



NEWSLETTER

WE EXIST TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER ON THIS JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, TO SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH OTHERS AND TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO GROW IN MATURITY IN CHRIST

DEPHINE'S BABY SHOWER



Dephine Mazhanga's baby shower was on the 15th December at Tom and Glenyss' home. It was a joyous time for the

women to celebrate with Dephine as we look forward to the arrival of her baby girl in January. Dephine has sent the following message:

Dear Church

Thank you very much for giving me a wonderful and memorable baby shower party, Nathan and I sincerely appreciate it. Thanks a ton for your support during this life-changing time. You have truly helped us during our transition into parenthood. We are so grateful. God bless you all, Dephine

BRIAN MOSS SENIOR

It is with deep sadness that we report that Brian fell on sleep in the early hours of the 17th December. Brian has been a long standing member of our church and attended as often as he and Betty could, despite farming in Ngahinapouri and Tahuna and then retiring in Tairua. Brian could always be counted on to chat about the latest happenings in Israel related to the Bible and end times. He will be greatly missed. Please keep Peter, Raewyn, Brian and Sarah in your prayers. This has been a difficult year for them, losing both Brian and Betty in such a short time period.

"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:8

GREETINGS FROM RON AND JAN

As you have celebrated the beginning of a new year and a new decade, we are still awaiting the arrival of 2020. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you through the coming year. As you look ahead to the opportunities before you, remember the words shared with you on October 13, 2019. 1Th 4:9-10 "Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia (Hamilton). But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more..." Keep doing what you are doing, as you are doing it well. Happy New Year from Ron and Jan

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Christmas and the Carols by Candlelight services were held on 22nd December and were a time of celebration as we reflected on the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you to Tracey and Dave Gibney for their spectacular work organising and setting up the Carol service. The church had a beautiful atmosphere once the fairy lights and candles were lighted. Please pray that some of the new families who attended will visit again.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Emily Walton required surgery on the 1 January as she had been suffering headaches again. This time the surgeons removed her shunt and all the old piping and inserted an external drain. Please pray that Emily will be free from infection and will recover really well!
- Shannon Harrison was attending our church before she had to return to Canada. She is applying for a partnership visa so she can return to Hamilton and to her kiwi husband. Please pray that her application will go smoothly and all obstacles will be removed.

2020 HAPPENINGS

God greatly blessed us in 2019 and we have much to look forward to already for 2020. Here are some of the things we know about so far:

- Jeff Deuble visiting and speaking at camp - 16 to 23 February
- Greg Deuble visiting - 19 April to 3 May
- Baptismal service - April
- David Tatum visiting from America - 10 to 24 May
- Hosting Capernwray students for a week in June
- Glenn and Jayne Fell from America are prayerfully planning to visit and minister with us from September to December

COMING UP

21st to 23rd February - **CHURCH CAMP**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd - Sarah Walton
16th - Dave Gibney

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YOUTH GROUP

Our second year of the Totara Springs sports camp was enjoyed by 38 young people, a group that included friends, family and anybody who wanted to represent team MeRCY, an acronym for Mardon Road Church Youth. Our team battled it out in rugby, soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey, softball, archery, golf, shooting, table tennis, indoor bowls, darts and more; made it into the finals of soccer, netball and wallball and came away with a trophy for winning the wallball competition. In spite of having good looks, talent and enthusiasm surging through our team we were blessed with 9th place overall out of nine teams. I think our team were playing with the expectation that the last shall be first.

Despite being found in 9th place our team was rewarded with the camps highest honour, the Sportsmanship Trophy, as voted by all the other teams and referees.

The highlight of the weekend occurred during the worship time when about 30 young men and women answered an altar call and made the decision to receive the life of Jesus and follow Him. This was a great reminder to us all that while there is a time for sport and recreation, God has a time for all of us when He calls us into a relationship with Him and all we need to do is say, 'yes Lord'.

JANUARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Tom Bennett James 5:1-6
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Paul Goble
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Carl Brandt
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Brian Moss James 5:7-12
27	28	29	30	31		



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CAMP 2020

- 21 - 23 February
 - Pacific Park Christian Holiday Camp, Papamoa
 - Speaker - Jeff Deuble
 - Theme - Living a Life of Love - 3 sessions on Mark 12:28-34, the Great Commandment. Key text Ephesians 5:1-2
- Church camp is a time of blessing, fun, Bible teaching and fellowship. Friday evening has a relaxed start, most people arriving about 6:00 pm. Saturday is a fun day with teaching, swimming in the ocean and a variety evening (don't forget to prepare a musical item or fun skit!)

Remember there will be no church service at Mardon Road on Sunday the 23 February.