

# MARDON RD CHURCH

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



## YOUTH GROUP END OF YEAR OUTING

Discovering Gold at the end of the rainbow was not the challenge of the day for our group of 24 at Rainbows end. What was on the agenda was a day of fun with friends as they challenged their nerves and overcame fears on amusement rides like Fearfall, Stratosphere, Power Surge and the Twister roller coaster. There were no signs that these adventurers were faint of heart, each taking on the Rainbows End theme park with complete trust in the safety protocols in place. The Flume Ride, the Spectra 3D picture theatre, the Gold Rush roller coaster, bumper boats and Go carts provided a less stomach churning experience that helped to keep our lunch in the place that it had been deposited. Congrats to Gareth, Joel S, Lyndsay, Holly and Mike for being the recipients of a free lunch - although we realise that in life there is no such thing. Lunch only cost them a long wait in the sun and I suspect a few extra grams of waist line. What a great way to finish off our year and we are praying that this group will grow closer and more

united in their place in Christ as they step into the life that God calls them into. Thanks, church family, for the support; the garage sale efforts provided some funds for this event. Also thanks to our youth for winning the Xbox at the Word of Life event Origin; auctioning it off helped with the funding also. These youth/young adults are a great encouragement to us all as we see how God is growing them and using each of them to impact the lives of those around them. It seems kind of like when rocks are churned together in a polishing cylinder to bring out the shine. They were glowing with enthusiasm and energy at this event. We are looking forward to seeing you shining together in this coming year.

**COMING UP:**  
Sunday 24 January - church shared lunch  
Friday 19 February - Church family camp

## MESSAGE FROM WINNIE

Happy New Year! Thanks for your email and constant prayer for me, my dad and family. Dad's situation has ups and downs, recently he has had a few fevers which worry me a lot. We brought dad home and look after him ourselves, as the doctor said it is unnecessary to keep him hospitalised. I just wish I could spend more time with him. But I do know God has His time, so I would commit all to Him and let him decide when it's the time for dad to go and the time for me to come back to NZ. I've been thinking of you all too. Winnie

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd - Sarah Walton
- 4th - Jasmin Kerr
- 16th - Dave Gibney
- 29th - Kudzai Mazhanga

## YESTERDAY

**Security from Yesterday.** "God requires an account of what is past" Ecclesiastes 3:15. At the end of the year we turn with eagerness to all that God has for the future, and yet anxiety is apt to arise when we remember our yesterdays. Our present enjoyment of God's grace tends to be lessened by the memory of yesterday's sins and blunders. But God is the God of our yesterdays, and He allows the memory of them to turn the past into a ministry of spiritual growth for our future. God reminds us of the past to protect us from a very shallow security in the present.

**Security for Tomorrow.** "The Lord will go before you" Isaiah 52:12. This is a gracious revelation - that God will send His forces out where we have failed to do so. He will keep watch so that we will not be tripped up again by the same failures, as would undoubtedly happen if He were not our "rear guard". And God's hand reaches back to the past, settling all the claims against our conscience.

**Security for Today.** "You shall not go out with haste" Isaiah 52:12. As we go forth into the coming year, let it not be in the haste of impetuous, forgetful delight, nor with the quickness of impulsive thoughtlessness. But let us go out with the patient power of knowing that the God of Israel will go before us. Our yesterdays hold broken and irreversible things for us. It is true that we have lost opportunities that will never return, but God can transform this destructive anxiety into a constructive thoughtfulness for the future. Let the past rest, but let it rest in the sweet embrace of Christ.

Leave the broken, irreversible past in His hands, and step out into the invincible future with Him.

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*You shall not go out with haste ... for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Isaiah 52:12*

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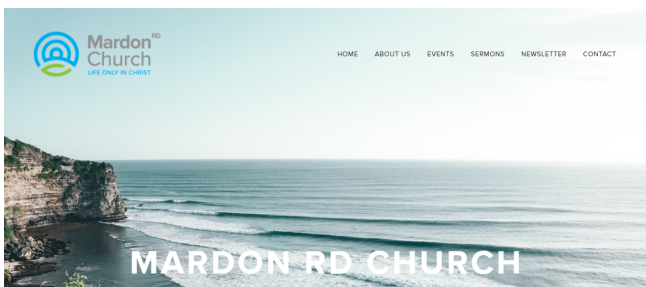
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## CHURCH WEBSITE

Check out the upcoming events and have a read of the latest newsletter at our website: <https://www.mardonrdchurch.com/>  
You will also find recordings of most sermons if you have missed a Sunday service or want to re-visit a favourite message.

## JANUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>31</b> 10:30a church speaker: Paul Goble <b>anniversary weekend</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:30a church speaker: Tom Bennett	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:30a church speaker: Paul Goble	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:30a church speaker: Werner Schreiber wl: Peter Moss	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30a church speaker: Tony Hanne wl: Carl Brandt <b>shared lunch</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>