

# Newsletter

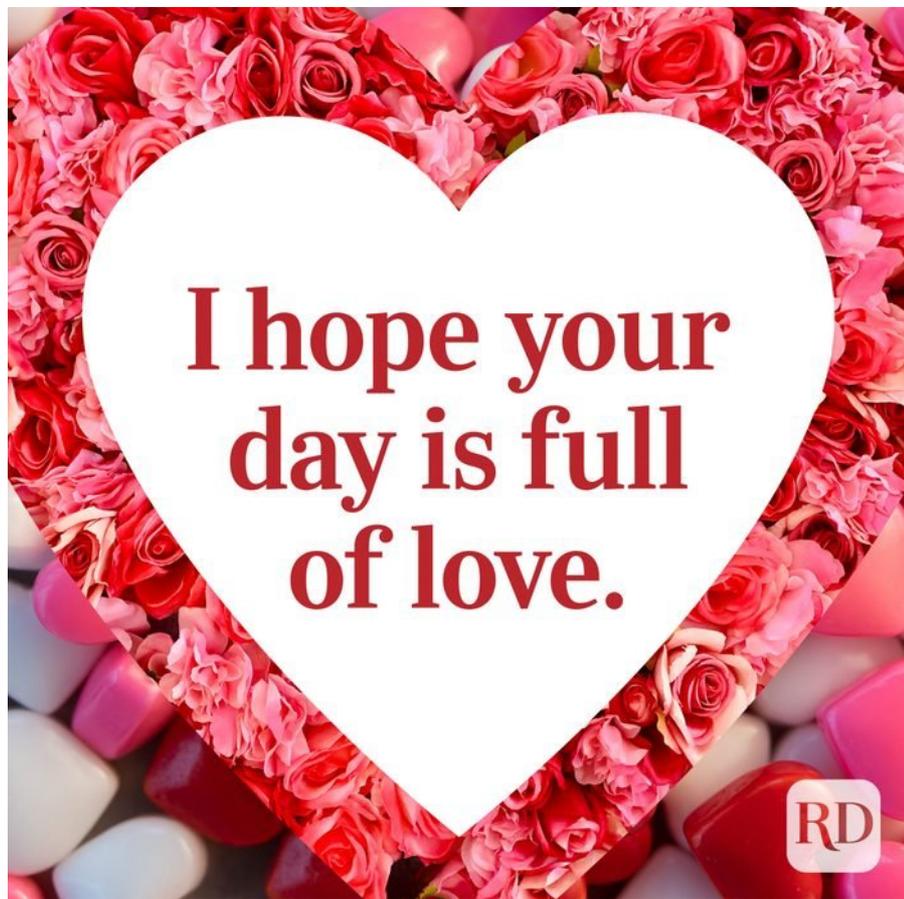
## 13<sup>rd</sup> February

### 2022

epsom  
baptist church

Leading: **June McMillan**  
Preaching: **Grant Illingworth**  
Theme: **Apostle's Creed, Part Two – The Son**

The next **Deacons' Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.



Have a happy Valentine's Day – 14th February.

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*From Pastor Daniel*

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for allowing our two congregations of Epsom Baptist Church to be under your protection, blessing and guidance throughout this troubling pandemic. You promised us in Psalm 65:11 that “you crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.”

Yes, in the beginning of Chinese New Year, the Year of the Tiger, Father, you give me courage and boldness, and are always by my side to face the challenges ahead. I trust that you are a good father to me. When I look back on what you have done and provided for me, I am astonished. Being an Asian immigrant from Hong Kong to New Zealand for over 22 years with my family, I was called to serve your people in Epsom Baptist Church for the past nine years as an Associate Pastor to the Chinese congregation. You blessed us and gave us plentiful fruits of new believers, as well as good fellow mature Christians to develop our pastoral care ministry among our Chinese congregation. Thank you, Father, for your servant Rev. Jeff Whittaker’s guidance and mentorship of me until his retirement last week. There, Father, in your name, we got together with leaders from the Baptist Union and Northern Baptist Association to celebrate and farewell your honourable servant Jeff and his wife Margaret. It was a blessed service!

Father, you ordained me to take up the baton from Jeff, just like Joshua after Moses, to look after the whole church. Thank you for your words in Joshua 1:9: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” How wonderful and gracious it is to follow your direction and way, to serve you like a kingdom builder at your local church in Epsom and your wider Baptist family. Thank you Father. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Daniel

## **February 2022 Sunday morning rosters**

**Flowers:** 6 Louissa Bao, 13, 20 Linda McBurney, 27 Dawn de Stigter

**Morning tea:** Belsy, Ida & Freida Balajisingh

**Communion preparation:** Belsy, Ida & Freida Balajisingh

**Door and Offering:** June McMillan

**Scripture reading & Communion:** Linda McBurney

**Offering counting:** Helen Evans and Ann Guan

**Lawns:** Ian de Stigter