

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



DORIS & PETER

Felicidades to Doris and Peter Hansen who had their wedding celebration on April the 10th. It was a lovely afternoon shared with family and friends and we pray for God's blessing on their life together.



LEVI KERR

Congratulations to Jasmin and Neal Kerr on the safe arrival of their new baby boy. Levi was born on the 27th of April and was a healthy 9lb6oz (4.360kg). Jasmin and Levi are home now with Jasmin's mum, Shona, up from Dunedin, helping out for a couple of weeks.



DRIDEN KUNAKA

Driden has been awarded Masters in an Applied Management Degree with his thesis focused on Knowledge Management Practices at an anonymized local District Health Board. The Capping ceremony should be held near the end of the year, however Driden will need to decide if he will come back for it or have it posted to him as he is now working on moving to Perth to be with his family. Congratulations Driden, a great result after all your hard work!

DVD'S TO LOAN

We have "Hell and Mr Fudge" which tells the true story of Edward Fudge, a Bible-belt preacher in 1970s Alabama facing prejudice and injustice as he challenges long-established traditions and narrow-minded critics. Things heat up when he's hired to research the topic of hell. His conclusions (that mortality is conditional and therefore unbelievers do not burn in eternal torment) ignite a fiery debate that continues to this day.

The other one is an excellent drama (also based on a true story) of a US Army Chaplain who is deployed to Afghanistan and deals with the scars caused to both him and his family as a result of his service.

If anyone is interested they can see us after the service or contact us by phone or email.

>> Cliff & Leonie Ireland

SUNDAY SERIES

RESURRECTION: CHRIST AND OURS

The resurrection of Jesus Christ,
Acts 4:1-12 - Sunday 23rd May
Rising with Christ, Romans 6:3-11 -
Sunday 30th May

2 week Sunday series by Warren Prestidge

COMING UP:

Monday 3 May - Genesis
Bible study series starting

Sunday 9 May - mother's day

Sunday 16 May - shared
lunch

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st - Tracy Walton
18th - Doris Hansen
18th - Jan Horton
22nd - Winnie Wang
28th - Gareth Madhuku
29th - David Phelps
29th - Anna Blackburn

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Raewyn Moss, Glenyssa Bennett



YA'S/YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday the 17th April, the Youth had a go testing their wits and teamwork in 3 escape rooms at Confinement in Town. Some were locked in an ominous manor after some mysterious car troubles, others were searching for the lost cabin at Camp Amity, and still more had been possibly kidnapped and needed a way out. Thankfully, most of the Youth escaped with time to spare. Holly, Sian, Jess, Tom and Glenyss came out on top with the quickest time (probably due to the extra years of wisdom they had helping them). Still, we think our Youth may need some more practice as not everyone escaped in time. Better luck next time! >> LB

GENESIS 1 TO 3 SERIES

DISCOVER GOD'S CALLING FOR YOUR LIFE and ...

- Why Genesis 1 is crucial to understanding the storyline of the Bible.
 - Did God really create the world in six days?
 - How did ancient readers see things in Genesis 1-3 that we miss?
 - What does it really mean to be a human being?
 - Why being created to "rule" is one of the most neglected teachings in the Bible
 - How understanding Genesis 3 can be as helpful as visiting a psychologist
 - How the gospel begins in Genesis 1 and not Genesis 3
- 6 week series by Alan Stanley starts on Monday May 3rd, 7:15pm at the church**

DAISY MIERS TESTIMONY

Exactly 10 years ago I went to church for the first time in NZ. At the beginning, I need to be honest, I thought it was a good idea to come to church to practice my English, talking with everybody and reading my Bible in English. God definitely knew exactly what was happening in my heart! I really enjoyed talking with the grandmas and grandpas at church! For them it was hard to understand my funny accent and not good English. They all were very patient. I loved to listen to their stories! I was amazed those few months in NZ with everything around me (I still feel amazed). But at the same time, I experienced all the uncertainty I never could imagine. I wasn't allowed to work with my student visa until I passed a specific English exam. I was just living with the money I saved in Colombia. After six months I passed my exam and I got my work visa. When you leave your country, leave your family and friends, and you get immersed in a new language and new culture... you leave your comfort zone. At that point is when you experience a grade of vulnerability that makes you look for a resource more powerful than you! You realise that you can't do it by yourself. Thank God He was preparing this path for me," and now I know" He was doing it before I was born. With the love of my kiwi family and my church family I finally recognised Him and I opened my heart to Jesus! Just a last thought. I am not a citizen of NZ, not yet. And that reminds me as well of a verse in the Bible Neville shared to me 10 years ago: "But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Saviour" Philippians 3:20! Thank you all for being part of my life journey.

MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 10:30a church speaker: Warren Prestidge wl: Peter Moss	31 7:15p Bible study @ church Genesis series					1
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9 10:30a church speaker: Alan Stanley wl: Carl Brandt	10 7:15p Bible study @ church Genesis series	11 7:30p young adults Bible study @ Goble's	12 10:00a coffee group @ Glenyss' 7:30p leadership meeting @ Neville's	13 7:00p choir practice @ church	14	15
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shared lunch 23 10:30a church speaker: Warren Prestidge wl: Tom Bennett	24 7:15p Bible study @ church Genesis series	25 7:30p young adults Bible study @ Goble's	26	27 7:00p choir practice @ church	28	29