

# The thought for the month

## AUCKLAND DEAF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

October 2021 – No. 40

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



### 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.

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.



### ***Dates for your diary Only if we are at level 1, cancelled if alert level 2, 3 OR 4***

**3 October** - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service with communion at Avondale.

**17 October** - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service at Avondale. A committee meeting after. Last service at Rosebank Church (see notice)

**7 November** - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service with communion. Service at a new place – the committee will let you know where it is.

**21 November** - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service. A committee meeting after.

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

## ***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**

### 1 Samuel 10

1 Saul and his servant were walking with the prophet Samuel. Samuel sent Saul's servant to walk ahead of them. Then, Samuel anointed Saul to be king of Israel, with special oil poured on Saul's head. What were the special signs that Samuel said would show Saul that he had been chosen by God to be the King of Israel?

2 How does Samuel tell all the people that Saul will be king?



## **Birthdays coming up**

Carol Hewison – 2 October

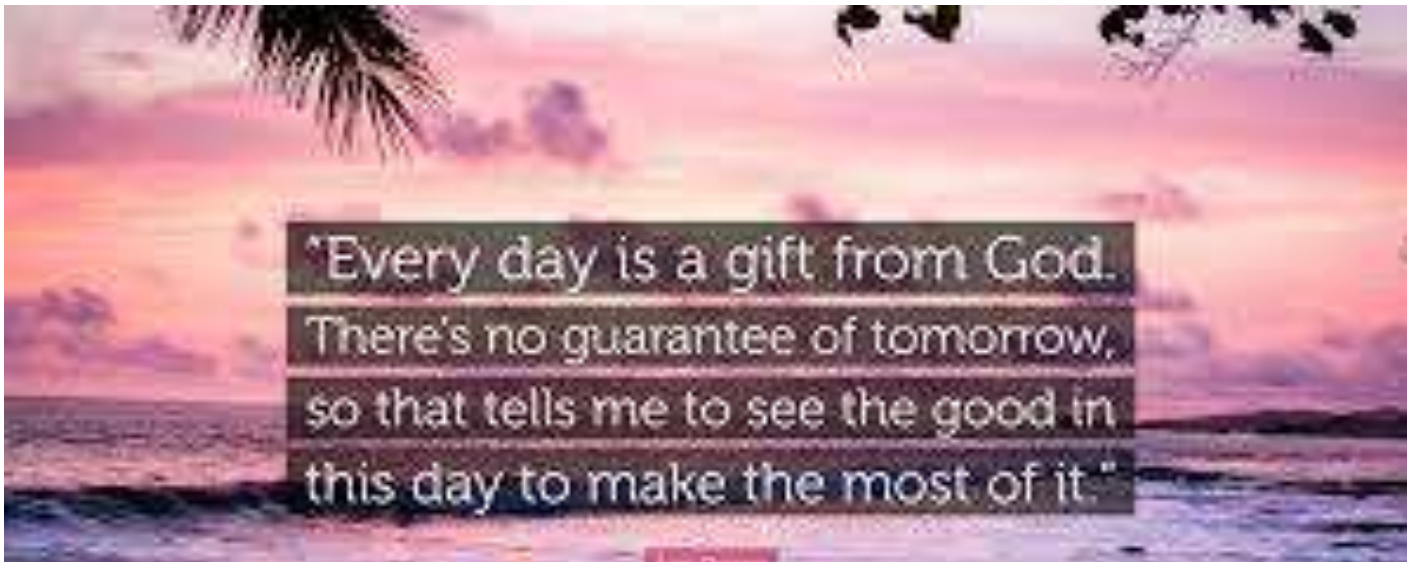
Come and join Michelle for a zoom chat on Thursdays

23 and 30 September

7 and 14 October 2021

from 7 until 8.

Email Michelle on [0508.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:0508.michelle@gmail.com) for the link



Message from our chairman, Glenn

When we stay at home in the bubble under God's protection. Please look at the Bible reading Psalm 91 v 1-16

The Lord will save you from the trap of people who want to catch or pass you. He will save you from diseases.

If a Delta Coronavirus is coming back again so we should follow the "Bubble Rules" under the shield of God's protection. The Mother Hen (the Bubble rules) will gather her chicks (all of you) under her wings, her feathers (shield) will keep her chicks safe and well. No matter what happens to us in life – God always protects and helps us. The chicks must feel safe and protected under their mother's wings when a storm comes.

Verse 4 of the Bible reading says "The Lord will cover you with his feathers and under his wings, you will be safe with his shield because he is faithful.

Prayer

Dear heavenly father

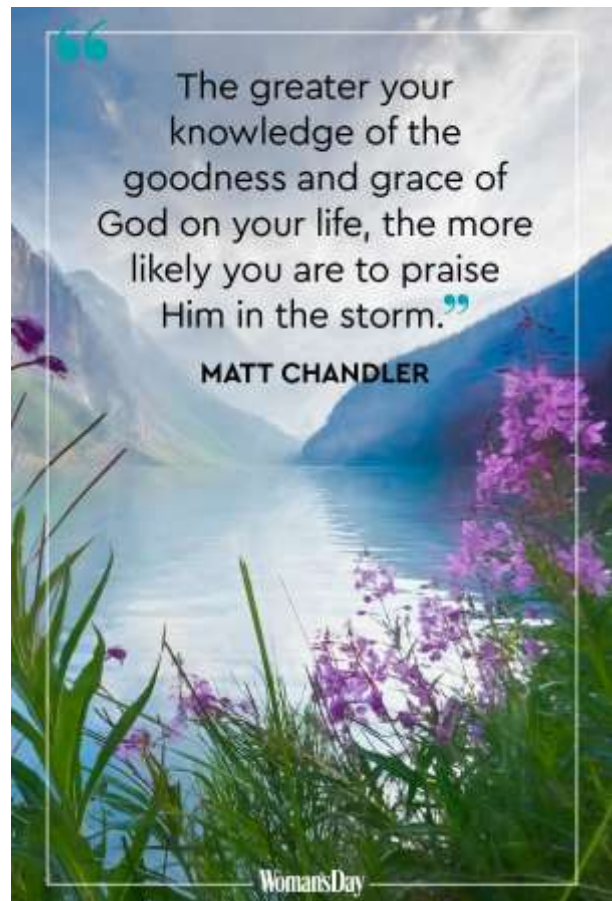
Many thanks for setting up the bubble system to keep us safe during lockdown. In Jesus name.

Amen

## *ADCF is on the move*

We have been advised that Rosebank Peninsula Church building is to be sold. ADCF needs to move by 31 October 2021.

The committee is looking at a new home for ADCF.





## Quiz answers

1 After Samuel anointed Saul with special oil, he said to Saul that after he leaves Samuel today:-

- Saul will meet 2 men near Rachel's tomb on the border of Benjamin at Zelzah. These men will say "Someone found the donkey's you were looking for. Your father stopped worrying about his donkey's. He is saying "What will I do about my son?"

- Then you will carry on and will meet 3 men at the large oak tree at Tabor, these men are going to worship God at Bethel.

1 man carrying 3 goats,

1 man carrying 3 loaves of bread,

1 man carrying a bottle of wine,

- The man carrying the bread will give you 2 loaves.

- Then they will go to Gibeath Elohim

- A group of prophets will come out, prophesying, playing harps, tambourines, flutes and lyres.

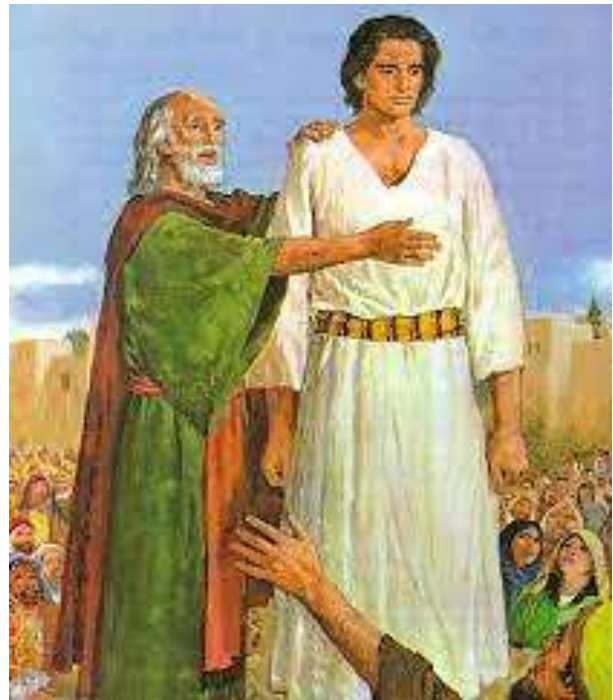
- The Lord's spirit will come on you with great power and you will be changed, then you will prophesy with these prophets.

All those things happened to Saul that day.

2 Samuel told all the people of Israel to meet at Mizpah and got them in family groups.

- Then each family group went past Samuel and the Matri family group was chosen.

- Then the men in the family group of Matri walked past Samuel and Saul was chosen. Saul was the son of Kish.



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.

Save these dates for  
Christmas Socials

*December 11*

*December 19*

*Details coming later*

**GOD ANSWERS IN 3 WAYS:**

He says yes and gives you what you want.

He says no and gives you something better.

He says wait and gives you the best.



From our Pastoral Care, Johanna

Hi and Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus (The Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Paul Gods' apostle often wrote greetings like this to people in areas he visited eg. in Ephesus and Corinth. You can see this in the books of the bible eg. Ephesians and Corinthians. Paul then would write about challenges or topics that were happening in their community of their time.

Similarly, I write to you now. To each of you we are thinking of you and praying for each of You, especially in these difficult times of isolation in lockdown in Auckland, or other areas of New Zealand due to Covid / Delta limits.

It is a hard time for everyone especially for people living alone and little or no contact with others, especially older Deaf people and for people with ill health or changes in abilities and everyday activities, and people who live with pain and/or disabilities. We pray for comfort and for God to provide for each person we know. Lord may you help meet each person's daily needs, here in New Zealand and worldwide. We ask you God to be with each of us and help us get through our days, nights in the weeks and months ahead.

Prayer

Dear Lord

We thank you for being with each of us when we cannot meet together or be with each other, may you be in each of us Lord. In Jesus name

Amen

## PSALM 18:35

“Lord, you have given me your shield to protect me. You support me with your right hand. It is your help that has made me great.”

God gives us courage (strength to be brave) and peace to face our challenges. God’s word is like a light that leads us during difficult times.

God blesses us when we obey Him, and he safely guides us. Through our experiences, God teaches us.

Like God taught David when King Saul was chasing him. King Saul wanted to kill David but God protected David. David wrote about this in Psalm 18:35

What did God teach David and each of us?

God taught us that we need to come to Him (God) for help when we are facing difficult times,

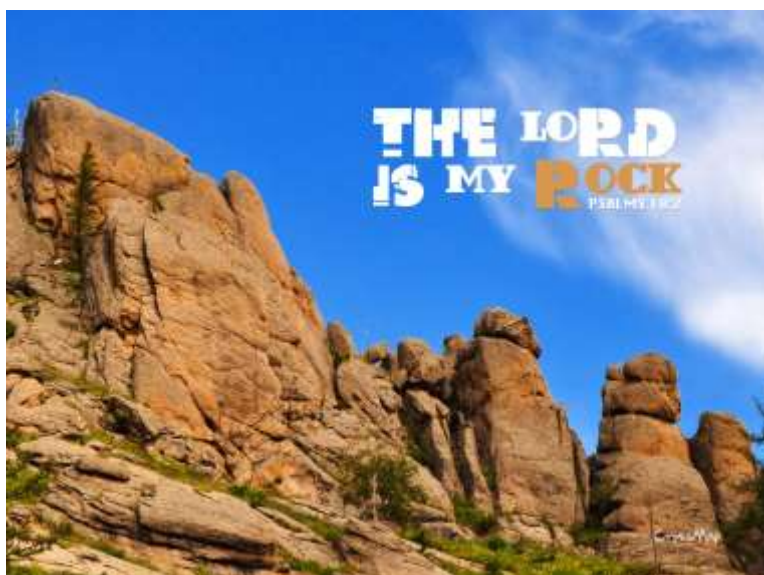
When you have a problem, 1<sup>st</sup>.sign/ talk to God. Pray to Him and ask Him for his help and that he show us, lead us and help us (guidance!).

God will never give up or let us down.

Every day communicate with God. Allow God to comfort you (be with you), show you how you can serve Him (God) best (most you can ever do or be).

(Johanna has based this message on “Look to Jesus” (5) from **Deaf Devo** devotion written by Suzanne Austin - Hill Reproduced in the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special edition – 2020

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