

Newsletter

28th August

2022



Leading: **Daniel Choi**

Preaching: **Jacqui Caetano**

Theme: **Seeking our place's welfare** (*2 Chronicles 7:14 & 2 Corinthians 5:11-21*)

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is on the 20th of September 2022, at 7:30pm. The next **Members' Meeting** is on the 28th (Wed).

Celebrating our church

This Sunday's English service will involve the planting of a mandarin tree, and the Chinese congregation will plant a feijoa tree. Please stay and participate in the fun of planting!

Linwood Baptist Church

Linwood Baptist Community Church is located in a decile one area of Christchurch, and is seeking funds to up-skill their mental health workers. If you're interested in contributing, please use the provided envelope to be placed in the offering bag any time during September.

Harvest Festival (11th September)

Fill a shoebox with fruit, veges, snacks, or honey, and bring it to the church!

Prayers

Pre-service prayer @ 9:00am on Sundays in Daniel's office.

Upper House prayer @ 7:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the church.

Prayer walk from 8:30am to 10:00am on Wednesdays, meeting in front of the church building.

Bible Studies

Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm, meeting at Olwyn's place in Hillsborough Heights this week.

ESOL Bible study, running from **11:30am-1pm on Wednesday** in the church lounge.

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This Week's Message

Today will 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. Please do join in.

I am in Christchurch this coming week on a Ministry Development Course. This is part of the process of getting registered. Carey Baptist continues to work along their new pastors for two years. I am disciplined, cared for and continually shaped as I work to bring about gospel renewal to people and places. It's a life calling and feel honoured to have been called by Epsom Baptist to be part of your lives.

Our Redemptive Families series takes a little turn today. We are a family of people, loving and caring for one another. We are an inter-cultural church. Historically its always been a challenge to get along with others from different nations, languages and ethnicities, but Epsom has proved differently. We have been a multi-national church for a while now and today we express this by planting trees in honour of each other. This is a witness to the world that it can be done! This is clearly the work of the Holy Spirit. Let's see where God takes us from here.

Pastor Jacqui

This week's reflective questions

- 1) As an ambassador of Christ, what part of God's reconciliation do you particularly care about? (One of the following, or other)
 - poverty
 - injustice
 - oppression
 - lack of mercy
 - winning people over for Jesus
 - children
 - wayward youth
 - racism
 - marriage
 - the lonely
 - mental health
- 2) What can we do to bring about reconciliation?
- 3) When did you last talk to Jesus about being an outsider?

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