



Wednesday 1st May 2024

We are in a new month. Almost the middle of the year. I do not know whether you realise this, but a lot has happened in the last 4 months. For us as a congregation/community, but also there has been many changes personally and in the families as well. As we start a new month, I encourage you to pause and reflect on where you have seen God the most in your life over the last four months, since the beginning of the year. What has been encouraging to you? What has been challenging? What has been a surprise and what has brought you Joy? Most importantly, where have you seen God at work, and where have you heard him prompting you? Have you been attentive? Have you been obedient? As I write this, I think of the words of Paul in Ephesians 5:15-17.

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is.

That's looking back, looking forward, we have several things coming up this month and next, and we would really appreciate your prayers and participation as well. Here are some key events and dates over the next month.

Thursday 2nd May-Youth group resumes.

Sunday 12th May-Mothers' day

Sunday 19th May- Baptism Sunday

Thursday 23rd May-Big night out outreach (Youth group)

Saturday 25th-Sunday 26th May-Holy Spirit weekend @ Te Waiora Retreat Centre.

Sunday 3rd June -King's birthday weekend

Sunday 9th June -AGM

Thank you all for your support and encouragement.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME



Children's church is back this term. A big thank you to all our volunteers, led by Margaret for the incredible work they do for our young members with so much consistency and dedication. We would also like to recognize and appreciate Cathy Howee for the incredible work she did with the children over the holidays with the children as well. May God bless and reward you all during this season of your life giving to the future generation and teaching them the way, the truth and the life.

Youth group and cashmere project



It was encouraging listening to our young people, led by their leaders, Zac and Sinead this last Sunday. It was equally encouraging to pray for the youth group space and commit it to God, not just for this season, but for the coming generation as well. As we start this term, we have three main goals as a youth group, so please join us as we pray through these...

For the youth group to develop and build a sense of community and trust among each other and with God.

For individuals in the youth group to embrace reading scripture and praying for themselves and others consistently

For us to integrate the community outreach through the council with our youth group programme, and that these kids will get to hear the gospel, some for the first time.



Next Sermon Series



This Sunday we begin this series. We will be on the first chapter of Joshua, and we will be talking about change. The running theme verse for this whole series will be
Joshua 1:8-9

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

Here is a schedule of the next sermon series. (Attached in separate folder)

Mothers and Children connect Group.

We had our second families home group this past Sunday, and it was encouraging to see families coming together and be willing to study the word of God, not only for themselves, but for their children as well. The next family's group will be on Sunday May 19th, 2024.



Baptism Sunday

This is coming up on Sunday 19th May. If you would like to be baptised, we would encourage you to sign up for Baptism on that day.



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