



The committee wishes you
May your heart be lifted
in praise this Christmas
for the wonderful gift of
Jesus and the joy He
brings to our lives. Have
a wonderful Christmas
and a blessed New
Year!”

Breaking news

A PowerPoint service will
continue to be on the
website in January

And a newsletter will be
issued in January 2022



If we keep Christ in our
heart.
Christmas has no end.

The thought for the month

AUCKLAND DEAF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December 2021 – No. 42

Service 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at



While we are not able to have services at the moment, you can look at the powerpoint of our service on our website.

<https://adcfonline.com/>

The powerpoint of the service is on the website page called PowerPoints from Services.

Other pages have lots of interesting information.

Auckland is at Alert level 3

All services and social gatherings are cancelled.

Remember

Wash your hands lots.

Always wear a mask when leaving your house.

Read Johanna bit for more information about what you can do

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



Dates for your diary Only if we are at green traffic light, cancelled if orange or red traffic light

5 December - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service with communion. Rev Nicola Grundy taking this service.

19 December - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service. A committee meeting after.

2 January 2022 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service with communion. On website only.

16 January 2022 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service. On website only.

6 February 2022 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF with communion.

20 February 2022 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service. A committee meeting after.

Please pray for

Pray for God's blessings on these people;

Des, Mavis, Elsa, June and Phyllis (all in care homes) also Ngaire – pray for their general well-being.

Tom and Rhona – pray for their general well-being.

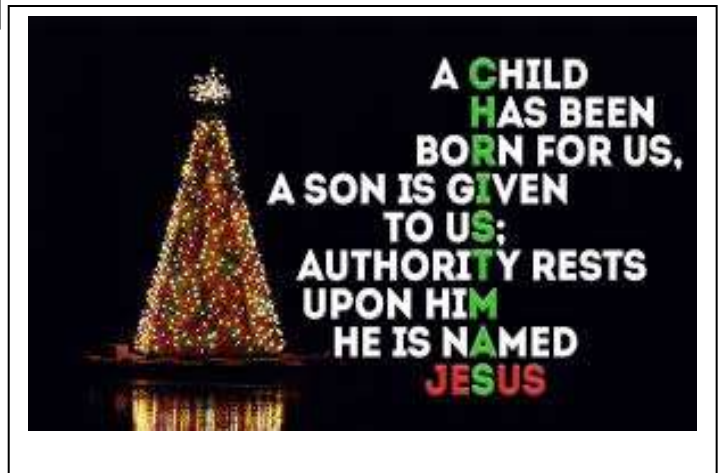
Johanna – Please pray for continued healing of Johanna's shoulder.

Pray that a suitable new place is found for ADCF (see notice).

Bible Quiz

Matthew 1 - 2

- 1 Why did Joseph decide not to divorce Mary because she was pregnant when they married?
- 2 Who was the King at the time of Jesus's birth?
- 3 Where did Joseph and Mary flee (run away, go to) to?
- 4 What does the King do because he was fooled by the wise men?



JOY

What does joy feel like?

Joy can be anything from smiling to laughing out loud and can't get your breath. Joy is whatever makes you feel good.

Joy is a beautiful feeling, like going on holiday or winning something or being with friends. This type of joy depends on us or what is happening around us. This type of joy can leave us in an instant when our life changes.

Bible joy is a different kind of joy.

Bible joy is a feeling of good pleasure and happiness when we know the good news of Jesus Christ. Joy comes from the Holy Spirit, being in God's presence and from hope in His word. It can stay with us forever. Even when times get sad, we know that Jesus is with us and is faithful.



Download from
dreamstime.com

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.



Birthdays coming up

Des Marett – 26 November

Mavis Marett – 4 December

Ngairé Doherty – 17 December

Rhona Gibling – 31 January

ADCF is on the move


We have been advised that Rosebank Peninsula Church building is to be sold.

There will be no more services at Rosebank Peninsula church.

Watch this space for our new meeting place

Our chairperson and committee remind you all to pray for everyone, and encourage all people living in New Zealand to get vaccinated against COVID – 19.

Otherwise the Delta virus will continue spreading and will be knocking on your front door.



Joy to the world! the Saviour
reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding
joy.



Quiz answers

1. Joseph had a dream that an angel of God told him the Holy Spirit gave Mary a baby son and to call him Jesus.

2. The King at the time of Jesus's birth was King Herod.

3. An angel told Joseph to take Mary and baby Jesus and flee to Egypt.

4. When King Herod learns after 2 years that the wise men fooled him by not returning to him, he is very angry, He orders that all the boys 2 years and under in an around Bethlehem be killed

Message from our chairman, Glenn

Christmas Sacrifices

Christmas Day, 25 December is a day that means different things to different people. For some, it is a special time to get together (renew) with family or friends. It can also be a special time of healing. For Christians, it is because we remember and celebrate with joy and happiness, the birth of Jesus, who came to save the world.

The people did not know it at the time of Jesus's birth how big his sacrifice would be. We need to remember that no-one forced Jesus to give up the beauty and riches of heaven to come to earth, Jesus made the greatest sacrifice of all, he chose to suffer and then die on the cross for us and by doing this he saved his people from the weight of their sins when they repent (are sorry).

Jesus did all this for you. And because we belong to God's family, we know that he comforts us when we suffer or have big problems by keeping us strong and encouraging us, he is our best friend.

That's why God sent his son into the world to reconcile the people back to himself. He is right here with us now in spirit and in our hearts. We don't have to follow the star of David from a distant country to worship Jesus on his birthday like the wise men did. On this Christmas Day but we must remember that it was God's plan for Jesus to come to earth and be the Perfect Sacrifice.

Give thanks and Praise to Jesus as we celebrate his birthday on Christmas day and thank him for his great sacrifice.

Prayer

Dear heavenly father. We want to always be thankful on special Christmas Day for the wonderful things you have done for us. In Jesus's name. Amen

From our Pastoral Care, Johanna

A letter of encouragement to each of us. The Bible talks about different seasons in life. We are in a season of change due to COVID 19 & the Delta variety/strain which is now all over the world.

- We all know how each one of us is being affected. We need to pray (ask God) to help us get through these hard times. I ask God to specially help us with our moods, patience, worries, stress and how we talk/act when we are around other people. Please God help us be sensitive with people In Jesus holy & precious name Amen.

Here in NZ we are soon changing to the “Traffic light system”, this system replaces the current COVID19 alert level system. This new way means going from preventing COVID virus, to managing life with the virus in our community. We all know how level 4 & 3 has affected us especially in Auckland. The government is promising no more lockdowns like in level 4 or 3. We need more than 90% of all NZ vaccinated to start.. We are getting a lot closer to the 90% needed. This is called herd immunity, it means if we are vaccinated and do get COVID we will not get as sick as people who have had the virus and who have not had any COVID vaccinations. Health authorities around the World are now telling us we need another “ booster vaccination” in 6 months from our 2nd vaccination.

Please look at the date when you had yr 2nd COVID vaccination. BOOSTERS are starting to be given in NZ. from November 29th this yr. People need to book in for their booster vaccination locally at least 6 months from that date.

Adults everywhere in NZ. have to wear masks when you leave home and go out eg. to public places. You do not have to wear a mask when eating or drinking or when we have health or disability reason for not wearing a mask.

If we cannot wear a mask because we are Deaf and need to lipread/ communicate as we need to ask people to take their mask down & face us while they speak. Remember we need to stay 2metres away from other people & try to put yr mask on while they talk or communicate with you it reduces the risk of passing viruses around.

Deaf people can apply for COVID mask exemption card (permission not to wear mask all the time) through Deaf Aotearoa. You need to have that card with you when you are out in public. It is a voluntary card at the moment.

Remember in the Bible (book of Exodus). God told Moses to lead Gods chosen people (Israelites = people from Israel) through the desert, they were living and travelling without a place to call it home. They lived where other countries rulers/kingdoms and Governments ruled over them, where they got their food, the type of work they could do & where they could live. Rules changed lots of times & they had to obey laws

God tells us we need to obey the laws of places where we are living.



Please know the committee and I are praying for each person who have been or are part of Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship.

I am sorry we have not been able to visit You for a very long time. We don't have special letter saying any of us are essential workers.

At the moment we cant really meet face to face until we do not have to wear masks or that we can meet safely outside and stay at least 2 metres away from each other. We are waiting to hear when ADCF can meet together again.

I know I struggle like many people and have found these last 2 and half yrs hard too. Please pray for people in Retirement villages, Private Hospitals and Rest Homes who have not been able to leave where they live and have not been allowed any visitors.

If you need more information about COVID please ask other people or if you need help to understand any new rules please contact Deaf Aotearoa.

In 1 Timothy 2

" I Paul write this letter to you. Timothy I helped you become a believer in Christ. I pray that God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord will give grace to you and that He will be good to you. I also pray that He will give his peace to you.

Love & prayers Johanna & committee



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