



“I worship You, Lord, just as my mother  
did, and You have rescued me from the  
chains of death.”

Psalm 116:16 (CEV)



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## TODAY'S SERVICE

Welcome .....Deo Vistar

\*Opening Song ..... All together

Cornerstone

A Mother's Day Story

Mothers' Day by Tom Chapin

Testimonies ..... Pene Sarjeant & Minette Snyman

Highs and Lows of Motherhood

Good News Chrysanthemum ..... Volunteer Mums

\*Singing ..... All together

Broken Vessels

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer

Scripture Reading ..... Francis Taylor

Luke 2:33–35

Message ..... Deo Vistar

Thoughts on Mothering

Prayer ..... Deo Vistar

Notices ..... Bill Pettigrew

Offering ..... All together

Final Blessing ..... Deo

\*Final Song ..... All together

He's Got the Whole World

Cuppa follows

\*Led by the Music Team: Allison (leading), Graham (backing music), Jude (singer), Gyllian (projector), Bill P (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! Welcome to our special service this morning. If you are a first-time guest, I would like to ask you to fill out a blue visitor card and hand it to the welcomers or drop it in one of the offering bags.

Happy Mother's Day to you if you are a mother. Today we take the opportunity here at our church to thank God for our mums and the other mums we know, and to pray for them. We're going to reflect on mothering and by doing so hopefully remind ourselves that our heavenly Father is our ultimate parent. Mothering isn't just for God and for mums; it's for men, too, as we are all called to care for one another. May the Holy Spirit minister to our hearts today.

I have included below an update from Sarah Huntley's concerning her brother who was injured in a hit-and-run incident in Timaru some weeks ago. Continue to uphold him in your prayers.

We have a church meeting today after the service and cuppa, and I invite you all to join us.

Welcome back to Mary Pettigrew who was away in London for many weeks.

Pray for traveling mercies for Heather Shaw as she travels to England tomorrow to visit her parents.

I will be away this week from Tuesday to Friday at a retreat for Baptist Pastors and Leaders in Hamner. Pray with me for a spiritually productive time.

I will also be taking a time off this coming Sunday to visit and worship at another church; this is part of continuing growth and learning. A guest speaker will be coming to our church on the 19th to preach.

Here's a word of blessing I wish to pass on to you: "The Lord will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" (Psalm 121:7–8).

## Message from Sarah Huntley

“Thank you all for your prayers and thoughts. My brother is on the road to recovery. He has a lung infection at the moment. Will appreciate your continuing prayers.”

## Prayer Requests from the Morris (Malawi)

- 21st May: Malawi tripartite general elections. Please pray for an honest process, peace and people of integrity to be elected.
- 2nd June: Kingsley preaching at Dwangwa AEC “Big Sunday” – a giving Sunday seeking to raise funds for a church building
- Please remember in prayer our regular meeting one-on-one with people, Bible studies and relational connections. Also, please remember to pray for our practical needs.

## Prayer Requests from Kim & Mary Robertsons

- Don Chedi Church as they meet together and outreach into their families and community
- Pastor Bird and team of Suphanburi Samphan Church to grow together in love and grace
- Our OMF Thailand family as they grieve for Mrs Chortip, who served faithfully in our Bangkok HQ 40 years and passed away on April 4, after a long battle with cancer
- Provision of storage for our stuff. Our gear is stored in shipping container behind Te Atatu Baptist. The church needs the site so we need a new storage option till 2022.

## Children’s Opinions re their Mums

4 years of age: My mommy can do anything!

8 years of age: My mom knows a whole lot!

12 years of age: My mother doesn’t really know quite everything.

14 years of age: Naturally, Mother doesn’t know that either.

16 years of age: Mother? She’s hopelessly old-fashioned.

18 years of age: The old woman? She’s way out of date!

25 years of age: Well, she might know a little bit about it.

35 years of age: Before we decide, let’s get Mom’s opinion.

45 years of age: I wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

65 years of age: I wish I could talk it over with Mom.

(From: <https://ministry127.com>)

## NOTICES

### Happening this week

- Home groups: Tue 10am at 90 Lindens Rd; Tue 7pm at 90 Lindens Rd; Tue 7pm at 5 Amelia Cres; Thu 7pm at 374 Waikawa Rd. For inquiries phone 5736315. All welcome!

### Looking Ahead

- Music Team Practice Monday 13th May at 7pm at Church
- Service at Seaview Home Wednesday 15th May at 10.30am
- Tea@10 Friday 24th May in Upper Lounge, Marina Cove. All welcome!
- Newcomers Lunch Fellowship on Sunday 26th May 12.00 noon at Steve & Sue Dawson’s home (374 Waikawa Rd)
- Music Team Practice Sunday 26th May after the service at Church

### “Nations Bless Israel” Event

Christians joining to pray for Israel (note: this is not a political event). Live streaming direct from Victory Christian Centre in Auckland. Venue in Picton: Picton Library, 2 Dublin St. Date: 12th May (Sunday) 6.45pm. Contact: Pastor Julian Hawken 0210673045. All welcome!

### Any Prayer Requests?

If you have any prayer request for the prayer chain, contact Pene Sarjeant at 5737785 or 021 118 0616.

## ROSTERS\*

### Cleaning

4th May ..... Graham & Gwenda Galbraith  
11th May ..... Stan & Heather Shaw  
18th May ..... Kirsty Baldwin  
25th May ..... John & Jude Stretton

### Hosting

5th May ..... Pene & Gyllian (Communion)  
12th May ..... Steve L  
19th May ..... Stu & Ralphia (Communion)  
26th May ..... Bill & Mary P

### Music & Sound

5th May: Garry (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Bronwyn (keyboard), Kirsty (singer), Lynette (projector), Andy (sound)

12th May: Allison (leading), Ana (keyboard), Judith (singer), Gyllian (projector), Bill P (sound)

19th May: Garry (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Bronwyn (keyboard), Kirsty & Nelia (singers), Lynette (projector), Andy (sound)

26th May: Gwenda (leading), Graham (keyboard), Ian (singer), Bill (projector), Steve (sound)

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