



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



We extend a warm welcome to all who join us in worship today. May the Lord our God bless you as you hear His Word and join in prayer and praise.

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- Opening song

Rescuer

- Welcome & Notices

- Offering

- Songs

Build my Life

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer

- Message

Becoming a New Testament Church

Matthew 16.13–18

- Song

Cornerstone

- Prayer & blessing

- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Please join us for a shared lunch after the service.

Dear all

Thank you for praying for me and my family as we went away on holiday. We had a wonderful time as a family. We enjoyed God's beautiful creation in the west coast of the South Island. New Zealand is truly a beautiful place and we feel so blessed to be able to call it home.

I've been blessed and encouraged this week by what the church is doing (what the Lord is doing through His church) in those places in the world where people are struggling with the coronavirus pandemic. The church is being a source of calm, hope and help. Coronavirus has become God's opportunity to send His blessings to the needy, and the channel of those blessings is the church. Let me share with you the words of Pastor Benny Ho of Faith Community Church (Perth):

"If we respond to this crisis correctly, it can turn out to be a defining moment of discipleship for our nation. In the face of imminent dangers, our priorities are rearranged. This is a great opportunity to have deep conversations about what we are living for. Are we merely existing, or are truly living? Are we living for the right stuff? Are we marching to the right drumbeat? Are we governed by biblical or worldly values? Are we living for what really matters?"

We pray that God would continue to keep NZ safe from coronavirus. But we need to be prepared to act in faith and action if a crisis also comes here.

Today we're going to look at Matthew 16.13–18 and reflect on what the New Testament church was like. If we want to grow like the New Testament church

did, we need to know what the New Testament church was like and learn from them. I pray that this message would bless you in your faith and walk with God, and bless us all as a church community.

Go well and be a blessing,
Deo

HAPPENING TODAY

- **Messy Church Team Meeting**
At 4pm today at Church

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- **Homegroups:**
 - Tuesday 10am at 90 Lindens Rd (contact Deo 022 421 1405)
 - Tuesday 7pm at 90 Lindens Rd (contact Lynette 027 500 1517)
 - Thursday 7pm at 374 Waikawa Rd (contact Steve 021 688 071) studying the book of Daniel
- **Worship Service** at Seaview Home on Wednesday at 10.30am
- **Youth Group** on Wednesday 6pm at Church (contact Mary 021 025 79092)

LOOKING AHEAD

- **A Special Service** with Dr Sasha Tutserov speaking (visiting from Russia), next Sunday (the 22nd)
- **Messy Church**
Next Sunday (the 22nd), 4–6pm at Church. All welcome.
- **Prayer Walk Picton**
The combined churches will prayer walk the streets of our town on 31 March to 5 April (the week before Easter). Each church has an

assigned section of the town; PBC's assignment is from Ranui St through to the whole of Waikawa. If you're keen to participate and want to know more, please write your name in the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

- **Picton Churches Combined Service**
Sunday 29 March at 6pm at the Union Parish. Everyone is welcome. Offerings will be collected and donated to Vinnies Food Parcels.
- **Church Family Quarterly Meeting**
Sunday 5th April after the service and shared lunch. This is a good opportunity to reflect and discern together the Lord's leading for our church and ministry.
- **Cross Procession in town on Good Friday** (10th April). This is a ministry of the Combined Churches. Everyone is welcome! Assemble at the Anglican Church at 11.30am.
- **Easter Sunrise Service** on 12th April at 7am on the foreshore. This is also a ministry of the Combined Churches. Please note that PBC will also have our own Easter Service (see below).
- **PBC All-Age Easter Service: "Jesus is Alive!"**
The 12th of April at 10am at Church. Come and bring along your friends or family, and let's celebrate the fact that because Christ died for us and rose again, our sins can be forgiven, we can know God as Father and we have a future hope.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to pray for you. Do you have a special need, concern, temptation, or heartache? Or do you know someone who does? Our prayer team is ready to pray on your behalf. If you have any prayer requests for the Prayer Chain, phone Lynn Whitlock at 573 8858 or 027 733 9558 or email clive.lynn.whitlock@gmail.com

SERVING AT PBC*

Cleaning

29 Feb Kirsty
7 March Lauraine Young
14 March Kirsty
21 March Stan & Heather
28 March Deo & Guan

Hosting

1 March Daniel & Allison
8 March Lauraine Young (Communion)
15 March Linda & Ana
22 March Stan & Heather (Communion)
29 March Daniel & Allison

Music & Sound

1 March: Jonathan (leading & guitar), Bronwyn (keyboard), Nelia (singer), Lynette (projector), Andy (sound)
8 March: Garry (leading), Judith & Minette (singers), Lynette (projector), Bill (sound)
15 March: Allison (leading), Nelia (singer), Lynette (projector), Bill (sound)
22 March: Bronwyn (leading), Jonathan (guitar), Nelia (singer), Lynette (projector), Gerald (sound)
29 March: Guan (leading), Minette (singer), Gyllian (projector), Bill (sound)

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

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