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BRINGING GOD'S HIDDEN
TREASURE INTO THE LIGHT

15TH MAY 2022

Kia ora, greetings, church,

On Mothers' Day we enjoyed the children singing during the service. 11 year old Steyn Vienings gave a wonderful speech. There may be a future preacher coming along? If you have missed it, go to our website to listen to the message <https://www.cambridgebaptist.co.nz/page-sermons/>

We also explored together the three Greek words used in the New Testament for love and focussed on Agape (ἀγάπη), a never ending love. In Ephesians 3 Paul prays for the Church in Ephesus, that 'you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge." As a church fellowship we want to practice this Agape, which is far more a choice or a position than a feeling. Love like Christ: He died because He loved us - willing to give Himself for the sake of us, with no promise of reward for Himself. We are called to love, to Agape, like this. Let's be encouraged to practice this love – Agape - with each other. Be encouraged, if a person comes into your mind, go and pray for them right there and then, especially if it is a person irritating you, you will be amazed how God can turn it around for you into Agape.

In His Love,

Ruth Martis, on behalf of the Elders

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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Eldership Team: Peter Bichan, Ruth Martis, Peter Millais, Mervyn Taylor

BIBLE READING

John 1: 6 - 13 and Romans 8: 14 - 17

FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. What was John the Baptist's main role? John 1:6-9,29.
2. Who was Jesus rejected by? Why do you think they rejected him?
3. What is the important truth in verse 13?

NEWSLETTER

THE CHURCH MANSE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR RENT FROM MID JUNE - it is a four bedroom spacious home. Our preference would be to rent to a church family but are willing to rent to others from outside Cambridge Baptist. Could you direct expressions of interest to John Langhorn at jandtlanghorn@gmail.com. Terms of rental, including the rent, will be finalised over the next week or two."

UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE - Thank you for your continuous prayers as we seek God's guidance to call the person God has chosen for Cambridge Baptist Church. We have had a number of applicants for the senior pastor position. The committee continues to follow up interested applicants with phone calls, zoom or face to face meetings, reading cover letters and CV's and showing potential applicants around our church building. The committee met initially every week to finalise the job description, refresh the Church profile information and agree on questions that applicants need to complete before a formal interview is offered. These questions help the committee to understand the applicants' thoughts about Church life and their theology. We have also listened to sermons of potential applicants and we continue to pray together. We have now finalised the interview questions for formal interviews and are now meeting fortnightly, with email correspondence in-between. In the coming weeks we have formal interviews planned. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for the committee and for the applicants, that we will know God's clear call. Heather Millais, chairperson

MEET BAPTIST MISSION OVERSEES WORKERS-ROSS & CINDY - on Tuesday 17th May, in the church lounge, at 10am for coffee, with the meeting starting at 10.30am. Shared lunch to follow. Ross & Cindy will be sharing about their part in education and discipleship work with people in South Asia.

HARDSHIP FUND Cambridge Baptist Church's goal is 'Bringing God's Hidden Treasure into the Light'. The Church has a hardship fund which exists as a means of facilitating this goal by expressing God's love to those finding themselves in some form of hardship. If you find yourself or know of others facing significant financial hardship that you are unable to help with, please contact the Church leadership who may be able to provide help from this fund. As part of the yearly budget we allocate some money for this purpose. If you feel led by God to donate to the fund you can do so through the normal giving options.

ONLINE SERVICES Since Werner left, the sermon is no longer being pre-recorded, but is recorded during the Sunday service. This means that the service is not available online until later in the day.

COMMUNION BREAD We are now using gluten-free bread for communion on the first Sunday of each month.

KNITTERS & NATTERS do you enjoy knitting or crochet, for a good cause, (wool supplied) as well as time to chat with others? Join us each 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Church Lounge. Contact Ruth Shute 0276883474 for more details.

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 column. If you don't have a tithing number, please contact the church office.

PRAYER POINTS FOR THE WEEK STARTING MONDAY 16TH MAY

- Thank the Lord, for continuing interest of applicants for the senior pastor role. Please keep on praying for clear guidance and wisdom for the search committee as formal interviews will begin with potential candidates in the coming weeks.
- Pray for the Elders and Gillian, in the office, that the increased workload is manageable for all of them.
- Thank the Lord, that the response rate to our survey to find out what starting time suits most people for our combined service was over 80%. The results are still being analysed. Look forward to next week when the results will be published and the decision for a starting time will be confirmed.
- Praise the Lord for helping hands doing maintenance on our church building last week and for all our homegroups that are carrying on despite the rise of COVID-19 infections.
- Pray for the folk in our church who are sick and who are self-isolating because of COVID-19.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 16/5 Strength & Balance 9:30am Church hall	Tues 17/5 Baptist Mission meeting 10am Church lounge	Wed 18/5 Men's Bike Ride 9:30am Peter Millais 027 418 4411 Women's Walk & Talk 9:30 am Te Koutu Lake carpark Mainly Music 10:00 am Auditorium	Thurs 19/5 Knitters & Natters 1:30pm Church lounge	Fri 20/5 Sew What 9:30 am Church lounge	Sat 21/5	Sun 22/5 Prayer meeting 8:30 am Sunday Service & Children's Church 9:00 am
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Home/small groups meet at various times. If you would like to join one, please speak with Ross Porter, 021 0275 9385, or directly to a home group leader – details in a booklet from the church office.