

The thought for the month

AUCKLAND DEAF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

June 2025 – No.80

AGM decided ADCF to close

ADCF final service 1 June 2025

Services held at 2.15 pm

Te Atatu Union Church

2 Taikata Road

Te Atatū Peninsula

Auckland

Love to see you



Dates for your diary

1 June 2025 - Sunday at 2.15pm ADCF service with communion.

3 June 2025 - Bible Study – see notice

5 June 2025 – Prayer Group – see notice

10 June 2025 - Bible Study – see notice

12 June 2025 - Prayer Group – see notice

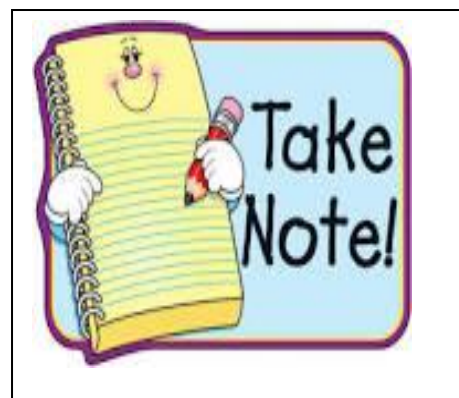
17 June 2025 - Bible Study – see notice

19 June 2025 - Prayer Group – see notice

24 June 2025 - Bible Study – see notice

26 June 2025 – Prayer Group – see notice

28 June 2025 – Social



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

<https://adcfonline.com/>

Birthday notices

No birthdays in June

Happy birthday to all celebrating birthdays in June



BIBLE STUDY

STUDY GOD'S WORD IN THE BIBLE

WHERE: ON ZOOM

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

PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE TO BE CONNECTED

Please pray for

Pray for God's blessings and good health to all these people

Tori (friend of Michelle) broken elbow after a fall

Pamela Brens (Johanna B's Mum).

Des Marett.

Rhona Gibling

Val Jillings – Barbara's Mum.

Johanna G and family

David Wilcox – recently diagnosed with diabetes

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

Israel / Gaza - this stops and a peaceful solution can be worked out.



PRAYER GROUP

½ - 1 HOUR PRAYER ONLY

WHERE: ON ZOOM

WHEN: EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 7.30 UNTIL
8.

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We will be using sign language



Social 28 June 2025

Information about this will be sent separately.



May AGM



Back: Glenn S, Koronawa G, Michelle S, Terry Moss, Barbara C holding Mac
Fron: Des M, Johanna B

Committee Members retiring – Des M (35 + years), Johanna B (20 years) and Michelle S (7 years).

Flowers, a card and a bible cover given to the retiring committee members

AGM Report

It is with sadness that we advise that according to our constitution (for the Charities Commission)

- We do not have enough members /people to come onto the ADCF committee. We need 5 people and only 1 person (Glenn) was happy to continue as chairperson.

We need 10 members of ADCF and we have 11.

- We don't have active involvement of an ordained Minister or Church (eg Presbyterian, Methodist or Anglican).

ADCF will close after the service on 1 June 2025.

There will be a 55th celebration meal on June 28.

Hi Everyone,

After hearing of the closure of the ADCF, I wanted to express my thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to keep it going, during the 55 years it has been in existence. During the 17 years I had the privilege of leading the Fellowship, of learning from Deaf, I found God in a new and special way. In the community, in the knowledge, in the way Deaf people keep on worshipping no matter what, and helping one another. It was the most special ministry I have ever encountered. I also want to acknowledge all the wonderful ministry of Rev Edna Garner who took the Fellowship to new and special places. Who made something wonderful out of a very early and struggling church.

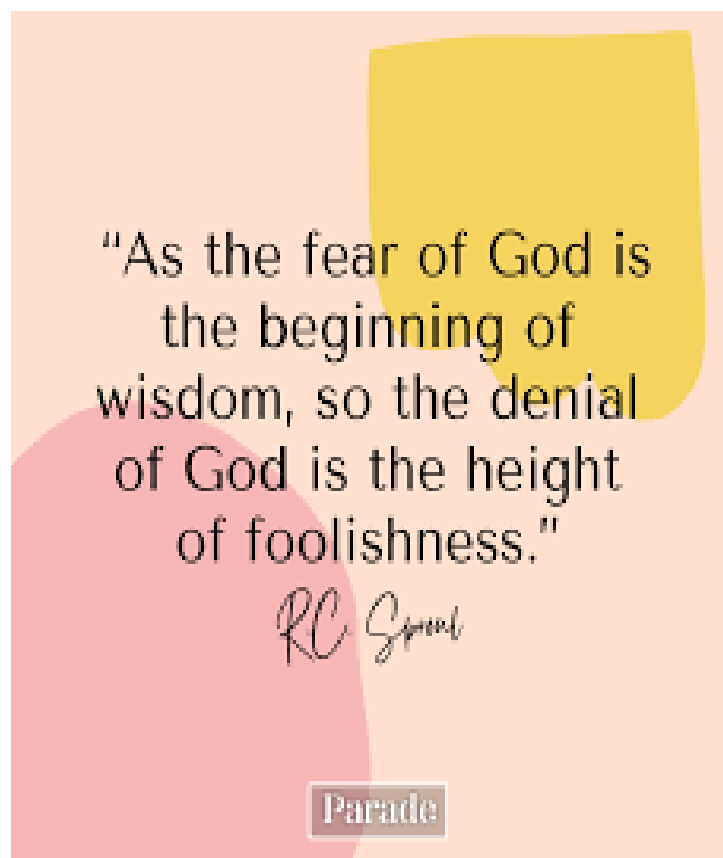
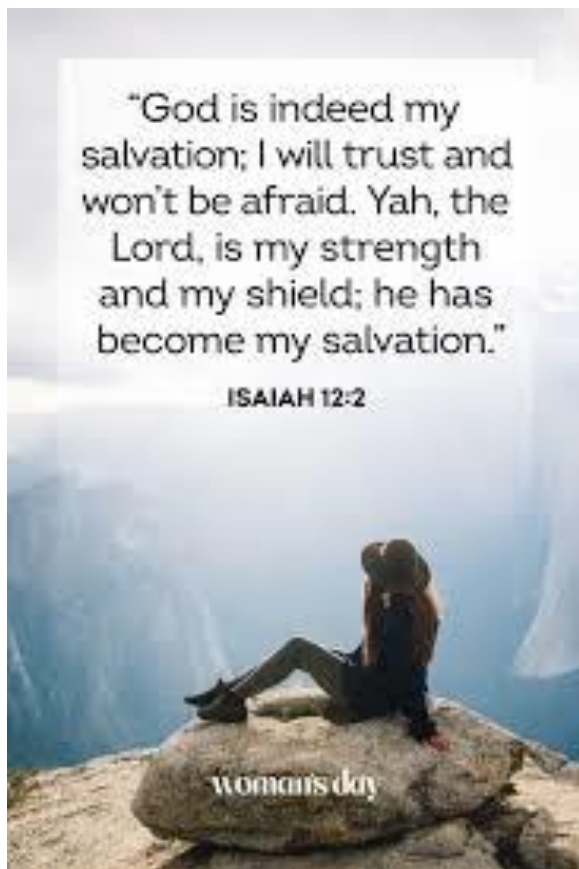
Over the years, the ADCF has been a place where Deaf could come together and worship God in the distinctive and wonderful way that is right and appropriate. A worship of the God of love, loving all, through visual and language, through community and togetherness, through tough times and good times.

Is this the end of the Fellowship? Yes, in one way it is, but in other ways, let us truly believe that the ADCF has always been in God's hands and those hands will sign a new way and a new beginning for Deaf worship in one way or another. God always will make a way where there seems to be no way.

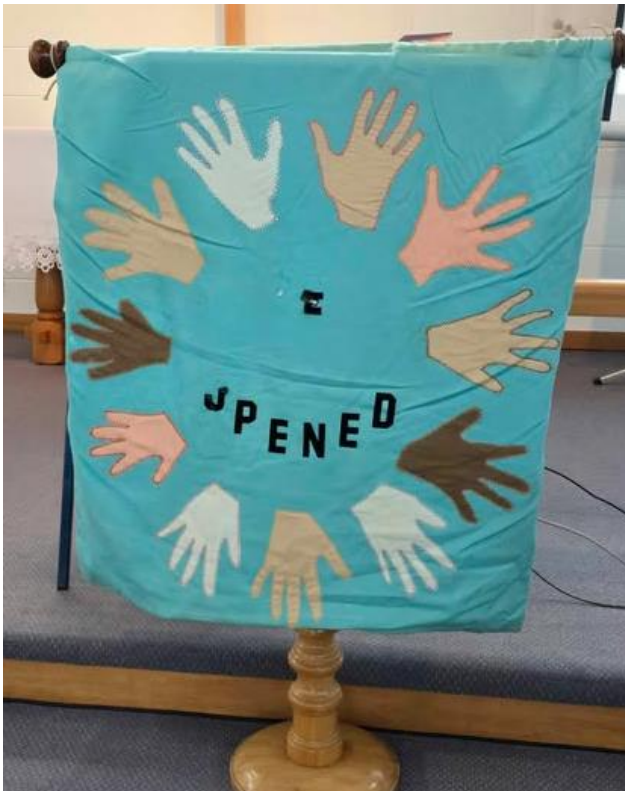
God bless you all and hold you in hands of loving kindness,

Blessings and love,

Sandra Gibbons, a minister who remembers the Fellowship with joy.



ADCF Banners made through the years

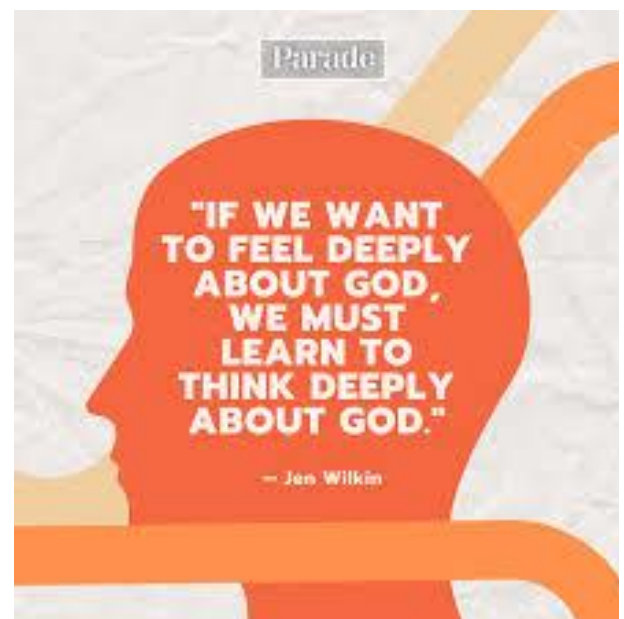
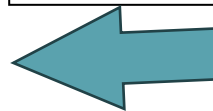


A lovely Deaf Maori lady made this
Can anyone remember her name?



Tricia M made this

Tricia M made this for our 50th anniversary



Memories from Johanna B

i started coming to ADCF on & off in 1988 to 1990, while i was training as an Occupational Therapist. That is when i met Reverend Edna, from 1994 i started regularly attending, i was new around the time of ADCF 25th anniversary. That makes it nearly 30yrs.

I think i was on committee well before Glenn came back to ADCF. We were both co vice chairperson, when Daphne Ward (nee Jones) retired from chairperson role due to health reasons that is when Glenn became chair person. I didn't feel confident at that time to be chairperson. In 2001 until 2003 I was in New Plymouth setting up Hearing Dogs, then actively back on the committee.

I hope this helps. Before us, people like Margaret Parry, Tricia & Trish Welch Des & Mavis had been on comittee. Both Tricia & Trish Welch had ? Been treasurer & Daphne & Margaret Parry had been chair people.

I will try & get paper history possibly at Glenn's & Reverend Ednas book to piece together history since 25th anniversary to write a precise update for ADCF history.

Thank You for everything you do & been doing for ADCF. Thank you for getting the flowers, mine are lasting well in the vast with regular trimming & refreshing the water.

Des has been around many many years with ADCF he said recently, since the start. (I'm not sure if that is from Ednas time or Reverend Fia (Fear) time. He will tell you. I think he has been on Committee since I have been involved.



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