

The thought for the month

AUCKLAND DEAF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

April 2020 – No. 24

Church Service 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at Rosebank Peninsula Church, 1 Orchard Road, Avondale

Praying and reading our God's word's gives us all strength at this difficult time

If anybody has any prayer requests, please contact Michelle or any one of the Committee members and this will be added to the newsletter

Please pray that God uses this difficult time to make good things happen.

Birthdays coming up

Koronawana Gikubau – 15 April

Bill Morrison – 15 May

Bev Jordan – 18 May



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Committee meeting decisions

No meeting held and no meeting will be held until services are running again

Dates for your diary

IF THE LOCKDOWN HAS FINISHED. AN EMAIL OR TEXT WILL BE SENT TO CONFIRM SERVICES ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN.

Proposed dates

3 May- Sunday at 2.15pm ACDF service with communion at Avondale.

17 May - Sunday at 2.15pm. A committee meeting after.

7 June - Sunday at 2.15pm ACDF service with communion at Avondale.

21 June - Sunday at 2.15pm ACDF service. A committee meeting after.

Bible Quiz

Matthew 27 v 36-61

1 Who was the man that carried Jesus's cross?

2 There were 3 crosses on the hill. Where was Jesus's cross and who were the other 2 people on the crosses?

3 4 miracles happened while Jesus was on the cross. What were they?

4 Why did the curtain in the temple tear into 2 pieces?

5 Who put the body of Jesus in the tomb?

A quiz from Viv Riddell

Are you bored already? And the lockdown hasn't finished. GOOGLING NOT ALLOWED. Use your own brain power. Every answer must start with the first letter of your LAST name. It was not so difficult so I am adding a few extra....

WEAR - raincoat
DRINK - raspberry juice
PLACE - roundabout pub.
FOOD - rice
ANIMAL- reindeer
PLANT - rose
TRANSPORT - rail
GIRL'S NAME - rebecca
BOY'S NAME - roger
PROFESSION - reporter
WORD TO DESCRIBE SOMEONE - radiant
SOMETHING IN YOUR HOME - rubbish
BODY PART - ribs
YOUR LAST NAME - Riddell

Report on the Social on 7 March 2020

This was at Tom and Rhona's house in Papakura. Barbara, Val, Johanna, Peter, Tom, Rhona and me had a wonderful afternoon catching up with each other.

Remember

- * *stay safe*
- * *stay at distance to others*
- * *stay at home*
- * *stay connected*
- * *AND wash your hands for 20 seconds or longer*

Easter buns are eaten on Good Friday and
Easter eggs eaten on Easter Sunday.

The bun is bread which represents the bread broken after the Passover meal to remind us of Jesus, it has raisins in it which were grapes which represent the cup of wine to remind us of the blood of Jesus, Easter buns should have spices in it which represent the spices which the women brought on Sunday morning to put on the body of Jesus, there is a cross on the top to remind us of the crucifixion. The bun is approximately round, like the stone rolled across the mouth of the tomb. Hopefully there are enough buns for everybody; Christ died and rose for everybody.

Des Marett

On this **Easter Sunday morning**, as we eat chocolate Easter eggs, which are supposed to remind us of the stone rolled away and new life, perhaps you may have toasted left-over hot-cross buns, they have yeast in them so that they would rise. **He is risen indeed! His peace to each**

Des Marett

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! If Jesus was only a man, Jesus would have stayed in the tomb. But he walked again on earth and appeared to over 500 people. Lord, we thank you for the sweet surprise of Easter morning. Visit us today. Visit people who have not met you. Only Jesus has the power to win over death and raise people to life. Alleluia. Lots of love in Jesus our risen Lord.

Rev Heather Major, Hamilton Christian Fellowship for Disabled. Modified by
Johanna Brens

Please pray for

Pray for God's blessings on these people

Mavis, Barry and Elsa, June W, Bev J and Phyllis (in care homes)

Barbara – Her daughter Brenda is living with cancer. She now has more pain.

Wendy –pray for her health.

Des – Des is now in Arron Court with Mavis. Pray for his general wellbeing.

Michelle – Her father recently had a triple bypass with vein taken from his leg. His leg has lots of infection. Please pray for healing.

Johanna – Please pray for continued healing

Fiona There are 3 special needs people in Fiona's family. Please pray that all their needs can be taken care of at home.

Roy Lewis – He is unwell at the moment. Pray for his return to good health.

All people of New Zealand – Please pray for all people and that the Coronavirus becomes controlled



Quiz answers

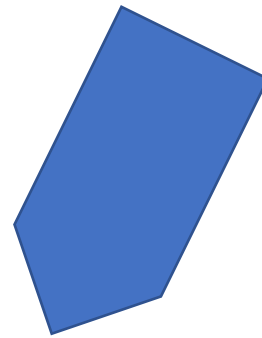
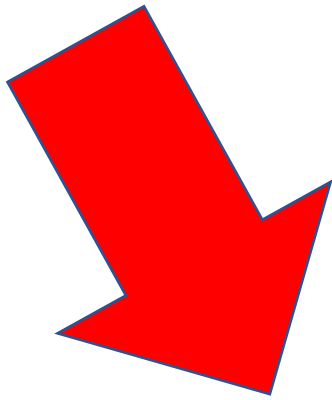
- 1 The man who carried Jesus's cross was Simon of Cyrene.
- 2 There were 3 crosses on Jesus's cross was in the middle. On the other 2 crosses were robbers.
- 3 There were 4 miracles while Jesus was on the cross. They were the sky became dark for 3 hours, the curtain in the temple tore in 2 pieces, the earthquake and the Godly dead people rising from their tombs. These people went to heaven when Jesus went to heaven.
- 4 The curtain in the temple separating the most holy place from the ordinary people. This was a place that God was. Only the high priest could go into the room behind the curtain once a year on a special day to give sacrifices for the sins of the people. Jesus's death made the sacrifice for everyone everywhere at any time after his death. The tearing of the curtain tells us that we can now go direct to God, we do not have to go to a priest 1st. then the priest goes to God only once a year. We can talk to God anytime.
- 5 The man's name was Joseph from Arimathea. He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus's body.

Prayer

Lord God,
I thank you for sending Jesus
who came among us
showed us your love
by serving people
and even washed the feet of his disciples.
Help me to respond to your grace
with an attitude of gratitude
not seeking recognition or status
but by serving you and your people with love.
Amen.

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The text is overlaid in a white, serif font.

God gave you
talents to benefit
others, not yourself.

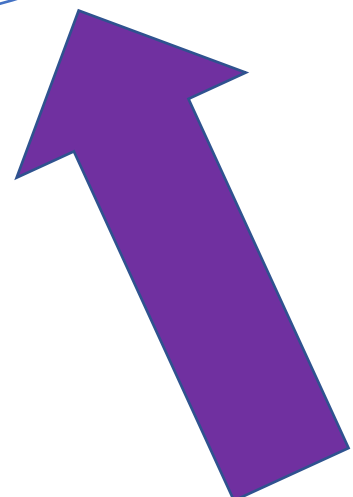


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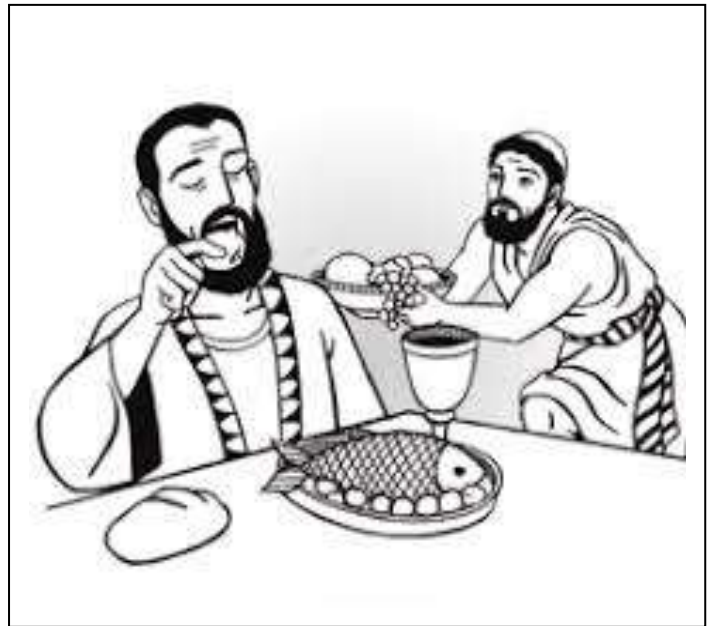
Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship (ADCF) is now on the web (internet).

So far, we have all the newsletters going back to 2018, dates for your diary, contact details and more.

If you can think of anything that should be there, or any changes, please let me know (michelle@adcfonline.com) or any committee member.



If you would like to have a social at your house or have any suggestions for a social get together. Talk to a committee member



Parable (story) of the Servant's Role

Also called the Parable of the Master and the Servant

From Holy Bible, English Version for the Deaf

Luke 17 v 7 – 10

⁷ Suppose one of you has a servant that has been working in the field. The servant has been plowing the ground or caring for the sheep. When he comes in from work, what would you say to him? Would you say "Come in and serve down to eat?" ⁸ No! You would say to your servant, "Prepare something for me to eat. Then get dressed and serve me. When I have finished eating and drinking, then you can eat." ⁹ The servant should not get special thanks for doing his job. He is doing what his master told him to do. ¹⁰ It is the same with you. When you do all the things you are told to do, you should say. "we are not worthy of special thanks. We have only done the work we were told to do"

Study notes from New Living Translation (adapted by Michelle Smith)

In parables, Jesus teaches us what we need to do to be ready for his return and how to live until he comes. parable describes one part of the whole picture.

Jesus teaches us in this parable that we should not expect praise or rewards when we have only done what we are asked to do.

We should think of obeying God as a privilege or an honour. When we obey God, we have only done what God has asked us to do. This does not mean that we can not be thanked for what we have done, just that we are not expect thanks for obeying or feel we deserve extra credit.

What does God expect you/me to do?

Read his word, to love others (even the nasty people), to pray and to tell others about Jesus also not to sin.

Remember we cannot be perfect at doing these things, we will make mistakes. We can only keep trying our hardest to do what God wants us to do and every time we fail, we ask God's forgiveness and try again not to fail.



Some of the Parables we have studied so far

September 2019 – *Parable of the Weeds* – Similar to the Parable of the Fishing Net, God lets the good and evil be together. Until Judgement time. (Matthew 13 v 24 – 30)

October 2019 – *Parable of the Mustard Seed* -Faith starts very small, like a small seed and grows to become big, like a tree giving shelter to others. (Mark 4 v 30 – 33, Matthew 13 v 31 – 32 and Luke 4 v 18 – 19)

November 2019 – *Parable of the Yeast* - God's kingdom starts quietly and from small beginning. It will grow and have a big impact on the whole world (Luke 13 V 20-21 and Matthew 13 v 33).

December 2019 – *Parable of the pearl* – God's kingdom is worth a high price and we should be everything to get it and every person that follows God is precious to him. (Matthew 13 v 45 – 46)

February 2020 – *Parable of the Growing Seed* – Follows on from the Parable of the 4 Soils. About the growth of God's Kingdom. God uses the tiny bit we do and magnifies it to be a magnificent harvest. (Mark 4 v 26-29)

March 2020 – *Parable of the Nobleman's Servants* -Each of us is talented in some area, these are gifts from God. These talents are to be used. (Luke 19 v 11-27)

April 2020 – *Parable of the Servant's role* – We should not expect to received praise because we have done what God expects / wants us to do. We should think of it as a privilege to serve God (Luke 17 v 7 – 10)

Next months Parable will go here

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