

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



BERNICE RAYNEL

As many of you already know our dear sister Bernice Raynel passed away on Thursday the 24th of March. Unfortunately, she tested positive for Covid on Wednesday and couldn't survive the added stress it placed on her lungs. Bernice was an amazing woman, she'd had to deal with ill health for a long time but was one of the most upbeat people you'd ever meet, although we know she did struggle a bit with the isolation of lockdowns. She was always keen for a visit, was interested in everything going on in your family and in the church and she stayed mentally sharp right to the end.

We don't mourn as others mourn; we know we'll see Bernice again on that day when she's woken from her sleep.



YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday the 26th of March the combined youth group and young adults transported to the tropical islands of Hawaii. Donning their Lei and grass skirts, two teams competed to be crowned the top tribe of Hawaii. The "island boys" represented the brawn and appeared to be early favourites to take out the prize. The "coconuts" would prove to be more than an equal match however, utilising their guile and wits as the brains of the island. The night started with a battle to be the first team to transport a cup along a rope using only waterpistols. The Coconuts appeared to win out, but the island boys snuck to victory, bullying their way into a rematch, citing inferior equipment as a disadvantage. The second game proved the island boys to be well and truly outclassed as Danielle from the Coconuts scored an impressive amount of points in her team's national sport, coconut bowling.

Switching over to some watersports, the contest only heated up. In a battle to score points by landing sponges on targets floating in a pool, the Island boys appeared utterly confused and sunk at least two of their own targets, losing all their points. But, all was not lost: in the next contest, it was the Coconuts' turn to self-sabotage, as Coconut Ben just couldn't seem to float his Beachball across the width of the pool.

The final contest - and island champion decider - came down to a classic hawaiian limbo. Here, the island boys' obvious size advantage, became a disadvantage and the Coconuts slipped under and away to victory.

Overall, a fun night filled with laughter, Sam's strange hawaiian songs, and everyone's favourite: pineapple on pizza.

COVID-19 ADVICE

A Health Protection Officer from Waikato Hospital has requested the following information be shared with our church family:

During Phase 3 if you have been told you are a close contact, then:

- Self-monitor for symptoms for ten days
- If symptoms develop at any time, you need to get tested immediately using a Rapid Antigen Test.

Close contacts are not required to isolate during Phase 3.

If you have been identified as a close contact, you may choose to change your behaviour based on personal circumstances. This could include working from home, not visiting vulnerable family or friends, or isolating if you choose to.

Regardless of guidelines for testing and self-isolation, any time you develop symptoms of COVID-19 stay at home and get a test.

PRAYER ITEMS

Please pray for Aileen Smith's granddaughter, **Trelise**, who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Heather Salisbury had a fall recently and required surgery for a broken hip. She is now back at her rest home. Please pray for her recovery.

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*God, you guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.
Psalm 73:24*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Georgia Bennett - 2nd
 Brian Moss - 2nd
 Ben Watkinson - 4th
 Josh Kimberley - 9th
 Tino Kunaka - 10th
 Dephine Mazhanga - 21st
 Carl Brandt - 23rd
 Jonathan Miers - 23rd
 Levi Kerr - 27th
 Elmarie Botes - 28th

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APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 10:00a roving fellowship @ Cliff & Leonie's home	2
3 10:30a church speaker: Tom McIvor wl: Ben Watkinson	4	5 7:30p leadership meeting	6 10:30a coffee group @ French Tart Cafe	7 7:15p choir	8	9
10 10:30a church speaker: Greg Liston wl: Tom Bennett	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday family service 10:30a church speaker: Tom McIvor wl: Carl Brandt	18 Easter Monday	19	20	21 7:15p choir	22 10:00a roving fellowship @ Fresca Cafe	23
24 10:30a church speaker: Alan Stanley wl: Peter Moss	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28	29 10:00a roving fellowship @ Don & Mary's home	30