

Newsletter

21st August

2022

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baptist church

Leading: Anne Bartley

Preaching: Josh Irving (Team Leader of TSCF)

Theme: **Seeking, reaching, finding God**

Scripture: O.T. Jeremiah 29:4-14N.T. Acts 17: 24-29

Pre-church prayer

This starts on Sundays before the service at 9:00am in Daniel's office.



Prayer walk

The prayer walk runs this Wednesday from 8:30am to 10:00am.

The Upper Room Prayer

This is a spirit-led hour of revival prayer running from 7:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Bible Studies

One of the two Bible studies occurs this **Wednesday evening at 7:30pm** to study Esther 9:20-32, meeting at Anne's home. Please email Anne for more venue details (anne.bartley@kinderlibrary.ac.nz).

The other will be an **ESOL Bible study**, which will run from **11:30am-1pm on Wednesday** in the church lounge. Please bring a friend to '*Meet Jesus*'.

Youth and kids

Firstly, the **after-school social on Thursdays until 5pm** continues - this is a "back to basics bake-off". Secondly, if you feel so inclined, join the children in the children's ministry at the back table in drawing, colouring-in, and crafts.

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This Week's Message

This week, I participated in my first meeting of the ecumenical pastors in the Mt Eden/ Epsom/ Greenlane cluster. The chair opened the meeting quoting Jeremiah 29:7 "And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." This passage in Jeremiah 29 is part of our weekly devotional this week. (In your Redemptive Family workbook, Week 2, days 1-3). So much has come together this week around this scripture. Intercession for our city and nation has been part of Francis and my rhythm, having organised monthly and weekly prayer gatherings prior to joining Epsom. I think prayer changes me rather than me ever changing God's mind. For me praying changes everything. When I pray, I'm more expectant to see God at work and coincides happen! I'm hoping some of you, if not all will join in with the variety of opportunities to pray for people and our place. It takes effort to get here I know, but it is so well worth it. If anything, join with some one in your home and pray together. Make it regular. Have that regular cuppa with Jesus. Next week, we'll plant a tree that marks our commitment to working for the peace and welfare of the place God has planted us together perfectly. We need people and people need us, in Jesus name. Let's share in this conversation. Please join in.

Pastor Jacqui

This week's reflective questions

- 1) What do you know about your church family roots?
- 2) What do you love about the place God has planted you?
- 3) What public space do you enjoy most in your neighbourhood?
- 4) Do you frequent it regularly?
- 5) Have you built a relationship with a person there? (e.g. a gardener, cleaner, hairdresser, waiter, etc.)

August 2022 Sunday morning rosters

Flowers: 7, 14 Luanne Lau, 21, 28 Linda McBurney

Morning tea: Belsy, Ida & Freida Balajisingh

Communion preparation: Belsy & Ida Balajisingh

Door and Offering: June McMillan & Donglan Zhang

Scripture reading & Communion: Helen Evans

Offering counting: Helen Evans & Ann Guan