



PBC NEWS

We're here to see lives changed by Jesus ... meeting Him and becoming like Him.

Meetings on Zoom

- Sundays at 10.00am
- Wednesdays at 10.30am
(Prayer Meeting)
- Good Friday Service 10 April at 10.00am

Home groups:

- Tuesdays at 7.00pm
- Thursdays at 7.00pm

Over 30 people joined us for worship last Sunday. One of those who joined commented, "Interesting morning. We 'Zoomed' in to Picton Baptist for our service ... In these times, it is very important to keep communicating to all our friends and communities to give and receive encouragement and to receive the Word."

Consider inviting friends and family to worship with us online this Sunday.

Do you need prayer?

If you are aware of special needs that the Prayer Team can pray for please contact Lynn Whitlock on 573 8858 or 027 733 9558.



Dear Church Family

This is our replacement for the Bulletin in the next few weeks. I hope you are hunkered down and have started well with this lockdown period. Remember you will have some fun times, some rest times and – especially in families – some busy times. Plus some of you will be working from home. You will also have some frustrating times I am sure. I want to encourage you to keep looking at the positive side of things.

The Covid-19 situation is changing rapidly and so we want to stay connected so we can support one another. We know from previous crises that communities survive best when we work together to share and care.

As you are aware our gatherings have moved online. We encourage you to take part in our meetings on Zoom – see left side column for more information.

Let me share with you these key principles going forward:

Prayerful: Let's stay close to God during this time.

Cooperative: We all need to follow government health advice. The best source of reliable information, updates and advice

Covid-19 Prayer Guide

- For Jacinda Ardern and her team – that they would be wise in setting and communicating policies to stop and mitigate Covid-19
- For doctors, nurses and other health professionals as they come under pressure and strain – that they and their families would be kept free from illness
- That the threat of the illness would help many in society to recognise their own mortality and their need for hope in the face of death
- That people would be mindful of the effects of their actions on others: following medical advice carefully and being responsible when buying supplies
- That time in isolation from others would provide an opportunity for non-Christians to reflect, repent and turn to Christ
- That Christians would be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and be both bold and sensitive in sharing the gospel
- That we would be willing to be examples of Christ's love by sacrificially serving our brothers, sisters and neighbours according to their needs

on Covid-19 is the Ministry of Health's website and the NZ Government's Covid-19 website.

Caring: While we have to distance physically, we don't have to distance socially. We make a difference by checking-in on others, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

Proactive: This is an opportunity to reach out to each other and those immediately around us.

If you have any stories, ideas, feedback or photos you'd like to share with our church family please contact us at pictonbaptist@gmail.com.

"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6.24-26)

Yours in Christ

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Scriptures to encourage us during these times

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." (Psalm 46.1-2)

Holy Week at PBC

This Easter season join our church family online to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be holding the following services on Zoom:

- Palm Sunday 5th April at 10.00am
- Good Friday 10th April at 10.00am
- Easter Sunday 12th April at 10.00am

Pray for:

- Ian Stewart – he is currently in Scotland visiting his mother who is unwell.
- Lorraine Thomson – she will undergo surgery on Thursday 9 April in Christchurch Hospital.

Don't forget to put your clocks back an hour this weekend, a whole extra hour in bed and in isolation!