



NEWSLETTER

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



TRUE JOY & CONTENTMENT

We have been very blessed to have Jeff and Pam Deuble ministering to us for ten days! Here are some thoughts from Jeff as their time with us draws to an end:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again; Rejoice!...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation” (Phil 4:4,11) It amazes me that Paul penned these words about joy and contentment in prison, in circumstances that were far from ideal. Some people get caught up in what I call “when - then” thinking. They say (often to themselves) “When I’m successful, or when I have more money, or when I find the right partner, or when I have kids, or when I retire, or whatever ...then I’ll be happy. Then I’ll have it made, and be able to enjoy “the good life”. They expect that if only the circumstances of their life were different, then they would be fulfilled. The problem with this kind of thinking is the underlying assumption that outside circumstances or other people can complete and fulfil us, and “make” us happy. The reality is that those who already have what you may be wishing for, aren’t necessarily happy either.

True happiness is rooted in something deeper than ideal circumstances. Another problem is that living for the future or waiting for better circumstances often robs us of contentment - of fully living in the present, and being able to enjoy and

appreciate what we already have.

Robert Brault once said, “Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things”.

May we all find an ever-deepening joy in the One who is the source of every good gift, and who has given us “new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade” (1 Pet 1:3)



JOSH AND MADDI

Congratulations to Josh Kimberley and Maddi Bennett on their engagement!! It is exciting to look forward to a wedding in the new year. We know the Lord walks with you every step of the way and we pray He will bless your life together into the future.



BRIAN MOSS

Brian Moss is heading to India for a Roll Ball tournament between 13-21st November. Please remember him in your prayers that he will be well and return home safely.



SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

shared lunch

AFTER THE SERVICE

PLEASE BRING A PLATE

COMING UP

- 10th November - shared lunch
- 23rd November - youth group
- 22nd December - Christmas service
- 22nd December - Carols by Candlelight
- 21st to 23rd February - **CHURCH CAMP**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd - Lynette Scott
- 3rd - Josh Goble
- 16th - Brian Cooney

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YOUTH GROUP

ICE SKATING

Two weeks ago the youth group gathered together for some ice skating in Auckland and it was a hoot! Alan and (Tino) briefly put our boycott of the Auckland Transport system aside so we could make it there. And enjoyed a spirited and lively three hours of skating around a circle. This is not a sarcastic description, Alan and I really could have extended our rink circling experience.

It was great to see everyone again and it was fun witnessing the falls, the rise up and, most importantly, the repeated. >> TK

NEXT YOUTH GROUP

Saturday 23rd November

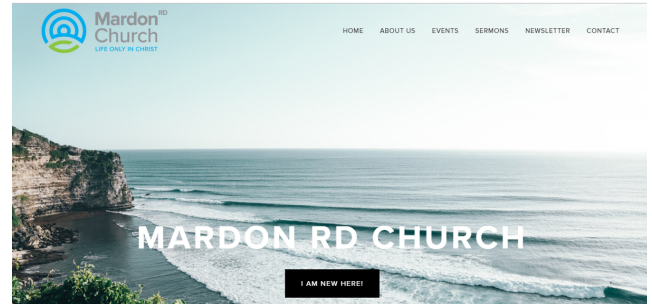
Also: please remember to pray for our young people as they sit their NCEA examinations.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Our special Christmas service is on **Sunday 22nd December** and we will also have a Carols by Candlelight service that same evening. Bring the family and friends for these special services and start your Christmas festivities celebrating the coming of the Christ child, our Lord and Saviour!

NOVEMBER

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE



We are excited to let you know we have a new, updated website - www.mardonrdchurch.com. It has the upcoming events, the 2019 newsletters and sermons for you to listen to! We hope it will be a place that is really useful for you and if you have any ideas please let us know.

CHURCH CAMP

Church camp is always a highlight of our year and a great way to begin 2020. The date is **February 21st to 23rd** and the setting is the beautiful Papamoa beach. Jeff Deuble will be our speaker so it has been great to get to know Jeff and Pam these last ten days. We would love to see you there so plan ahead and mark the date in your calendar.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Jeff Deuble WL: Peter Moss <i>The inward journey of enrichment</i> Luke 10:38-42
4 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Elizabeth's home	5	6	7	8 Roving fellowship 11:50a @ Forest Lake Gardens	9	10 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Geoff Follas WL: Tom Bennett SHARED LUNCH
11	12 Young Adult's Bible study	13	14 Bible study 7:30p @ Glenyss & Tom's home Judges 8:1—10:5	15	16	17 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Wemer Schreiber WL: Carl Brandt
18 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Elaine's home	19	20	21	22 Roving fellowship @ Rachel & Greg's, Brian & Janet's. Leaving 9:00a	23 Youth group	24 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Dave Firth WL: Paul Goble
25	26 Young Adult's Bible study	27	28 Bible study 7:30p @ Paul & Wendy's home Judges 10:6—12:15	29	30	