



“Let your light shine before all people, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16



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## TODAY'S SERVICE

Welcome .....Deo Vistar

\*Opening Song..... All together

The Mountain

Notices .....Deo Vistar

Offering ..... All together

\*Singing..... All together

Great and Mighty King

Communion.....Led by Garry Stanley

\*Singing..... All together

O Praise the Name

The Hope of All Hearts

Mission Updates..... Robert Savage

Message.....Deo Vistar

We're Making a Difference!

Matthew 5:13

\*Final song ..... All together

My Lighthouse

Prayer.....Deo Vistar

\*Led by the Worship Team: Garry (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Bronwyn (keyboard), Kirsty (singer), Nelia (singer), Lynette (projector), Andy (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.

## PASTORAL NOTES

**K**ia 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.

We come to the second week of our Prayer & Self-Denial campaign. Last week we were challenged to “expect great things from God and expect great things from Him.” This week we will reflect on making a difference in the world. Please refer to pages 6–7 of the Self-Denial booklet where we can find prayer points and reflections. I like the questions on page 5:

1. How is God calling you to make a difference in your context?
2. What does it mean for me to be committed to making a difference in the places God has called me to?
3. Is God calling me to serve and contribute in a different context?

A part of our focus this week is the country of Bangladesh, where our denomination has been at work for well over a century. Pray for this country and the missionaries working there.

Blessings on all, Deo

## SOUTH ASIA: WHY WE WORK THERE

This is part 2 of our current focus on work of NZBMS\* in South Asia. We're featuring it here as part of our ongoing Prayer & Self-Denial. Last week we featured India. As of October 2018, India's total population was 1,347,830,000. About 94.6% of that (1,274,692,000) are unreached.

As we come to the second week of the Self-Denial we focus on the work of NZBMS in Bangladesh. As of October 2018, Bangladesh has 165,615,000 population, 98.8% of whom are unreached. Our Tranzsend\* staff work in two localities within this country. Education is highly



prized in many of the communities we work in, as a long term solution for freeing families from poverty. We run two community schools which offer an English-based education in a God-honouring environment.

Christians are very much minorities in the areas where we work, making up less than 1% of the population. Many local church leaders believe the best way the Church in New Zealand can support them is by helping train and support local Christians. Tranzsend staff provide theological training to both pastors and lay people, and mentorship of church leaders who would otherwise be under-resourced.

\*The New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society is the denominational overseas mission organisation of the Baptist Churches of New Zealand. Check out website at [www.nzbms.org.nz](http://www.nzbms.org.nz). Tranzsend is the sending and ministry arm of NZBMS. Check out their website at [www.tranzsend.org.nz](http://www.tranzsend.org.nz).

## THE STUDENT

By Carley, a Tranzsend worker in South Asia

The youngest of six – one of the only two girls – born into a poor family, this young lady has not had the easiest life. Being sponsored to come to GEMS changed that life and impacted her family.

As teachers, we sometimes complained about this student's frequent absences from school and her low ability. What we didn't realise was that her family often kept her away insisting she help other family members. Her family didn't understand the importance of her attending school, believing she could be of more use at home.

When she was in Class 8, she completed a leadership course and everything changed. She set a goal to attend school every day. Keeping that goal meant having to stand up to her family, but she did it. Since then, she has gone from strength to strength (although she still struggles with maths!) and her family have slowly changed their minds about their daughter's schooling. They now encourage her and even excuse her from household

chores so she can focus on study. For a family like this, this is a huge step.

Our student is currently preparing for October's O-Level exams, the highest schooling any person in her family has ever achieved. Her aim is to make the most of the opportunity she's been given to not only help her family, but also to help her country. She has a dream of becoming a nurse, and dreams of providing some health service in schools to encourage other girls to have the courage to stand up and take their studies seriously.

It's been such an immense privilege to be a part of this young woman's life and journey a little while with her. Please join me in praying for her future and all she achieves.

## NOTICES

Music team practice after the service today

Combined service at 6 tonight at the Union Parish. All welcome!

There's no meeting this week for the Tuesday 10am home group at 90 Lindens Road.

### Happening this week

- Home groups:
  - Tuesday 7pm at 5 Amelia Cres
  - Thursday 7pm at 6 Matai Place (note the temporary change of venue)
- Youth Group on Wed 6pm at Church
- Elders Meeting on Thursday at 1pm at Church

### Looking Ahead

- Tea@10 on 12th and 26th July (Friday) at the Marina Cove. All welcome!
- TOTS Baptist Pastors Cluster Meeting on 11th July (Thursday)
- Service at Seaview Home on 17th July at 10.30am

### Any Prayer Requests?

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

## ROSTERS\*

### Cleaning

1st June ..... Lauraine Young  
 8th June ..... Bill & Mary Pettigrew  
 15th June ..... Deo & Guan Vistar  
 22nd June ..... Graham & Gwenda Galbraith  
 29th June ..... Stan & Heather Shaw

### Hosting

2nd June ..... Lauraine & Nelia (Communion)  
 9th June ..... Daniel & Allison Le Heux  
 16th June ..... Allison Le Heux (Communion)  
 23rd June ..... Stu & Ralphia Henderson  
 30th June ..... Stan & Heather Shaw (Communion)

### Music & Sound

2nd June: Deo (leading), Jude (singer), Bill (projector), Andy (sound)

9th June: Garry (leading), Ana (keyboard), Kirsty (singer), Nelia (singer), Lynette (projector), Bill P (sound)

16th June: Gwenda (leading), Graham (keyboard), Ian (singer), Gyllian (projector), Steve L (sound)

23rd June: Garry (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Bronwyn (keyboard), Kirsty (singer), Nelia (singer), Lynette (projector), Andy (sound)

30th June: Garry (leading), Judith (singer), Steve (sound)

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