

TODAY'S SERVICE

PASTORAL NOTES



“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness.”
Matthew 25:23



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*Opening Song..... All together
Only King Forever
Holy Spirit

Notices Stu Henderson
Offering All together

*Singing..... All together
Here is Love

Communion.....Led by Linda Price
The Hope of All Hearts
How Great is Our God

Message..... Linda Price
Kingdom Builders
(Matthew 25:14–30)

*Final song All together
O Praise the Name

Prayer..... Stu Henderson

*Led by the Worship Team: Garry (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Bronwyn (keyboard), Jude (singer), Lynette (projector), Gerald (sound)

- ✪ If you have any questions or need help, please ask one of the welcomers who will be happy to help you.
- ✪ If you would like prayer after the service today, ask the people around you or come to the front and someone will pray for you.
- ✪ A crèche is available for parents with little children. The service is relayed into the room so you are able to listen to it. Please ensure the room is left tidy.
- ✪ We invite you to stay for a cup of tea after the service.

Kia ora! I'm glad you've joined us for worship today. If you are a first-time guest I encourage you to fill out a blue visitor card which the welcomers will hand to you.

Prayer & Self-Denial Update: So far we have collected over \$600. Thanks to all who participated and gave. Today is the last opportunity for any more giving or donation. There's a basket up in front where you can leave your donation.

Many thanks to Linda Price for bringing us a message from the Word this morning.

I'm away today visiting another church. It's a good opportunity for me to observe and learn from what other churches are doing.

I'm pleased to let you know that Guan and the kids safely made it to their destination in China, and that they are all doing well. Thanks for your prayers. It would be appreciated if you would continue to pray for them and their safety as they stay there for several weeks, and also for the church that Guan's mother is serving, as Chinese believers are facing increasing antagonism and persecution from the state.

Garry and Lynette are travelling to Europe this week. May you have a safe journey and have a wonderful time.

Pray for the Huntley family (Shawn & Sarah & their kids) as they look for a new rental property in Picton.

I would also ask your prayer for the vacancy in the Eldership of our church – please pray that the Lord would raise up someone suited and qualified to serve as an Elder. Our Constitution says “an Elder shall exhibit the qualities mentioned in 1 Timothy 3:1–10 and Titus 1:6–9, and shall be a recognised leader, capable of giving guidance and help to any in need.” “Recommendations for the position of Elder shall be brought by the existing Elders, or by three church members to the Eldership, and then to the church.” If you wish to recommend someone for the role, please put it in writing and have it signed by two more members, and hand it to me or Bill or Stu. Our AGM in November would be a suitable time to elect a new Elder.

I'm excited to begin a new series of messages on the book of 1 Timothy. Next Sunday I'll talk about what's led me to this book and what's its importance for us today as a church. Meanwhile, I'd like to suggest to you to read 1 Timothy this week. It's short book and can be read through in one sitting.

Finally, I'm here to serve you the best that I can, so please get in touch as I'd love to talk with you. I can't do all things and I don't have all the answers, but I can do something.

God bless us all! - Deo

NOTICES

Music team practice today after the service

Happening this week

- ❖ Home groups:
 - Tuesday 10am & 7pm at 90 Lindens Rd
 - Tuesday 7pm at 5 Amelia Cres
 - Thursday 7pm at 6 Matai Place
- ❖ Youth group Wed 6pm at Church
- ❖ Elders Meeting on Thursday 1pm at Church

Looking Ahead – Month of August

- 8th Aug (Thu) – Top of the South Pastors Meeting at Atawhai Community Church
- 9th Aug (Fri) – Tea@10 at Marina Cove. All welcome!
- 14th Aug (Wed) – Picton Church Ministers Meeting 12.00 noon at Waves Café
- 21st Aug (Wed) 10.30am Service at Seaview Home
- 23rd Aug (Fri) – Tea@10 at Marina Cove. All welcome!
- 25th Aug (Sun) 4.00pm Prayer Meeting at Church

Any Prayer Requests?

If you have any prayer request for the prayer chain, contact Deo at 927 3660 or 022 421 1405.

Prayer Requests from the Baptist Union

- Please pray for NZBMS (nzbms.org.nz) and Carey (carey.ac.nz) as they are both in the middle of making significant employment

decisions (a new General Director and a new Theologian). *Lord, clearly guide the search teams to the people You would have for us.*

- Please pray for people within the Baptist family of churches who are personally impacted by cancer. *Lord, there are a number of people for whom life is very hard at the moment. Please be close to them and bring healing to their bodies.*

ROSTERS*

Cleaning

3rd August.....Deo
 10th August.....Graham & Gwenda
 17th August.....Stan & Heather
 24th August.....John & Jude

Hosting

4th August.....Stu & Ralph Henderson
 11th August.....Ana & Linda (Communion)
 18th August.....Stan & Heather
 25th August.....John & Jude (Communion)

Music & Sound

4th August: Minette (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Ana (keyboard), Kirsty (singer), Bill P (projector), Andy (sound)

11th August: Bill P (leading), Jude (singer), Gyllian (projector), Gerald (sound)

18th August: Allison (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Ana (keyboard), Minette (singer), Bill P (projector), Gerald (sound)

25th August: Gwenda (leading), Graham (keyboard), Ian (singer), Bill P (projector), Steve (sound)

*If the date doesn't suit please arrange a swap with others on the roster.

A Brief Intro on 1 Timothy

By Jack Zavada

The book of 1 Timothy provides a unique yardstick for churches to measure their conduct, as well as identifying traits of committed Christians.

The Apostle Paul, an experienced preacher, gave guidelines in this pastoral letter to his young protege Timothy for the church in Ephesus. While Paul had complete trust in Timothy ("my true son in the faith," 1 Timothy 1:2, NIV), he warned against sinister developments in the Ephesian church that had to be dealt with.

One problem was false teachers. Paul commanded proper understanding of the law and also warned against false asceticism, perhaps an influence of early Gnosticism.

Another problem at Ephesus was the behavior of church leaders and members. Paul taught that salvation was not earned by good works, but rather that godly character and good works were the fruits of a grace-saved Christian.

Paul's instructions in 1 Timothy are especially relevant to today's churches, in which size is often among the factors used to determine a church's success. Paul cautioned all pastors and church leaders to behave with humility, high morals, and indifference to riches. He spelled out requirements for overseers and deacons in 1 Timothy 3:2-12.

Further, Paul repeated that churches must teach the true gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, apart from human effort. He closed the letter with personal encouragement to Timothy to "fight the good fight of the faith." (1 Timothy 6:12, NIV)

