

# NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Mardon Road 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.*

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## COMING UP ...

### LADIES EVENING

#### Cookie exchange

Join us for a cookie exchange this month. Bring a batch of cookies, take a batch of cookies (plus a few recipes).  
Wednesday 13th March  
7pm at the church



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4th Holly Bennett

14th Michael Brandt

18th Danielle Walton

22nd Ben Lincoln

29th Camila Miers / Paul Goble



## CHURCH CAMP

Spending a weekend away at sunny Papamoa is a great way to start the year and this year's camp did not disappoint. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious and plentiful, and the Bible studies were top notch! Rueben Munn shared about three Old Testament kings; Saul's insecurity reminds us that our identity is found in our relationship with God. God tells us "You are my beloved, my favour rests on you."

Rehoboam serves as a negative example of someone who wanted to rule rather than serve whereas Jesus models the opposite. "... whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:26-28)

Finally, Hezekiah reminds us to prayerfully take all our concerns and anxieties to God and to rely on His strength and presence daily, particularly when times get tough.

Saturday night was lots of fun with a whole range of talents on display; melodic music, dynamic dance and crazy comedy!!

It was great to see first-time campers feeling part of the family already. See over the page for some of their reflections on camp.

Next year's camp is the 14th to the 16th of February 2025!



I sometimes feel lost when I leave my family far away and live alone in a new country. I struggle to fit in in many ways like value, culture, language and even topics to talk with other people. I identified myself as a new comer with insufficient ability and knowledge trying to get harmony with the surroundings. But I was wrong. What I did was trying to solve the identity issue by myself, instead of looking for the answer from God. From God, I am the chosen person and His special possession, all I need is to love Him, follow His plan and live contently with the identity of being the child of God. God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God . (Romans 8:28)  
Ben Chen

### CAMP REFLECTIONS

I enjoy being part of a loving church family.  
>> Ryan Gonzalo

I and my family had a lovely time in the church camp over the weekend, we were so relaxed and full of life. David had maximum fun and was so excited. I pray that we all have a mind-blowing testimony before our next camp in Jesus' name!  
>> Larry, Seun and David Olayinka



## MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>31</b> 10:30a church speaker: Geoff Follas wl: Sam Bennett <b>Easter Sunday</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:30a church speaker: Glenn Peoples wl: Ben Watkinson <b>shared lunch</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30p leadership meeting @ Neville's	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:30a church speaker: Brian Goodwin wl: Peter Moss	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00p ladies evening cookie exchange	<b>14</b> 7:15p choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:30a church speaker: David Steffert wl: Paul Goble	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00a coffee group @ Glenyss'	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30a church speaker: Lewis Varley wl: Tom Bennett	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:15p choir	<b>29</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>30</b> 8:00a car boot sale @ church