

BRINGING GOD'S HIDDEN TREASURE INTO THE LIGHT

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Our Mission - To Bring God's Hidden Treasure Into The Light

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 stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Questions for reflection

1. Why, according to James 2:5, 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 and other passages, does God choose to associate with the poor?
2. Discuss the difference between the "Royal Law" and the "Law of Liberty" as mentioned in James 2.
3. What ultimately lies behind discrimination in its many forms?
4. What is a lack of mercy in a person an indication of?

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References (NIV unless stated)

Reading: James 2: 1 - 13

Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 9:12 -13 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’”

John 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Acts 10: 34 Then Peter began to speak, "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism."

Romans 13:9-10 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

1 Corinthians 1: 27-29 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

Galatians 5:13-14 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

What's on and Where's it Happening

HOPE PROJECT PRAYER & MOBILISATION MEETING - Sunday 7th March at 7pm at Raleigh Street Christian Centre. This will be a key event, where all the churches throughout Cambridge will meet together in unity and purpose to ensure every home in Cambridge will receive a booklet offering them Hope through Christ. Prayer will be offered for the volunteers delivering the booklets, as well as the people who will read them.

EASTER SERVICES - we are excited to announce special services for Easter that will cover Christ's journey from Palm Sunday on 28th March, through to Resurrection Sunday on 4th April. We will have two services on Good Friday - one at 10am, with something special for the children, and a special contemplative service at 7pm. Our friends in the Cambridge community will be invited to join us. On Easter Sunday there will be a special combined service of celebration at 10am. Please save these dates, and let's reclaim Easter as a time of great significance for believing Christians.

CAMBRIDGE BAPTIST FEATURES IN THE BAPTIST MAGAZINE! - we have featured in the latest and final hard copy issue (Feb & Mar '21) - check out the "Inspiration" story on page 27. It is good to remember that what we might consider "unremarkable" can, in God's hands, have a much wider impact.

MEALS IN FREEZER - we had a generous supply of meals, during and after lockdown last year, but they have now all been given away, and our freezers are looking rather empty. If you would like to prepare some meals and bring them into the office, they would be very gratefully received.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP - a change of day, time and venue! The men who were meeting at church at 7am on Wednesday mornings, are now meeting in the creche at 9am on Friday mornings! All men are very welcome to join. Call Ross Porter 827 5918 for any further information.

TITHING - the bank account number, for those who would like to pay online is: 02 0300 0014711 00. Please make sure to include your tithing number in the reference