

# P I C T O N Baptist Church



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"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Luke 4:18-19

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## TODAY'S SERVICE

\*Opening Song..... All together  
*My Saviour, Redeemer*

Welcome/Notices ..... Pene Sarjeant

Offering ..... All together

Offertory Music..... Ian Stewart

\*Singing..... All together

*How Great Is Our God*

*Glorify*

*O Lord We Seek Your Face*

Message ..... Dave Harris

Luke 4:16-21

\*Closing Song ..... All together

*Jesus Be the Centre*

Prayer & Benediction ..... Deo Vistar

\*Praise Team: Allison Le Heux (leading), Johannes Hacker (guitar), Graham Galbraith (keyboard), Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Pare Raj (singer), Gyllian Macdonald (projector), Steve Lavers (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.

✱ We invite you to stay for a cup of tea after the service.

## PASTORAL NOTES

**K**ia ora! Welcome! I'm glad you have joined us for worship today. Worship is what God has created us for. We have come here today for that purpose. If you are a first-time guest, I encourage you to fill out a blue visitor card.

Here are a few updates from our church family. Ian Stewart and Shona Fotheringham will be traveling to Scotland by the end of this month. Pray for travelling mercies.

Linda Ohia will also be away for a month on a journey with her family. Pray for safety.

Please take note of Mussee's new address: 31A Milton Terrace.

Georgine Raj has been discharged from the hospital this past week but continues to need our prayers and support.

Keep up your prayers for Nelson Dodge.

As discussed in the church meeting last Sunday, we are in the process of choosing a logo for our church, and we would like everyone to have a part in this. Four proposed logos are currently displayed on the bulletin board in the foyer. Have a look at them and sign your name on the one that you think is most suitable for us. You are also welcome to submit (email it to [pictonbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:pictonbaptist@gmail.com)) a design of your own – the sooner the submission the better.

My day-off this coming week will be Friday, rather than the usual Monday, as Guan and I will be in Nelson from Friday to Saturday.

Thanks to Dave Harris for giving us the Lord's message this morning. Last year PBC donated money to Citizens Against Poverty, where Dave works. His visit to us today is a thankful gesture from CAP, and to let us know better the ministry that they're doing.

## PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN MOROCCO

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

**C**onverts from Islam should no longer face the death penalty for apostasy, Morocco's highest religious authority has decreed. The High Religious Committee presided over by King Mohammed VI, made this decision last year in a dramatic move contradicting sharia (Islamic law).

Only God knows the exact number of indigenous Christians in Morocco. Estimates range between 3,000 and 8,000. The converts from Islam are mostly ethnic Berbers.

Morocco is 99% Muslim. The king claims direct descent from Muhammad, and bears the Islamic title "Commander of the Faithful." The government maintains Islam as the state religion, and does not recognise the existence of an indigenous Christian minority. The law forbids evangelism among Muslims – and many foreign missionaries caught evangelising have been expelled.

Christian converts from Islam face social, family, and cultural pressures. The authorities often do not bother Christians, provided they keep their gatherings



discreet, although some report that there is official pressure on them to recant their faith.

In June 2017, the National Coalition of Moroccan Christians submitted a list of requests to the National Human Rights Council including “the freedom of worship and the official recognition of churches in the country” and the right to use Christian names for their children.

Since the Arab Spring in 2011, King Mohammed VI has been implementing a number of political reforms.

Give thanks for the dramatic ruling by Morocco’s High Religious Committee last year, and pray that the Islamic leadership in other countries will follow this lead. Pray that the National Human Rights Committee will grant Moroccan Christians their requests and that their right to exist, worship and share their faith will be recognised. Pray that God will guide, nurture, and continue to add to the growing number of courageous Christians in Morocco. Remember that our brothers and sisters face family and societal pressures to deny Christ, and ask the Lord to give them the strength to “live a life worthy of the calling [they] have received” (Ephesians 4:1).

## NOTICES

### Prayer Chain Coordinator

We have a new prayer chain coordinator in the person of Judith Dodge (5739245). Please phone her with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

A huge thank you to Pene Sarjeant who coordinated the prayer chain for many years.

### A Thank You Note from TEARFUND

Ian McInnes, CEO of Tearfund (tearfund.org.nz), which we financially support annually, wrote to PBC this past week: “As I sit at my desk and write today I’m filled with gratitude for your support. I can’t fully convey the change your \$2,077.00 is making, the impact it’s having and the lives it’s changing. I’m humbled to tell you that together we’ve helped more than 184,000 people across 26 countries by distributing a record \$14 million in support of our partners’ inspirational work. Thank you so much.”

### Combined Churches’ Worship in Picton

It’s our turn to host and organise the combined churches’ worship on the 29th of April (Sunday) at 6pm here at PBC. Don’t miss this opportunity and pray for it.

### Elders’ Meeting

This Thursday (19th April) at 1:30pm in the church office

### Stay Connected this Week!

See below for the home groups (Bible study groups) that are on this week.

### This Week’s Events at a Glance

Tuesday 10am	Home group (Bible study) at 90 Linden’s Road	Contact Deo at 5736315
Tuesday 7pm	Home group at 5 Amelia Cres	Contact Stu at 5737769
Tuesday 7pm	Home group at 90 Lindens Road	Contact Pene at 5737785
Wednesday 6pm	Youth group in the Church Hall	Contact Mary at 5735499
Thursday 7pm	Home group (Bible study) at 12 Lincoln St	Contact Deo at 5736315
Sunday 9:30am	Prayer meeting in the Children’s Ministry Room	Contact Steve Lavers at 021 0235 5728
Sunday 10am	Church Service	Contact Deo at 5736315
Sunday 10:30am	<i>Sunday Friends</i> (Children’s Ministry)*	Contact Guan at 022 1642 782

\*Except on the last Sunday of each month

### Walk for Life: A Celebration of Life from Conception to Natural Death

21st April (Saturday) at noon (rain or shine). Starting at Nelson Cathedral Trafalgar Square. Limited space in carpark. Bring your own banners or signs in the spirit of the event. For more info phone Marie on 021 1085 988.

## ROSTERS\*

### Hosting

1 Apr .....Bill & Mary Pettigrew  
 8 Apr .....D Le Heux & Pettigrews (Communion)  
 15 Apr .....Bill & Mary Pettigrew  
 22 Apr .....A Woolf & L Price (Communion)  
 29 Apr .....L Young & N Davis

### Children’s Church Teaching

1 Apr .....Guan Vistar  
 8 Apr .....Linda Price  
 15 Apr .....Carol Tapp  
 22 Apr .....Guan Vistar  
 29 Apr .....Family worship

Note: There will be no *Sunday Friends* session on the last Sunday of each month, as we would like to provide an opportunity for children to worship with their parents.

### Music & Sound

1 Apr: Guan Vistar (leading), Judith Stretton (singer), Te Mara Riwaka (projector), Steve Lavers (sound)

8 Apr: Allison Le Heux (leading), Johannes Hacker (guitar), Graham Galbraith (keyboard), Gwenda Galbraith (singer), Judith Stretton (singer), Mihi Raj (projector)

15 Apr: Allison Le Heux (leading), Graham Galbraith, Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Pare Raj (singer), Gyllian Macdonald (projector), Steve Lavers (sound)

22 Apr: Garry Stanley (leading), Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Georgine & Mihi Raj (singers), Pare Raj (projector), Andy Baldwin (sound)

29 Apr: Guan Vistar, Ana Woolf (keyboard), Pare and Mihi Raj (singers), Lynette Stanley (projector), Andy Baldwin (sound)

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