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

WELCOME TO 2023

The new year is a great time to count your blessings. Looking back, we've seen God's faithfulness once again at work here at Mardon Rd. We're so thankful for all the quality speakers who have been willing to teach us and challenge us from the pulpit. We are grateful to God for providing Alan Stanley who has now finished his ministry with us but has been a significant part of the church family. We have loved getting to know the Capernwray students and enjoy the relationships that have developed there. And what a blessing Glenn and Jayne Fell have been with their enthusiasm and willingness to become involved in all aspects of church life. We're pleased that we still have them for all of January and it will be sad to see them leave.

Looking forward, we're excited by the opportunities that 2023 will hold. Greg Deuble is scheduled to arrive from Queensland two weeks before our Camp in February and will stay for two weeks after as well. It will be great to see Greg again and be enthused by his teaching and Bible studies. Speaking of camp, Greg Liston will be bringing a series of encouraging messages entitled "Training Not Trying - achieving genuine, lasting, spiritual transformation" - isn't that something we all want more of as we continue to grow and mature in preparation for life in the Kingdom of God, and of his son, the Lord Jesus. Aside from these 'highlight' moments we're excited to see how God will use Mardon Rd this year in our everyday role of providing sanctuary, or an oasis to those who need to find rest, growth, acceptance and rejuvenation in Him.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

SUN	MON	JANU TUE	VARY 20 WED	23 Thu	FRI	SAT
1 10:30a church speaker: Glenn Fell wl: Tom Bennett	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:30a church speaker: Glenn Fell wl: Paul Goble	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 10:30a church speaker: Glenn Fell wl: Peter Moss	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 10:30a church speaker: Glenn Fell wl: Ben Watkinson	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10:30a church speaker: Glenn Fell wl: Carl Brandt	30 Anniversary day	31				

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

It was a joy to start our Christmas day with some of our church family with a delicious pancake breakfast, Christmas songs and a message from Glenn. A perfect way to start the day, remembering the birth of our Lord and Saviour.



A LIVING HOUSE

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers. making courtvards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself." CS Lewis

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CHURCH CAMP 2023

Training, Not Trying: Achieving genuine, lasting, Spiritual transformation. How exactly does God go about making me into the kind of person that he wants me to be? How can I help?

17 to 19 February 2023 Speaker: Greg Liston Pacific Park Christian Holiday Camp, Papamoa

All welcome, make sure you plan to come to camp!!

² Unless the Lord builds the house, They labour in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. Psalm 127:1

GIVING

Donations to the church are purely voluntary but greatly appreciated. You should never feel pressured or obligated to give. YOU are much more important to us than your money.

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