

# 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



**BEN WATKINSON**



**DANIELLE WALTON**



**NYASHA KAWARA**

It's always exciting to see our young people thriving and moving onto the next stage in their lives. Here are some of the changes we know about: Congratulations to Ben Watkinson for passing his pharmacy exam. He is now a qualified pharmacist and is working at Hillcrest Pharmacy. Danielle Walton has finished school and is starting a six month Health and Wellness course in preparation for nursing training. Nyasha Kawara leaves for Dunedin next week where she will be doing Health Science at Otago University. Holly Bennett is having a gap year to get ready to go to Capernwray in Texas at the end of the year. Jess Gibney has also finished school and is starting a Bachelor of Business, majoring in accounting, at Waikato University.

Please pray for all our young people as they start new chapters in their lives. Pray that God will direct their steps and they will continue to grow in the knowledge and wisdom of Him.

## CHURCH CAMP

Remember that church camp is next weekend, so there won't be a church service at Mardon Road on Sunday the 18th.

**To all campers:** please try to arrive by 8:30pm on Friday evening as you are required to book in and show your vaccine certificate at the office. The barrier arm is locked at 10:00pm.

“*Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and he will. Psalm 37:5*”

## COMING UP

**Church camp - 18 to 20 February**

**Men's coffee night - 4 March**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Guido - 23rd

Karen Hooker - 28th

## CONTACTS

**Secretary:** Paul & Wendy Goble  
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**Treasurer:** Carl Brandt 07 854 8909

**Deacon:** Peter Moss 07 829 4559

**Sunday school & youth:**

Tom & Glenyss Bennett 07 854 5423

**Overseers:** Bill Goble, Neville Brandt

**Care Coordinators:**

Raewyn Moss, Glenyss Bennett

## GREETINGS FROM GLENN AND JAYNE FELL

The leadership group have been in communication with Glenn and Jayne Fell since 2019 with the hope that they will come to New Zealand to be part of our Mardon Road Church ministry for a few months. The original intent was for them to come in 2020 but Covid caused a change in plans! Since then we keep in touch regularly and some of the church family will have met them via our church zoom sessions when we were in the various lockdowns. Glenn and Jayne are friends of Ron and Jan Thomas and it was Ron and Jan that recommended them to us. We continue to hope and pray that the way will be clear for Glenn and Jayne to come to New Zealand toward the end of this year. The leadership would be grateful if this could be an item of prayer for all of our church family. Please see their latest update below:

Greetings once again to our Kiwi church family:

You find in Ecclesiastes there is a time for everything under the Sun. That seems to include COVID. We have now been dealing with this virus for two years and it's getting old to say the least.

I hope this note finds all of you well. We are good and continue to keep our guard up and practice social distancing. As I'm sure you are aware of, Omicron has hit hard. Right now we are averaging nearly 750,000 cases a day, record highs. We know some folks who have had COVID twice. Others who have been fully vaccinated have had the Delta as well as Omicron. Vaccination doesn't seem to stop the Omicron variant but it is less severe. The hospitalizations are fewer and the death count much less. That we thank the Lord for.

We are still praying and trusting this variant will dissipate as quickly as it had arrived. Perhaps by February it will begin to slip away. I check on the New Zealand news and found Omicron is just getting started. When it does, it will run its course. Hopefully in two to three months you too will have it behind you.

We are sitting by waiting to see when your country will be opened back up for tourists.

Not sure how long the process is to gain a Visa, but we are still trusting the timing will all work for us to arrive in September. Praying for your ministry in the weeks and months ahead as you navigate your way through what we all hope will be the last variant at least for some time to come.

May God continue to pour out His blessings upon you.

With the love of Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord, Glenn and Jayne

## FEBRUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30a church speaker: Alan Stanley wl: Tom Bennett	7 waitangi day	8	9 7:30p leadership meeting	10	11	12
13 10:30a church speaker: Geoff Follas wl: Paul Goble	14	15	16	17	18 church	19 camp
20 church camp	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:30a church speaker: Alan Stanley wl: Peter Moss	28					