

# Newsletter

## 1st January

### 2023



Leading: **Lydia Zhu**  
Preaching: **Daniel Choi**  
Scripture: **Philippians 3:12-14**

**10:00am**

### *From Pastor Jacqui*

A new year does give us an opportunity to reflect on the year just gone by and to look forward to the new year ahead. For some among us who are sick, have had surgery, going through chemo or find themselves with major life changing circumstances, the new year may be one of many days hoping and longing for recovery. For others it may just be another day, for those at war and find themselves in a refugee camp may cheer ... next year will be better! For me a new year is a time to look back to look forward.

Francis and I usually do a retreat together with other church leaders to reflect on the past year and to be equipped for the year of ministry ahead. Joining other church leaders keeps us accountable, equipping us to press on and run the race with endurance, and earning together. We will attend a Pastor's Retreat at the end of January as an important part of our journey in ministry. The endurance of ministry is incredibly difficult or even nonexistent alone.

For us at EBC, belonging to a Bible study, or a book or sports club is just as important. It helps us do the things we love knowing people are there enjoying it with us.

In what way will you be extending your connections with others to remain accountable to Jesus and to your faith community?

### *Notices:*

Please keep praying for those who are not well among us.

Daniel is away from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January until the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Any pastoral care needs, text Jacqui or email [associatepastor@epsombaptistchurch.org.nz](mailto:associatepastor@epsombaptistchurch.org.nz)

Services resume as normal from Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30 am and 11 am.

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