

MESSENGER

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Greyfriars

Presbyterian Church

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A NEW CHAPTER—A NEW BEGINNING

This year sees Greyfriars step into a new chapter in its journey with God. Your senior pastor has moved on to his next chapter and your Ministry Settlement Board are hard at work praying, planning, discussing and trying to determine the mind of God for the future shape of the church and the make-up of the best possible team for this new chapter. The Ministry Settlement Board needs your input, trust, support and prayer.

This can be a time of strengthening and consolidation for your church if you use this time of transition wisely. It can also be a time where Satan can come in to cause division, suspicion and disunity. Be on your guard and take personal responsibility to make Greyfriars a positive, encouraging and loving family church. God's desire for his church is that it be united in a love for Christ, his word, and a concern for one another. Jesus prayed about this very subject in the high priestly prayer of John 17:20-23 "*I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*"

The Apostle Paul called the church repeatedly to harmony, unity and oneness. One of the greatest passages to be found in all the Scriptures on this subject was written in Eph 4:2-3 *“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”* To break the unity of a church is to break Christ’s heart and to do the work of him who is the destroyer.

These next months hold such promise for a new beginning. Work hard to preserve the unity of the church for which our Lord and Master shed his blood.

Yours in Christ

Ben Dykman
(Chairman of the Ministry Settlement Board)



COMMUNITY MINISTER



Good morning and Happy New Year Greyfriars.

As you can see, the Praise and Worship team and I are not at Church. This weekend is our annual Praise and Worship camp and at Matarangi. We are praying for you and also for our mission of this team for this year. We are evaluating and looking at our goals and achievements for last year and looking at ways of improving and seeking God's direction for this ministry in Greyfriars. Please pray for us.

I want to say thank you to our church for the wonderful send off that we gave to Rob and Christene Yule last Sunday. There was a good turn out considering it was Anniversary Weekend and those who spoke at the service spoke sincerely and honestly. Thank you Greyfriars. This is what makes our church a welcoming church.

This year is going to be a year of challenges on many home fronts. I want to ask for your patience with our leadership team and I want to ask for your co-operation as we seek God's guidance for our way ahead. Please look out for the times when the church will be called to share their visions for the ministry at Greyfriars. This will help the MSB (Ministry Settlement Board) as they deliberate, pray and seek God's counselling.

I will say this also, that this is an exciting time for our church. Lofi and I are starting homegroups in South Auckland and West Auckland. The South Auckland homegroup will be at the home of Edmond and Leah Huch and this will begin on Thursday the 18th February. The West Auckland homegroup will be at the home of Ben and Ianeta Peau and will commence on Thursday 25th February. The North Shore homegroup begins Monday 15th February. My intention is that after a year of leading these homegroups, each homegroup will then elect their own leaders for the following year and Lofi and I will begin other homegroups.

Please pray for our Ministry Settlement Board, Playgroups, Homegroups, Church Committees, and may God bless you until we meet each other again.

Tofa soifua ma ia manuia ona o Iesu.

Ron Lau'ese
Community Minister

KOREAN MINISTER



It is already February and I know it is quite late to say Happy New Year to you all, but would like to say HAPPY NEW YEAR anyway because it is first Messenger for the year.

Last year was a very busy year because we had a very active young adult group and also started an English Bible study with other Asians.

At the moment we have 32 Korean members which include children and they are facing a new journey this year as I may move for a new opportunity. It is sad but it would be inevitable because of the various circumstances I am facing.

I would like to ask you to pray for our Korean group and also for myself. The Korean group have appreciated your brotherhood in Jesus Christ and want to continue the special journey with you in order to build a multi-cultural community at Greyfriars. However, they have a great challenge to overcomethe language barrier. So they will need your support and prayer.

God bless you all.

Junghun Choi
Korean Minister

YOUTH HAPPENINGS



From the desk of the Youth Pastor...

Over the last week I've noticed more and more school uniforms cropping up. So if school is back on, it must mean that youth group and everything else youthful is about to start up again for another year.

Live@Five is seeing some big changes this year. At the end of last year after a lot of talking, and thinking and feedback, we decided to move youth group to Wednesday nights and to move it back to having it at church.

So from Wednesday, February 10th, from 7pm to 9pm Youth Group will be back meeting in the Memorial Hall. The theme for Term 1 is Rebuilding. With younger ones coming in and older ones moving on, and the changes going on, it's definitely a new year for youth group. It's a time for the youth to get to know one another, and for them to get to know the leaders. We're starting the year off with a Pizza night.

Glow is also starting up soon on February 19th. The leaders have met together to plan the first term, and it's all about doing things BIG. We're having a BIG food night, a BIG Sports night... it's all about BIG.

The Evening Service is also set to resume on February 14th. A group of us have been meeting for a couple of months now to plan the evening services for 2010 and to think about what it means to worship God in the evening at Greyfriars. As February 14th is a Communion Sunday, we're starting off by eating a meal together. This will be a Pot-Luck dinner in Memorial Hall which will contain the sacramental elements of Communion while we eat together. We'd love to see you all there.

I've spent the last few days on Great Barrier Island on a course called *Going Further* which is being run by the Knox School of Ministry. This course is part discipleship training, part spiritual retreat, and part theological training. You can ask me how it went when you see me.

God bless

Simon

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Hello everyone! Welcome to Greyfriars Sunday School report for 2009.

We had 4 regular terms (Bible Studies and activities), 3 Prizegiving days (two times in McKinney Hall and once in the Church), 3 movie screenings (we saw two different movies at same screening as the age group), 11 Kidz Café Services, and 1 White Sunday.

We have about 40 children who attend Sunday School from various multi-cultures (European 25%, Pacific Island 50% and Korean 25%). Up until now we have had an 'all-age' combined Sunday School but from Term 1 2010, we will start with praising and preaching together, then divide into four small groups in different ages. JBC will now be part of Sunday School from Term 1 this year.

God commanded Israelites 'Impress them (God's words) on your children!' (Deuteronomy 6:7).

I will remind myself of this every Sunday as I believe this is my mission from God.

I am looking for three more helpers to come forward to help with Sunday School this year. This will enable each group to have their own Sunday School teacher. Jesus is asking you..... 'Would you do with me for my children?' Please pray for people to come forward and help.

Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.
John 4:35

Seong Sil Jang
Children and Families Pastor

Church Council Report

The December Church Council meeting didn't go as planned. It was supposed to incorporate a celebration, thanking Pat McKinney for all the wonderful work she does in the church office, and saying farewell to Rob Yule from the Church Council. We planned to start early with some drinks and nibbles, and had gifts and flowers ready to present to our special people. On the night Pat McKinney wasn't able to attend due to an unexpected event and Rob was in hospital. Somehow drinks and nibbles don't taste as good when the guests are missing! Rob Kirkpatrick delivered Pat's gift to her at home (thank you Rob), and Chris Yule arrived from the hospital just as the meeting was finishing so we were able to hear the latest news about Rob.

The rest of the meeting was focussed on receiving reports and planning for the beginning of 2010.

In December two infants were baptised and two adults joined the church by profession of faith. In January two more adults joined the church – one by baptism and one by renewal of faith.

Ministry Settlement Board Report

How do ten busy people who live from Remuera to West Auckland share information in the most effective way? Emails are wonderful but as time passes it can be difficult to keep track of the various strings of messages. Malcolm Mackay has created a very simple web site for the Board. It is password-protected and only available to the Board because it is designed as a place where we can share information with each other. We have begun populating it with blogs (messages to the rest of the team) and documents. Already it is becoming a valuable resource for us as we gather reference materials and begin drafting documents that will become part of the profile of Greyfriars.

During summer we met just once. Ben Dykman, our Convenor, was on leave, so Stuart Lange chaired the meeting. We began with introductions because Heather Coster, the third representative appointed by Presbytery, hadn't met most of us. We then spent most of the meeting working on a SWOT analysis. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.

Our next meeting is to be held on the 25th February – the 4th Tuesday evening of the month.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND GREYFRIARS

News from the Office



Welcome to 2010 and an '*interesting*' year ahead for Greyfriars. (That's my *word* for the year anyway.)

It is important that we are a unified church this year, each one of us taking responsibility to pray, to show love to one another and to help in any way that we can to the glory of our God Almighty. If we are all '*one*' with our God, our church will see such an explosion in faith. We must continually pray for the Ministry Settlement Board as they meet together as well as giving them our support and encouragement at all times.

I hope that Rob and Chris have started to settle into their new home in Palmerston North. It will be a huge change for them both but I am sure God has a plan for them. If you would like to drop them a line they would love to hear from you.

Their address is: 17A Ward Street, Palmerston North, 4410
(Ph: 06 951 0011).

Email: (Rob) robyule@clear.net
(Chris) yule@clear.net

With this edition being the first for the year I have to do my *usual* plea to you all about helping in some small way around the church. If you feel you could help in one of the following please just give me a call, or just drop me an email (office@greyfriars.org.nz):

- Door duty
- Prayers
- Reading
- Powerpoint
- Sound desk
- Morning tea duty
- Creche (also need a Convenor for this urgently)
- Sunday School
- Playgroup

Have you thought about belonging to a Homegroup? It is such a good way of getting to know other people from within our congregation. Our Homegroup have been together now for at least 5 years and have we have become very close friends. We take it in turn to *host* at each of our homes and whoever hosts, leads. It works really well. We also have a prayer notebook and at the end of each evening we go round and ask for prayer requests. Most of our prayer requests are answered. If you are interested in joining, or starting up a homegroup, please give Rachel Mackay a ring.

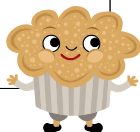
Don't forget I would love to receive articles to 'pop' in the Messenger. Just send them by email to me: office@greyfriars.org.nz

Blessings to you all.

Pat McKinney

The MISSIONS PRAYER LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday 14th February 2010 at David and Fiona Baylis's home (35 Littlejohn Street, Hillsborough Ph: 625 5222) for lunch at approximately 12.30 p.m. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. You are most welcome to come along and we look forward to seeing some 'new faces'

MUMS AND MUFFINS meet for the first time this year on Monday 1st March at Jeanette Kirkpatrick's home, 79 Onslow Avenue, Epsom at 10 a.m. *All mums and littlies are welcome.*
Ph: Jeanette on 630 1703 for any enquiries.



Condolences

Over the Christmas holiday break John Brownlie's brother, Douglas passed away. Our deepest sympathy is extended to John and Lesley Brownlie and their extended families.

Our love is also extended to Robert Dalzell who lost his very dear friend, Kerry during the holiday break.

CHIT CHAT commences again at Pam Jackson's home, 274 St Andrews Road, Epsom (Ph: 625 1312):
Date: Wednesday 3rd March 2010
Time: 7.30 p.m.
All women of Greyfriars welcome.

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:

Please change in your directory:

David Bayliss has a new cellphone number..... 0221 065075.

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(Rob) robyule@clear.net
(Chris) yule@clear.net

Psalm 23 for the Workplace

The Lord is my real Boss, and I shall not want.

He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.

He gently reminds me to pray and do all things without murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my employer.

He restores my sanity everyday and guides my decisions that I might honor Him in all that I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of e-mails, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning, I still will not stop — for He is with me!

His presence, His peace, and His power will see me through.

He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me.

He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go.

His faithfulness and love is better than any bonus check.

His retirement plan beats any there is!

When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer

And for that, I BLESS HIS NAME!!!!!!

Author Unknown

Looking Back, Pressing On

Rob Yule reflects on a lifetime of ministry
(Hebrews 10:32-39)

*This is the text of former minister Rob Yule's final message
to Greyfriars' Classical Service, preached on 13 December 2009.*

I am profoundly grateful for a godly heritage. I am a third generation Presbyterian minister, following my grandfather George and father Morris. My maternal grandfather, Thomas Miller, was also a Presbyterian minister.

Yet my entire ministry has been lived in the shadow of secularism and responding to its challenge.

I began to study for the ministry at the Theological Hall, Knox College, Dunedin, in 1966, when the Geering controversy erupted.

Lloyd Geering, Professor of Old Testament and Principal of the Hall, denied the bodily resurrection, suggesting the bones of Jesus might one day be found in Palestine. I felt the matter should have been handled differently - leaving him as Old Testament Professor but removing him from the Principalship. Having a heresy trial only made a martyr of him, and made the Presbyterian Church look like the Inquisition.

My ministry divides into the four places where we have lived: Wellington, Christchurch, Palmerston North and Auckland.

Wellington

I had the privilege of becoming a chaplain at Victoria University of Wellington in 1973, at the height of the Jesus' People Movement. The campus then was not just Marxist, but Maoist. Next to the Christians, the most persecuted group were the Socialist Unity Party, the Trotskyites, who used to travel to Palmerston North each week to evangelise the masses at Massey University!

I experienced mild persecution myself. The door to the chaplaincy office would be flung open by radical members of the Students Association to make it clear we were not welcome! Some years later when the stationery officer discovered the chaplaincy got no support whatever from the university, he made a point of slipping the odd realm of paper in our direction!

Christene and I worked on behalf of Christians persecuted for the faith in Communist countries, heading up the New Zealand Society for the Study of Religion and Communism (later Keston College). The left didn't want to know about the injustices of Communist regimes.

I became convener of the Presbyterian Church's International Relations Committee. My 1978 report on the genocide in Cambodia was the earliest to appear in New Zealand - six years before David Puttnam's film *The Killing Fields* began to make it a more popular concern.

Christchurch

Leaving Kelburn in 1979 for the boring plains and gravel pits of Hornby was a tough cultural change. Hornby was a very busy parish, with five primary schools, one intermediate school, one high school, two prisons, a psychopedic hospital, lots of funerals, three services a Sunday. Many weeks I was bone-weary.

We suffered a massive church split - or really two splits. Firstly the Pentecostals left. Then, when I wouldn't drop the Holy Spirit because its more enthusiastic advocates had gone, the Reformed and Orthodox Presbyterians left as well.

Out of that darkness I sought the Lord. He answered with personal renewal, and renewal of the church. Christene and I experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church in the space of just a few years was transformed from a gathered group with little relationship to its community into what is now the flagship community church in the Presbyterian movement.

Later I joked that God looked down and asked, 'How can I change this little priestling and intellectual? How can I change this self-satisfied and inward-looking church? I know - I'll put them together and see how they get on!'

It was like two galaxies colliding! The shock waves can still be felt twenty five years later! We benefited from the help and input of many visiting ministries in those years: the Catholic monk Ces Denehey, the Wescombe family, Delores Winder, Jonathan Boyd. Jonathan was an itinerant Pentecostal prophet with a social justice focus, who prophesied the downfall of the Muldoon Government! In his final meeting at Hornby he got so excited he broke the pulpit shelf!

Hornby was a wonderful place for our family to grow up, in spite of the pressures on the manse, which was only twenty metres from the church. We bought a caravan to get away occasionally to survive.

Getting a church office was one of the major changes I introduced, but it didn't come easily. 'Why does he want a phone in the church,' said the father of the Session Clerk. 'There's a perfectly good one in the manse!'

I got so desperate I went into a storeroom designated for a men's toilet and prayed a Jonggi Cho kind of prayer in which I envisaged an office existing! It came to pass - just as I envisaged it! It took the pressure off the manse, weaned the church from minister dependence, and released the church to grow.

Palmerston North

In 1987 we were called to come urgently to St. Albans, Palmerston North, which was imploding rapidly. Where I had to pay the price of renewal at Hornby, my predecessor, John Niven, had already done so at St. Albans. On the day of my arrival Phil Rolston, the tall, bearded Church Secretary, said prophetically that I wouldn't bring anything new, 'just cause what was already here to fizz - like a chemical reagent!' God providentially arranged that my new experience of the Holy Spirit was distributed over two churches, not just one.

Preparing for my first service, I debated whether to drip feed my vision, or Beethoven-style, announce it on my opening Sunday. I opted for the latter. I shared that God wanted St. Albans to focus on three things: 'A ministry of discipling and renewal in the Holy Spirit, building on the legacy of my predecessor; an educational ministry, in partnership with the Bible College Manawatu Branch; and an evangelistic ministry, taking ministry teams on trips to other centres.'

It was just the cue the church was waiting for. St. Albans agreed to make permanent its hosting of the new branch Bible College, authorised joint-use of our offices, and commissioned the construction of an adjoining hall for the use of the church and for Bible College lectures.

I led mission trips to Gisborne, New Plymouth, Tokoroa, Rotorua, and even as far away as Edendale in Southland.

During my years in St. Albans the discipling and renewal ministry took off. I did 169 believer baptisms. I've never known anything nearer to revival than in the years 1989-1991. There were about 150 young people in the youth ministry, 90 of them Massey students. The love and commitment was beautiful.

For ten weeks we ran an outreach in a rundown building in Coleman Mall, just off the square. A young chap was converted there who started a missions support group that grew to around 25 members. I received a stunning prophecy: 'What I am giving you is for export only. Has not my Son said to you: "Give, and It will be given unto you." If you continue to give, I will continue to give to you. If you stop giving, I will stop giving to you.'

Those young people went all over the world - the most remarkable missions outreach I have seen from any local church. I had three mission trips to Central Europe after the fall of Communism, and six other people from St. Albans followed me to the Czech Republic. A couple went to West Africa, another couple to Morocco, another to New Delhi, another to remote northwest China. One chap heads up Operation Mobilisation's work in a region of the Middle East, another runs OM's entire IT operation.

Moderator

For the last two years of my ministry at St. Albans, 2000-2002, I was Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. This came just as our building project resource consent was declined and we had to appeal it in the Environment Court. We invited Rev. Steve Jourdain from Dannevirke to help run the church and front the building project, to release me for the extensive travelling involved in being Presbyterian Moderator.

I had the privilege of chairing the most positive General Assembly for many years, travelled from the Marsden Cross in the Bay of Islands to Oban on Stewart Island, and visited England, Niue and the Cook Islands.

In one two-week visit to South Canterbury and North Otago I travelled 1,220 kilometres, slept in eight different beds, spoken at twenty four speaking engagements, gave five media interviews including an hour-long interview for *Metro*, and at the request of the locals visited my birthplace, Ranfurly in Central Otago. It's little wonder, looking back, that I suffered a heart attack in January 2002.

Auckland

Greyfriars Church, Mt. Eden, had called me the previous month. I had said I couldn't come till the end of 2002, when my Moderatorship was over.

After my heart attack I wrote and said, 'I'm not the man you called. You should feel free to reconsider.'

Greyfriars wrote back, 'We'd still like you to come, but we'll get a second minister to help you.'

So I came here at the beginning of 2003, saying that I could serve you till the end of 2009 - the year in which I turn 65.

You may not realise how difficult things were when I came here. The Board of Managers had given a computer contract to one of their members. He'd sub-let it to a boarder who I discovered had done time in Paremoremo, where he contrived to get himself put in charge of the prison computer system and had locked the staff out of it! It was five weeks before I got into my church computer.

We had weeks of problems with the manse security system conflicting with the manse telephone system. I was on a dial-up modem and our communications were blocked for days on end.

Someone had a vision of me in the pulpit with a noose around my neck. That's what it felt like - as if my ability to communicate was being throttled.

Coming to Greyfriars without a family as an extension of my ministry made me feel like an amputee. In my previous church our whole family was involved in music and worship - and communicated my values and convictions about church life. When I came to Greyfriars the children had left home and Chris was teaching, so my ministry was a more solitary one. I found it difficult to model teamwork - especially in a church with many strong individuals with fixed ideas how to do things.

Does God withhold his signs and encouragements as we get older in the faith? Does he test our faith? I've found myself wondering in more recent years. Compared with what I experienced in my earlier ministry, I've found this a more difficult stage of life, with fewer tokens to encourage me.

When a building is nearing completion the supports and scaffolding are removed. Similarly as we get older I suspect that God removes the external supports we relied on when we were younger in the faith. Like the dark night that Mother Teresa's letters reveal of her last years, or the description of Moses in the book of Hebrews, we have 'to endure as seeing him who is invisible' (Hebrews 10:27, AV).

In my last Classical Service, I want to thank you for the privilege of being your minister, and encourage you to keep the faith. As the writer to the Hebrews says:

'Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.' (Hebrews 10:35-36).

OFFERING REPORT:

	YTD JAN ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET 7 MTHS	WEEKLY AVERAGE ACTUAL YTD JAN	WEEKLY AVERAGE ACTUAL YTD NOV	WEEK AVERAGE BUDGET
GENERAL FUNDS	\$163,437	\$180,600	\$5,448	\$5,515	\$6,020
MISSIONARY FUNDS	\$ 13,759	\$ 20,760	\$ 459	\$ 504	\$ 692

We have some offering envelopes being returned without the donors identifying number. For year-end tax receipt calculations, donation envelopes must have the donors unique number.

Could you please ensure, when you place your envelope in the offering, that your number is on the envelope. If this has happened in the past, please contact Pat in the office so she can identify your number. Thanks.

New Wine

Bryan and Janet Thompson attended the New Wine Conference held at Totara Springs, Matamata during January 2010

Would you like to have:

- great teaching?
- inspiring worship?
- healing ministry?
- fellowship and friendship with other Christians?

then the *New Wine Conference* is for you!

In January Bryan and I attended the New Wine Conference at Totara Springs in Matamata. We heard national and international speakers bring God's word. David Parker from California was one of the speakers and his theme was 'Leaning into the Spirit'.

A children's programme and a youth programme were run at the same time as the adult programme so all the different age groups were being ministered to at the same time. These programmes ran each morning and evening, so that the afternoons were free for family time or to attend specialist workshops.

A large group of trained people were available after each session to pray with those requiring ministry. Some of the team visited Greyfriars last September. On some occasions the whole congregation was up the front being ministered to, or ministering to others.

Accommodation ranged from bring your own tents and camper vans, to bunk rooms and motel units on site. There were also plenty of good quality motel units in the town of Matamata which was only ten minutes away. Food was served from a large kitchen that was used to catering for large crowds.

Whether you went for one or the four days was optional. We met up with old friends and made new ones.

A family holiday for the next conference in January might be something to think about for a great time.

Janet Thompson

Flowers
reflect personality
provide inspiration
and a sense of God's purpose

If you would like to contribute please
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06 February	Helen Totua Ph: 629 2785
13 February	Tualofa Totua Ph: 625 7921
20 February	Tualofa Totua Ph: 625 7921
27 February	Tessa Henry Ph: 625 7921
06 March	Tessa Henry Ph: 625 7921

Flower of the month

The flower of the month is the iris. The warm, deep colour of the iris is a harbinger of the luxuries of spring, as we know February has long been a month known for romance and love. The iris comes a few colours including cool blue and snowy white, remembrances of winter. The iris flower meaning are faith, wisdom, and hope. The iris is a beautiful and meaningful gift. An alternate February flower of the month.



There are hundreds of species of the iris. The iris is a perennial herb. An iris can be grown from a creeping rhizomes or a bulb. The bulb is usually used in drier climates. The iris has been valued since ancient times. There is a flower on the sphinx in Egypt believed to be an iris. Another iris appears on a bas-relief from the 28th Egyptian Dynasty. In ancient times iris roots were used in perfume and medicine. The fleur-de-lis is a stylized iris, which was used much in heraldry. The iris, is Greek for "rainbow".

GREYFRIARS COUNSELLING SERVICE

The counselling service has begun again in this new year. Clients from last year are beginning to come back after the holiday break.

A new contract began at the end of last year with EAP which is an organization that refers clients that have been sent by their employers for counselling. This can be work place or personal problems. Another aspect of EAP counselling is in the area of critical incident work. This is where I am called onto a work site when a critical incident has occurred. EAP stands for employer assisted programme.



This organization plus several other contracts pay the top rate which makes it possible for clients on a lower income to be offered a sliding scale of fees based on their incomes. This means that clients who would not be able to afford counselling can take advantage of lower rates per session.

A session is for one hour and is held in the counselling room which is at the end of the corridor in the church. Entrance is gained through the bell tower entrance. Come and have a look at what has been set up to make this a comfortable place for this ministry.

People from the community as well as Christians use this counselling service. It is a confidential service. As a member of the NZ Counselors Association (NZAC) I am required to have regular supervision and undertake on going professional development.

Janet Thompson
Professional Counsellor

GREYFRIARS LIBRARY

Don't forget to take a look at our well-stocked library which can be found in the vestibule at the back of the Church.

Elizabeth Paton-Simpson does a wonderful job looking after our library, making sure we have some good books to read.

If you wish to borrow a book, just write your name, telephone number and date you take the book/s out, in the '*Borrower's Book*'.

We are extremely lucky to have such a resource that we can use.

This is such a great thing to know about that I am putting it in the Messenger once again—just in case someone didn't get a copy of the December issue.

SALVATION ARMY EZEE MEALS

Auckland City Community Ministries
691 Mt Albert Road
Royal Oak Auckland
Ph: (09) 625 7940
Fax (09) 625 6045

Hours:

Mondays—Friday 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Home delivery available Tuesdays and Thursdays (\$5.00 charge per order)

Ezee Meals are the ideal meal choice for everyone. As well as the elderly, disabled or those on the road to recovery, they are also handy for busy people and students because they are convenient, easy on the pocket and have a higher nutritional value than most fast food options you'll find.

Good for you—and tasty too!

NO added salt

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HIGH on taste

Price: \$7.50 (main meals) \$5.00 (smaller meals) \$3.50 (desserts)

MENU

Main meals:

Roast Beef
Roast Lamb
Roast Pork
Roast Chicken
Corned Silverside
Beef Casserole
Beef Lasagne
Braised Sausages
Braised Lamb's Fry
Roast Turkey with Cranberry

Smaller Meals:

Macaroni Cheese
Cottage Pie
Lamb Curry
Chicken and Coconut Rice
Potato and Fish Mornay
Chicken Casserole
Vegetarian Nut Loaf
Vegetable Omelette
Savoury Mince
Crumbed Fish

Desserts:

Ginger Pudding and Custard
Fruit Crumble and Custard
Cheesecake
Rice Pudding
Stewed Fruit and Custard
Apricot Rice Pudding (Diabetic)
Bread and Butter Pudding (Diabetic)
Italian Trifle

Sunday Services at Greyfriars

07 February 2010		9.30 a.m. Family Service—John Hodgson 10.30 a.m. Korean Service—Junghun Choi
14 February	† † † †	9.00 a.m. Classical Service—Ron Lau'ese 10.30 a.m. Contemporary Service—Ron Lau'ese Korean congregation will join Contemporary Service 7.00 p.m. Evening Service—Simon Mahoney
21 February		9.00 a.m. Classical Service—Simon Mahoney 10.30 a.m. Contemporary Service—Ron Lau'ese 10.30 a.m. Korean Service—Junghun Choi 7.00 p.m. Evening Service—Simon Mahoney
28 February		9.00 a.m. Classical Service—Junghun Choi 10.30 a.m. Contemporary Service—Ron Lau'ese Korean congregation will join Contemporary Service 7.00 p.m. Evening Service—Simon Mahoney
07 March		9.00 a.m. Classical Service—Gray Paterson 10.30 a.m. Café Service—Ron Lau'ese 10.30 a.m. Korean Service—Junghun Choi 7.00 p.m. Evening Service—Simon Mahoney

† Communion

On Café Service Sundays, the Korean Service is held in the Church.

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