



## P I C T O N Baptist Church

**“Stand firm then ... with your feet fitted with the  
readiness that come from the gospel of peace.”**  
Ephesians 6:15 (NIV)



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### TODAY'S SERVICE

\*Opening Song..... All together  
We Believe

Welcome & Notices.....Stu Henderson  
Tithes & Offerings

\*Singing..... All together  
Great and Mighty King  
O Lord We Seek Your Face  
How Great Is Our God

Message .....Deo Vistar  
“The Sandals of the Gospel of  
Peace”  
Ephesians 6:15

\*Closing Song ..... All together  
In Christ Alone

Prayer & Blessing .....Deo Vistar

\*Led by the Worship Team: Allison Le Heux (leading),  
Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Jude  
Stretton (singer), Te Mara Riwaka (projector), Andy Baldwin  
(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 down at the foyer. 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.

### PASTORAL NOTES

**K**ia ora! Welcome to our worship this morning. If you are a first-time guest, I encourage you to fill out a blue visitor card and hand it to the welcomers or drop it in one of the offering bags.

A core area where I want to see growth here at PBC is our ministry to children, youth and young families. I thank God for the young families currently attending – including my own family. We don't have many, but I know God will bring the increase. Praise God for our ongoing ministries to children (Sunday Friends) and youth (Breakthrough). Prayer and practical help are needed in these ministries. Don't

hesitate to speak with Guan and Mary to know where help is needed.

In the latest issue of the *Baptist Magazine*, Craig Vernall wrote an article titled “One Decision or 52?” which has encouraged me to be faithful in taking my children to the church worship as this will have a positive impact on them. Vernall writes: “Reducing family church attendance to a minimum is a recipe for heartache. I've had a number of ... conversations with parents of young adults who have left the faith. It's a hard conversation to have with a parent when I point out an obvious reason: for the child, church and Jesus are synonymous. Avoid one and you're diminishing the value of the other.” The point is not mere church attendance; in fact in some cases a merely ritualistic church attendance can have negative effects on the child. The point is the sincerity and fervor of our faith in Christ which shows itself in our prioritisation of the regular disciplines of grace such as prayer, corporate worship, etc., and this I believe will have a positive impact on our children's journey to true faith.

This morning we're continuing our look at the armour of God in Ephesians 6, and we're looking today at the sandals of the gospel of peace. I trust this message will help equip you for the Christian life.

### PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN ZIMBABWE

From the *Barnabas Fund* 2018  
[barnabasfund.org](http://barnabasfund.org)

**A**fter 37 years in office, President Robert Mugabe surrendered power in November 2017, following a peaceful “coup” by Zimbabwe's army and pressure from his political party.

Mugabe had included Christians amongst his targets for repression. Religious gatherings critical of his government were categorised as political events; hence, public Christian events such as prayer rallies were monitored.

“I'm just about to finish preaching and I'm told the police are waiting outside,” said Pastor Evan Mawarire to his shocked congregation, shortly before he was arrested in September last year. In spite of the constitution guaranteeing religious freedom and freedom of expression, Christian leaders, churches, and religiously-affiliated Non-Government

Organisations (NGOs) perceived to disagree with the former president were harassed.

Later that month, Mawarire was acquitted for the second time of attempting to subvert the government. Immediately after, he was hit with a new charge of promoting violence. His “This Flag” movement inspired large-scale protests against the former president’s totalitarian rule. Its call for justice to be restored in the country resonated with the country’s 85% Christian population. He was only one of many brave Christian leaders speaking up for justice in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe is still recovering from the ravages of the 2015–2016 drought, which was its worst in living memory. Although last year saw improved rains, the April–May harvests were not universally plentiful, due to flooding and other problems. [A Christian organisation] has provided maize meal, seeds and fertiliser, and also funds training in a Christian-inspired farming method that can give good yields even in drought conditions.

Entreat the Lord that Zimbabwe’s new leadership will fear God (Exodus 18:21), and respect religious freedom. Join hands with our Zimbabwean brothers and sisters, and cry to the Lord with “a faith that can move mountains” (1 Corinthians 13:2) for the recent drought to remain a thing of the past. Praise the Lord for the courage of his servants, who speak the truth to authority and are persecuted for it. Pray that they will not be discouraged, but continue to live in and speak the truth.

## NOTICES

### *Dinner Collective*

Tonight at 6 here at the church  
All welcome!

### *Prayer Meeting*

28th October (Sunday) at  
4pm here at the church  
All welcome!



## *Picton Combined Churches*

### *Breakfast*

- Saturday 3 Nov 2018 at 8am at the Anglican Church Hall.
- Guest Speaker: Rasik Ranchord, sharing his testimony and talking about his “Wahine” experience and Prayer @ Parliament Vision
- This is a great opportunity to come along to share good fellowship and hear from our guest speaker
- Full cooked breakfast, tea & coffee
- \$15 single; \$25 per couple
- RSVP to soundnewspicton@gmail.com by Monday 29 Oct



### **Mark on your calendar our AGM Date**

Sat 24 Nov 5:30pm here at the Church. There will be a shared dinner.

### **STAY CONNECTED THIS WEEK!**

We have several home groups running during the week. Find out a group that may suit and help you in your Christian walk. See schedule and contact details below.

Tuesday 10am	Home group (Bible study) at 90 Linden’s Road	Contact Deo on 573 6315
Tuesday 7pm	Home group at 5 Amelia Cres	Contact Stu on 573 7769
Tuesday 7pm	Home group at 90 Lindens Road	Contact Pene on 573 7785
Wednesday 6pm	Youth group in the Church Hall	Contact Mary on 573 5499
Thursday 7pm	Home group at Steve & Sue Dawson’s place (374 Waikawa Rd)	Contact Steve on 021 688 071
Sunday 9:30am	Prayer meeting in the Children’s Ministry Room	Contact Steve Lavers on 021 0235 5728
Sunday 10am	Church Service	Contact Deo on 573 6315

Sunday 10:30am	<i>Sunday Friends</i> (Children’s Ministry)*	Contact Carol on 027 7735 263
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\*Except on the last Sunday of each month

### **Any Prayer Requests?**

If you have any prayer request for the prayer chain, contact Judith Dodge at 573 9245.

## **ROSTERS\***

### **Hosting**

7th Oct ..... Nelson & Judith Dodge (Communion)  
14th Oct ..... Ana Woolf & Linda Price  
21st Oct..... L Young & N Davis (Communion)  
28th Oct ..... Bill & Mary Pettigrew

### **Music & Sound**

7th Oct: Deo Vistar (leading), Graham Galbraith (keyboard), Allison Le Heux (singer), Mara Riwaka (projector), Steve Lavers (sound)

14th Oct: Allison Le Heux (leading), Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Mara Riwaka (projector), Andy Baldwin (sound)

21st Oct: Gwenda Galbraith (leading), Graham Galbraith (keyboard), Jude Stretton (singer), Gyllian Macdonald (projector), Steve Lavers (sound)

28th Oct: Garry Stanley (leading), Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Jude Stretton (singer), Lynette Stanley (projector), Steve Lavers (sound)

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