

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



CHURCH CAMP 2022

Church camp was held from the 18th to 20th February at Papamoa and was a relaxing and refreshing time away from the busyness of our daily lives. The weather was good and the timing was perfect, a week or two later camp probably wouldn't have been able to go ahead because of the increase of Covid in the community.

Reuben Munn, senior pastor of Shore Community Church in Auckland's North Shore, was our speaker and he took three sessions on the Miracles of Jesus. He began with the miracle of Jesus walking on water from Matthew 14:22-36. Reuben reminded us that in the middle of the storms of life the safest place is to be with Jesus. Our focus shouldn't be on the storm around us but on Jesus, the Son of God, who has been given all power and authority - even over storms.

The second message was the miracle of healing the Canaanite woman's daughter from Matthew 15:21-28. Reuben really brought this passage to life as he described the interaction between the woman and Jesus. Another highlight of the session was the worship time organised and run by the young adults.

The last message on Sunday focused on Jesus' first miracle, turning the water to wine in John 2:1-12. Reuben described the conversation between Jesus and his mother and the humour written into the passage as Mary, in typical motherly fashion, ignored what Jesus said and told the servants to do what he said. Just as the new wine came out of jars of water used for ritual washing, Jesus brings the wine of God's grace to replace the Old Testament laws. Fittingly we ended our time by sharing in communion together.

Saturday evening was a little different from the usual; just a few items and then the group was split into two and played Actionary against each other. There was lots of hilarity, laughter and, dare we say it, screaming!!

Thanks to all those who attended camp and helped make it a special time.



DAISY MIERS

Exciting news for Daisy who has now got her New Zealand Citizenship. Unfortunately the usual ceremony, with a presentation by the mayor, can't be held due to Covid but congratulations on this achievement all the same Daisy!

OTHER NEWS

Shelley Henderson is moving to the Coromandel in a few weeks and she's been busy packing and organising the shift. We will be very sad to see her go but she assures us she will visit us often. Please keep Shelley in your prayers as she settles into her new property. We will have a morning tea for Shelley on Sunday the 13th March.

Lynette Scott would like to send her love and greetings to all at church. After discussion with her family, they have decided that Lynette should stay another few weeks at Whitianga as there is covid and omicron at the schools in Rototuna where her grandsons attend.

Prayer items:

Please pray for our seniors in Retirement Villages that are going into lockdown.

Bernice Raynel is impacted by this and is unable to have visitors at this time.

Please pray for safe travels for **Jasmin Kerr** as she heads down south for a month with Solomon and Levi.

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Holly Bennett - 4th
 Sarah Moss - 7th
 Michael and Christa Brandt - 14th
 Danielle Walton - 18th
 Aileen Smith - 21st
 Camila Miers - 29th
 Paul Goble - 29th

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:30p leadership meeting	2	3	4	5
6 10:30a church speaker: David Steffert wl: Tom Bennett	7	8	9 10:00a coffee group @ Glenyss' 7:30p young adults @ Goble's	10	11	12
13 10:30a church speaker: Geoff Follas wl: Carl Brandt	14 7:30p young adults	15	16	17	18 10:00a roving fellowship @ Matte Black Cafe @ St Andrews golf club	19
20 10:30a church speaker: Martin Campbell wl: Sam Bennett	21	22	23 7:30p young adults	24	25	26
27 10:30a church speaker: Alan Stanley wl: Paul Goble	28 7:30p young adults	29	30	31		