to do, and lots of Bible study to be had (they want something every night). Zak can't help himself but to help a building need, and we are buying a couple of piglets for (Manase who died) his son Nathan to raise. They are very expensive, but also potentially a way of him working and making money for the family. He's raised them as a kid. There is a pigsty, already on the property (out the back in the bush). Zak has also helped Nathan fix it and get it suitable for pigs. Also exciting times, God willing we are baptizing Tupou (She has come to NZ, and winter school), this Sunday is the plan, she has come along since she is 12... all her family are Morman.

Malaysia

Three sisters, Lorraine Morahan, Mauren Gooch and Suzanne Beer went to Malaysia to do outreach there

– in a pastoral role. They were asked by Kah Fook and Nortina as the Kuala Lumpur Ecclesia is mainly middle-aged and older. It was great meeting all the members and contacts and mixing with them over the month. Very hot, very busy, very enjoyable and profitable.

Visitors
Bro Gordon Mudge, Pakuranga; Bro Sefton Vuli, Dunedin; Sis Teesh Jackson, Sis Shirly Taylor, Hutt; Sis Janine Stephenson, Tawa; Sis Debbie Godfrey, Kaikoura; Sis Samantha Kirk, Palmerston North; Sis Debbi Forbes, Bro Isaac and Sis Sarah Pankhurst, Helen Singles, Whanganui; Bro Jason and Sis Jane Gilmore, NSW Aus; Bro David and Sis Mary Styles, Shelbourne, Ontario.

It's great to have Gavin and Reyah Tham (Vancouver) who have moved back to New Zealand.

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

WHANGAREI

Recorder: Chris Wright
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Meeting Times: Sunday 11am; Bible readings are on Thursday at 10:30am rotating to homes.
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Phone: 021 886719

Loving greetings from the far north.

It is with sadness that our Bro John Walton is now in full time care as he suffers from Alzheimer's. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sis Ann and the family as they deal with this situation.

Bro Chris and Sis Maria have returned from three months in India visiting family. While in Bangalore Maria's mother Sis Antoo suffered a heart attack but was treated very quickly and returned home after a stent and three days hospital care. They also enjoyed a seminar weekend with Bro Kafook and Sis Tina in Kuala Lumpur.

Bro Roland Johnson and Sis Phyl Simpson have had treatment for skin issues.
Sis Val Green has been unable to attend the meeting recently due to ongoing medical issues.

We have enjoyed the pleasure of Sis Lois as she came to "cat sit".

Visitors
Bro Tim and Sis Gail Hughes, Parklands Christchurch; Bro Robert and Sis Sharon Prins, Bro Steve Brinkman, Pakuranga, Auckland.

We thank our brethren for their ministrations.

ACBM AND CMST

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 <u>until the end of July</u> 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**

Email: christadelphianmsf.nz@gmail.com

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UNITARIAN CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE

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.
  - Focus: intended to advance the cause of unitarian Christianity.
  - Style: Chicago Manual of Style (notes, footnotes and bibliography).
  - 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

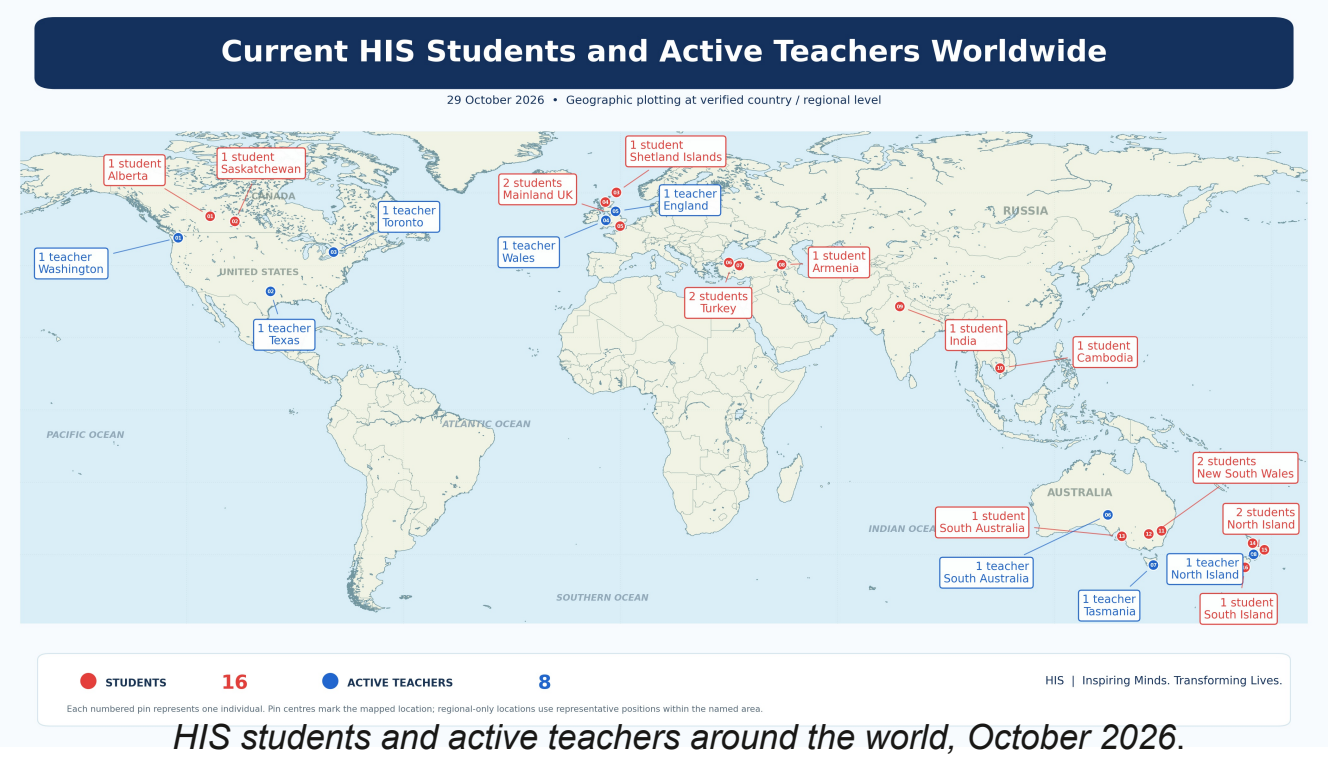
HIS HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL / OCTOBER 2026

A School Without Walls: HIS Is Growing!

With thankful hearts, we are delighted to share how Heritage International School (HIS) is progressing. Following months of prayer, planning and preparation, live teaching began in September. What was once a vision is now a living and growing school, with students and teachers building connections across continents and time zones.

From seven early enrolments, HIS has already grown to 16 students, aged five to eighteen, from eight countries: Canada, the United Kingdom, Turkey, Armenia, India, Cambodia, Australia and New Zealand. Eight active teachers are based in North America, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. The accompanying map offers a striking picture of just how far this school without walls already reaches.



HIS students and active teachers around the world, October 2026.

Classes span Primary, Junior High and Senior High, with English, Mathematics, Literature, Science and Physics among the subjects being taught. Lessons are live and interactive, supported by personal guidance and recordings students can revisit. We want each child to feel known and encouraged, learning not only for academic

achievement but also for growth in wisdom and character.

The opening weeks have, of course, brought some technological teething problems. Connecting classrooms across the world is no small undertaking! What has been especially heartening is the positivity of our students, families and teachers. Parents are appreciating the personal care and attention, students are enjoying their learning and developing confidence, and staff are finding genuine joy in this shared endeavour. Their encouragement and feedback are helping us strengthen the experience week by week.

Throughout the week, different teachers lead opportunities for biblical reflection and spiritual encouragement across our classes. These are part of our conviction that education is about more than what children know: it is also about who they are becoming, and the values that shape their everyday decisions.

With our timetable continuing to develop, we warmly invite other families to explore what HIS could offer. Full-time programmes and part-time study in individual subjects are possible, depending on availability. Families curious about online schooling are welcome to enquire about a trial lesson and experience a live class firsthand. Even where a suitable class is not yet running, we would be pleased to discuss future possibilities. Where fees may be a concern, we are also happy to discuss whether a discount might be possible.

The Lord Jesus spoke of faith as small as a mustard seed, faith through which mountains can be moved (Matthew 17:20). Bringing an international school to life has sometimes felt like moving mountains, and we are deeply conscious that it is our Heavenly Father who has made the seemingly impossible possible. We are especially grateful for the faith and trust of the first families who joined HIS when so much was still taking shape. By God's blessing, that small beginning is now taking root and growing. We pray that what he has enabled thus far will encourage other families to explore what HIS might offer their children. Thank you to everyone who has supported and remembered this work in prayer.

To discover more, visit **www.hisonlineschool.org** or contact **admissions@hisonlineschool.org**

God bless, **TJ Reding** | Founding Principal | Heritage International School

QUEENSLAND MUSIC CAMP

The Queensland Christadelphian Music Camp is Back in 2027!

Expressions of Interest Are OPEN for Queensland Christadelphian Music Camp 2027!

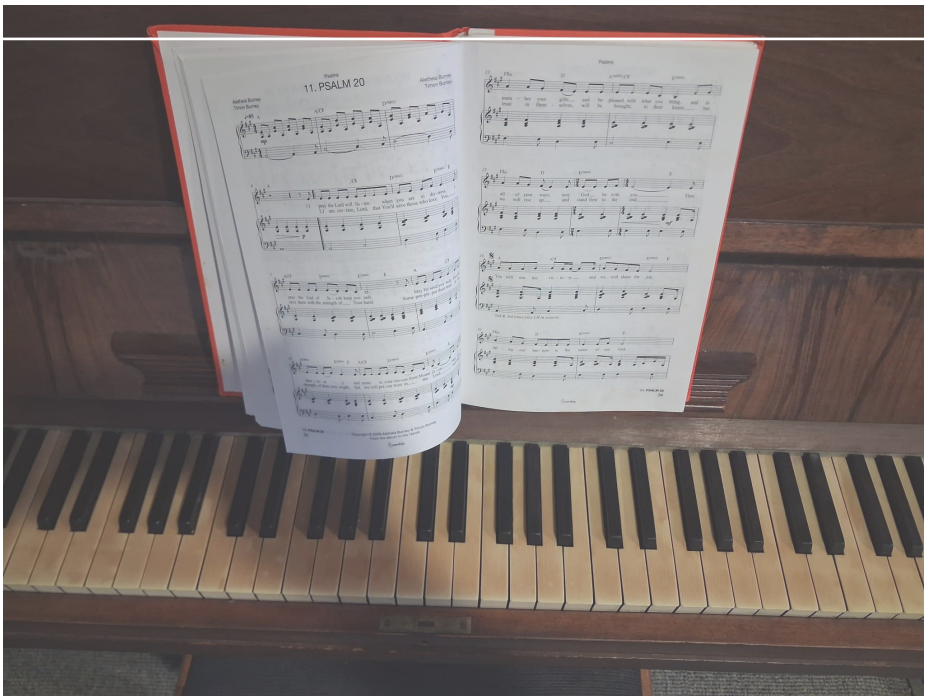
Thursday, 8th July - Saturday, 10th July 2027

In 2025, we welcomed close to 80 people from across Queensland, New South Wales, Melbourne and South Australia to make music together in Brisbane. And now we are launching **expressions of interest for Queensland Christadelphian Music Camp in 2027** and would love for all of you to join us to make music together in praise to our Heavenly Father!

Why come to camp:
• Learn from a range of fantastic tutors and conductors.
• Develop your musical ability in a range of instrumental and choral ensembles, as well as instrument-specific sectionals.
• Make new friends and share time with old ones in a welcoming and like-minded environment.
• Create beautiful music and give glory to God.

Want to learn more?
Visit our Website and Express Your Interest!
https://www.christadelphianmusiccampqld.com/
registrations@christadelphianmusiccampqld.com

Psalm 98:4 *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song.*



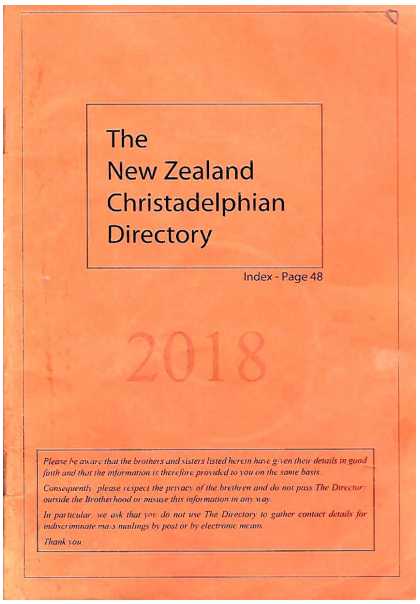
ECCLESIAL DIRECTORY

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for your support for the new directory intended to update information last collected in 2018. We have had a great response with only a few ecclesias left to contact us with their details. Once we have a draft copy we will send each ecclesia a copy of their list so that they can do a final check. If you are unsure whether your ecclesia has submitted, please contact your recorder.

We can be reached via email
christadelphiandirectory@gmail.com

Many thanks,
The Directory Team



SUMMER SCHOOL STREAMING 2026

During the recent Winter School, some who couldn't attend the school for health reasons were able to join online and enjoy the studies as they were being delivered.

It worked so well that people have asked if the same could be done for Summer School.

The answer is Yes – but we are still putting the exact details and links in place!

If you would like to watch the Summer School studies live in real time, but can't make it to the school, please email Bro Brian O'Grady on brianogrady5@gmail.com to register your interest, and we will send you the details in due course.

This school runs, God willing, from 25 Dec 2026 to 2 Jan 20+-27, with Bro Peter Owen on Judges, and Bro Roger Lewis on the Restoration of Israel.



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

Teen session speakers
- **Bro. Russell Kells** (Riverton)
- **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.

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Theme

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

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OUR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER STILL LOOKS FOR A SPIRITUAL 'FAMILY LIKENESS' IN HIS CHILDREN TODAY.

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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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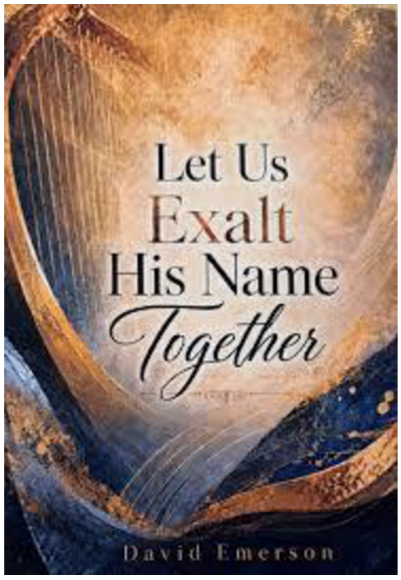

Let Us Exalt His Name Together

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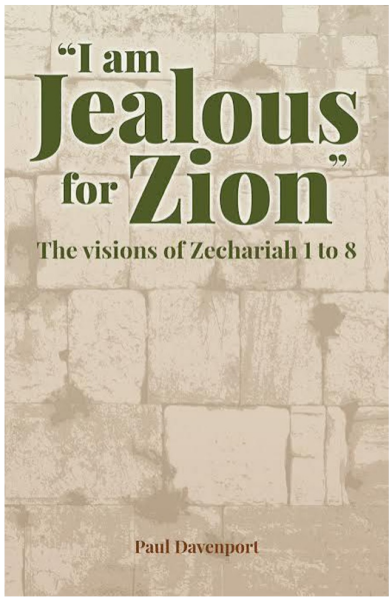

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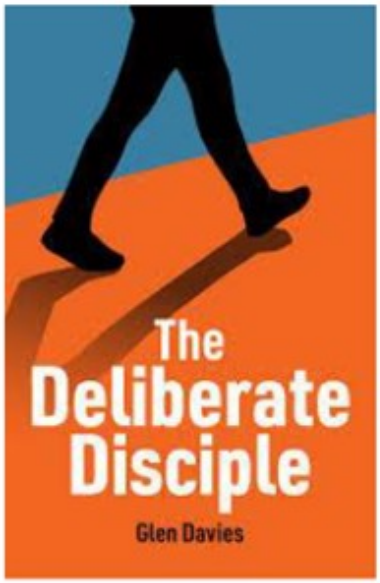

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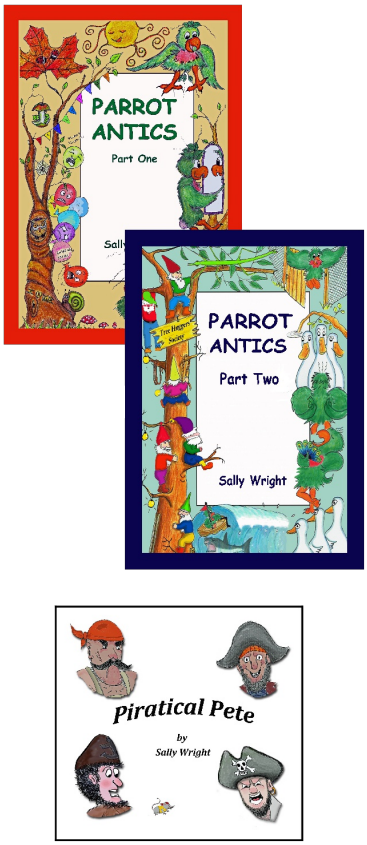

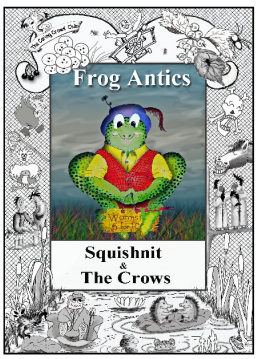

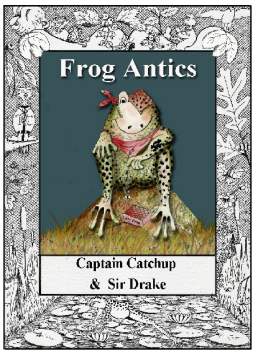

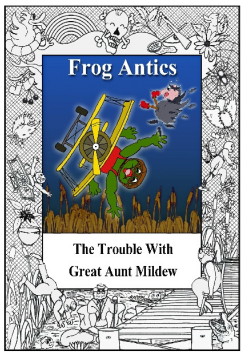

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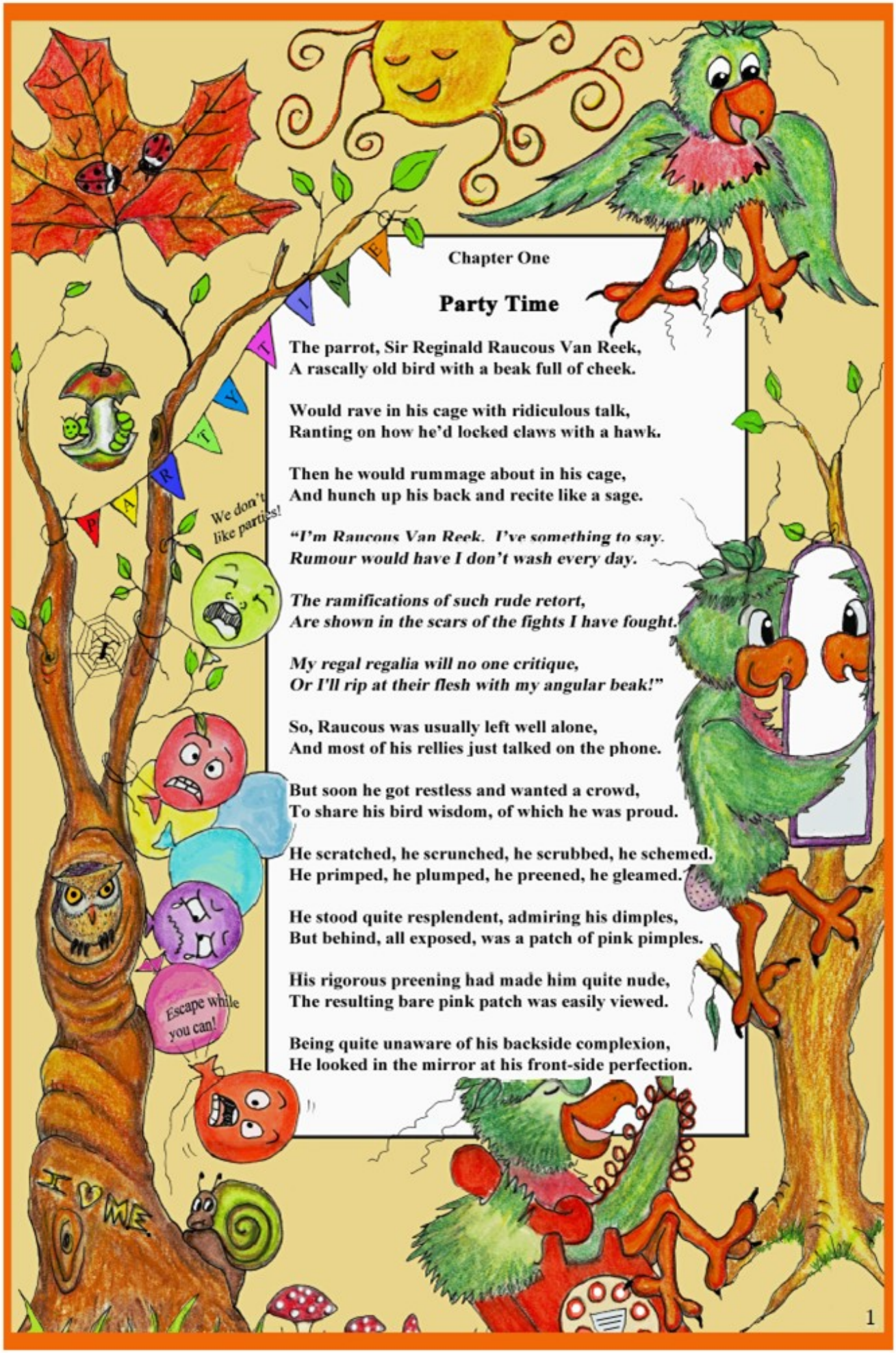

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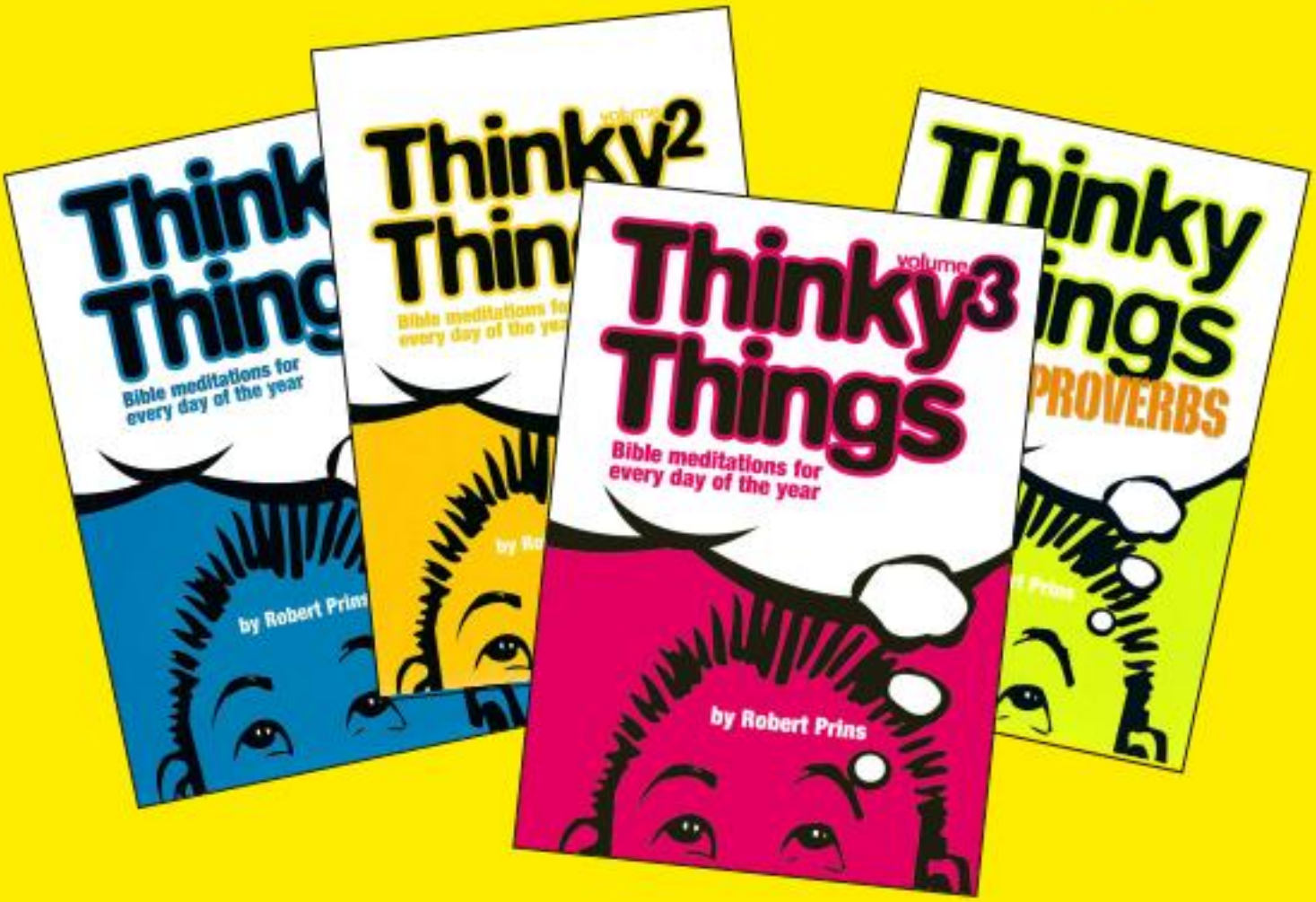

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Matthew 21
GO, WORK TODAY

Jesus told the parable of the two sons. Their father told them both to go and work today in his vineyard. The response of the first was to say, *"I will not,"* but later he changed his mind and went. (Matthew 21 v 29). The other son was more willing. He said, *"I will, sir,"* but he did not go. (v 30).

Then Jesus asked, *"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"* (v 31). The answer was obvious. Not the son who agreed to do the work, but the son who actually got stuck in and did it.

In the parable Jesus was talking about the response of people like tax collectors and prostitutes who responded to the message of Jesus, compared to the religious Jews who rejected Jesus and his words. But the parable can also apply to us.

Like the two sons, we have been called to work in God's vineyard. Have we made plans to work for God today? Are we doing so? What have we done today to promote the kingdom of God? Are we bearing fruit for him?

The father's request was not just that his sons work in his vineyard, but that they work in the vineyard today. Let's get on with it and honour our heavenly Father by working in his vineyard today and any day that is called today.

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Galatians 6:9-10 ESV

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