

The thought for the month

AUCKLAND DEAF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June 2022 – No.48



Auckland is at Traffic Light Orange.

Remember to have all your COVID jabs - Get your booster jab if more than 3 months since jab 2.

No need to scan the QR code when going into shops.

We do not need to wear a mask when going out but it is encouraged. Workers or volunteers at gatherings must wear face masks unless exempt.

There is no number limit when going to any shop or event.

Workplaces and schools can open.

Remember

Keep washing your hands lots.

Bible Quiz

Philippians 2

- 1 Paul asks the Philippians to do something for him, what was it?
- 2 We must think and act like Jesus. Why is this?
- 3 Paul says do everything without complaining or arguing, what will this do?
- 4 Which brother in Christ was so sick he was near death?

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.

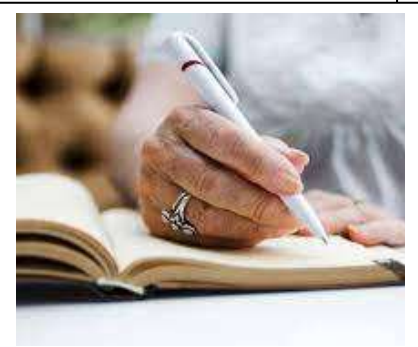
Dates for your diary Only if we are at green traffic light, cancelled if orange or red traffic light.

5 June 2022 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF with communion.

19 June 2022 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service. A committee meeting after.

3 July 2022 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service with communion.

17 July 2022 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service. A committee meeting after.



Please pray for

Pray for God's blessings



Barbara – had hand surgery recently – please pray for quick healing and her hand works perfectly.

Mavis, Ngaire, Tom, Val and Johanna – all have been unwell. Please pray that they feel better.

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

Tom and Rhona – Tom (see above too), please for their general well-being.

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

Omicron COVID virus– pray that they find a way out of this big problem.

The Russian / Ukraine war stops and a peaceful solution can be worked out.

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



Birthdays coming up

Gavin Gibbons - 30 May

ADCF is on the move - update.

As you are aware the Rosebank Peninsula Church building has been sold so no more services will be held there.

ADCF committee decided not to meet face to face until Green traffic light. This may be reviewed in the future.

The committee has looked at other churches to have our face-to-face worship at and have found that we need to wait until we are at 'Green traffic light' Covid rating to do this.

More updates in future.

BIBLE STUDY

WHERE: ON ZOOM OR SKYPE

WHEN: TUESDAY NIGHT'S 7 - 8 OR TO 8.30.

PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE FOR THE ZOOM CODES OR SKYPE NAME.

DON'T NEED TO HAVE ZOOM ON YOUR COMPUTER, MICHELLE SENDS YOU A LINK.

Winter Solstice (Mid-Winter's Day)

21 June 2022

It is the shortest day of sunlight and the longest day of night.

It is known as the middle of winter. It seems that the weather is colder after midwinter's day.

Many cultures have festivals and rituals on this day.

Often seen as a symbolic death and the rebirth of the sun as the days get longer and the night gets shorter.

Did you know the ancient monuments (rocks) called the Stonehenge and Newgrange are aligned (lined up) to sunrise or sunset on winter solstice



Koronawa and Johanna Gukibau say hi

AGM Update

We are not sure when this will be held with the current **orange** restrictions. While people in the community can move around a bit more, Rest homes still have tighter restrictions on movement. As you are aware, this issue affects a committee member.

The AGM reports will be sent to all members shortly and we will contact you about the AGM meeting date in the future.



Bible Quiz Answers

Philippians 2

1 Paul asks 5 things

- All (Christians) to believe the same thing.
- love each another.
- agree with each other and have the same goals.
- be humble and honour others.
- be interested in lives of others and your own.

2 We must think and act like Jesus because he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God.

3 Doing everything without complaining or arguing mean's you are God's children without fault and will shine with goodness like a light in the darkness for all people to see.

4 Epaphroditus was with Paul (in Rome) and he became so sick he was near death, now he is better and Paul is going to send him back to the Philippians.



Welcome to Elsie Olivia May on 26 April 2022.

She weighted 3.21 KG or 7 lb 1 oz.

1st grandchild for Michelle



From Johanna Brens, Lay Minister

Hi to each of you.

Greetings to Deaf Christians/believers, (people who believe in Jesus Christ, Our Lord God & Saviour).

In our bible study we have been reading some of Pauls letters which he wrote to encourage Believers of Christ = Christians. Paul couldn't meet with people because he was in prison. To survive in prison, he had at least 2 different helpers who were Christians, they helped encourage him. We all need encouragement; we know life can be hard /difficult.

What can we do? We can worship God by praying = talking to God, thank our Lord Jesus Christ that He came to earth, lived & died & rose again to forgive our sins. Read our Bibles, behave, obey the rules of our Lord & where we live, write, text or visit other people according to COVID guidelines. Share the good news about Jesus, praise & thank God.

May Gods peace and love be with each of us.

Amen

From Glenn, our chairperson

Hi everyone

A great lesson learned from the Bible. Paul tells us this in Philippians 3 v 12-14.

¹² I don't mean I am already exactly like God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal. But I continue trying to reach that goal and make it mine. Christ wants me to do that. ... ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I know I have not yet reached that goal. But the 1 thing I always do. I forget the things in the past. I try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me. ¹⁴ I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize.... Holy Bible, English version for Deaf.

Looking back in the past is called negative continuity and it does not help you keep your focus of Jesus. You can see all your bad things, sins and mistakes when you look back at the past.

A better way is always look to the future; this is called positive continuity. Keeping your eyes and mind focused on Jesus will help you avoid the traps of bad things. We all have troubles and times when we can't keep our focus on Jesus. The best thing to do is pray, pray to Jesus and keep good faith in God The power of prayer is amazing and if you have the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on your side, nothing can stand against you so just keep believing and you will make it.

Keep praying for the war to stop.

Pray that God will shake those nations up and there will be peace.



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