

BRINGING GOD'S HIDDEN TREASURE INTO THE LIGHT

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NEW TO CAMBRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH?

If you are visiting for the first time, we say kia ora and a very warm WELCOME to you. As you worship with us we trust that you will feel at home, but more than that, to know the presence of God has touched your life through the worship and the Word. It is our intention to provide you with a loving environment, where people are encouraged in their journey of faith. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9 AM TO 1 PM

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BIBLE REFERENCES

Readings: Colossians 1:15-20 and John 1:1-5

John 20:30-31 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may (**continue to**) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Psalms 33: 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made.

Hebrew 1:3 Sustaining all things by the power of His Word.

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. Summarise, from each verse of John 1:1 – 5 what it says about Jesus.
2. How has God spoken to you through His Son (Hebrews 1:1,2)?
3. What do we learn of the Word of God from Isaiah 55:10, 11
4. Light and Darkness are major symbols in John's gospel. What do they refer to and symbolise in the Bible? Consider these verses and any others you know of: Psalms 36:9, 82:5, 119:105 Proverbs 4:19 Isaiah 60:1-2 Acts 26:18 Romans 13:12-14

NEWSLETTER

PRAYER is vital in the life of the church, so please do use the prayer points put out by the pastoral search committee each week – on your own, in your homegroups, or how about meeting regularly with a prayer partner?

And all are welcome to the pre-service prayer meeting led by Ross Miller at 8:30 am on Sundays.

PRAYER POINTS FOR THE NEXT WEEK ARE:

- Thank the LORD for a wonderful ANZAC weekend service and the many visitors who attended.
- Please keep on praying for clear guidance and wisdom for the search committee as informal meetings are happening with potential candidates in the coming weeks.
- Pray for the Elders that the increased workload is manageable for all of them. Without a pastor, there will be a duty Elder at church every Tuesday & Wednesday.
- Please pray for all our group activities with some starting up again this week after the school holidays. Sew What, Mainly Music, Children's Church, Creche, Stretch and Balance, Men's cycling group, Walk and Talk, homegroups and bible study groups, Sunday prayer meeting, Sunday service and Missions (BMF) group. Music practice is on Thursday evenings and it would be great to include them into your prayers too.
- Pray for the folk in our church who are sick and who are self-isolating because of COVID-19.

PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD This Sunday is the last day of Ramadan for millions of Muslims. Pray that Muslims seeking blessings for the coming year will find them in Jesus.

North Korea is a dangerous place to be a Christian. Recently several key Christian workers have been arrested and face torture and possible death. Pray for these men that they will stay true to their faith and will know God's presence with them, strengthening and enabling them. Pray for believers in North Korea that they will grow in their faith despite the risk and persecutions they face and that their numbers will grow.

SURVEY ABOUT SUNDAY SERVICE START TIME We have had a few weeks trying out a 9.00 am start for our combined service, and some of you provided feedback that this is too early for you. While we recognise a different starting time may not suit everyone, we want to find out what all of you think. So please use the SurveyMonkey link that has been emailed to you to complete this survey. It takes less than 5 minutes to tick the boxes. Hard copies of the survey are available for people who have no electronic access. The survey will close at 8:00pm on Sunday 8th May. We look forward hearing from you.

NEWSLETTER CONTINUED

KEITH GRALA has resigned from the eldership and the pastoral search team. Keith has been instrumental in bringing the Ministry-led model to our church. He carried a huge workload during a challenging time and has worked hard to keep us going. The recent completion of the playground has been a huge job on top of the elder work and we will celebrate the playground completion today. We are sure there is also a lot of Keith's work that has gone unnoticed, and we would like to acknowledge that too. Keith has a heart for God's people and a heart for our church. Please accept our sincere thanks for your contribution, Keith.

Following Keith's resignation, Peter Millais has been appointed the Chair of the Elders. We will bring recommendations for new elders in due course. Please keep praying regarding the workload for the existing elders.

DUTY ELDERS In the interim until a new pastor is appointed, duty elders will be available at the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and of course on Sunday. If support is needed, please feel free to pop into the office to speak with the elders or phone or email Gillian Meier at the office, or contact Heather Millais, our interim Care Ministry Leader or Helen Vaughan, our Faith Community Nurse. Actually, do not only contact us if support is needed or to share your concerns, we also love to hear about positive happenings and in particular how God is moving in your life. Come and talk to us.

FACILITIES In recent months there has been significant work done on the playground, upgrading the hall, and the new children's room. Thank you to all the volunteers and donors involved in these projects.

A MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION – FRIDAY 13TH MAY, 9:30-12PM These mornings provide a place to step aside from our normal busy schedules to better see what God is saying and doing in our lives. The meetings usually start with a led reflection/prayer around a 'theme' and then there is time for individual reflection. Due to Covid transmissibility if you are at all unwell please refrain from attending. The wearing of masks is encouraged.

Venue: Saint James, 82 Nixon St. Hamilton East

Registration: Jan Sampson 0274805188 or spiritualdirector3@gmail.com

Koha: \$10 appreciated

HAVE YOU LOST SOME KEYS? A couple of weeks ago, a set of keys were found in the church lounge - 3 keys, held together with two cable ties. You can retrieve them from the office.

TUESDAY TREASURES WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY have space for more participants as they begin their new series "Discerning the voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Please contact Delia Edmeades if you would like to join this group - 823 0918 or delia_edmeades@msn.com