

Greyfriars

Eden Epsom Presbyterian Church

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 26 June, Mt Eden

10:30 onsite & YouTube Livestreaming



The Sunday theme is Shining Like Stars

***Welcome to our church today.
We pray that God will bless you richly.***

*Nau mai ki to tatou ahi i tenei ra.
inoi tatou e ka manaaki rahi koutou Atua
(Maori)*

We pray God will bless you richly.

Living in Love

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. John Malcolm will be preaching
“Shining Like Stars”

Sunday 26 June 10:30am onsite @ Mt Eden

Kidstalk:

Prayer: Mary Tucker

Reader: Lauren De Chalain

Bible reading: Philippians 2:1–18

10:30am YouTube Live Stream Service – Sunday 26 June

via church website	https://www.greyfriars.org.nz/sunday.html
via YouTube	https://www.youtube.com search Greyfriars Eden Epsom Presbyterian Church channel

Children will begin with the congregation for Kidstalk, and then meet in the McKinney Hall.

*Morning tea will be served following today’s service.
Our **Welcome** information is available at the rear of the church.*

If you are a visitor/guest with us today and would like to speak with our Minister, John Malcolm is available at morning tea.

We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming here today. We pray that you will feel God’s Spirit in our service.

Please introduce yourself and give us the pleasure of meeting you. And come again!

NOTE FROM PATIENCE:

NOTICE

Dear Greyfriars Family,

Over the past six weeks 15 to 20 young people have been turning up for the youth alpha series at Greyfriars and there is evidence of a spiritual awakening in their hearts and minds. These young people will be going away for an alpha weekend to Waiheke Island 15th -17th June 2022. Two thirds of the cost of camp is catered for by funds raised from the youth auction and payments to be made by the youth. We require an additional one third which is an extra \$1100 to be able to send all 20 young people to the camp at a subsidized rate. Please prayerfully consider supporting the youth by donating to meet the shortfall of \$1100. God reward your giving and may the hearts of our young ones be stayed on Christ.

If you wish to make a donation towards the Alpha Camp, please make your donation directly into the church account: **ASB 12-3069-0259380-02**. And give it the reference Alpha or contact the church office.

Please
Wear a well-fitted mask



at all times within the buildings

All people from year four

Thank You!

Charlie Smith Memorial Can Day

3rd July 2022

Each year, the Greyfriars Eden Epsom church holds Charlie Smith Memorial Can Day for the Presbyterian Support Northern Foodbank.



Do you know the story behind why we chose to remember Charlie by holding Can Day each year? For those who have never known, or for those who have forgotten we thought it worth including the story.

Charlie Smith had turned up at church one day and was welcomed, people talked to him, and he stayed, attending almost every church service until he passed away 25 years later. Members visited him and helped him to understand the gospel.

While it may have been difficult for Charlie to articulate the gospel, his faithful attendance at church was a strong witness to his faith. Charlie wasn't exactly a loner, but he lived on the fringe of society, in a boarding house, not conforming to the patterns of life or the social norms we generally expect. We never knew the factors that shaped his life, that led to his needs, his frustrations and sometime anger. However, his faith in Jesus was a strong anchor.

In his last weeks of life, when he was admitted to hospital and was asked for his next of kin, he said Greyfriars Church. We were his church family, his spiritual next of kin. In one sense listing us as his next of kin was a witness to his faith, the friendships he had with us, and how he felt at home here in this church. In another sense it was a challenge, as I am sure we each felt we could have done more for him.

One could look at Charlie and place him among those who are the least in society... one of the hungry, the thirsty and the needy. However, it



is true to say, we as a church needed Charlie more than he needed us, as through him we were able to serve the Lord, feeding him, clothing him and caring for him when he was sick. Perhaps when we were tempted to think Charlie was a drain on our time and resources, he was unknowingly providing us with an opportunity to show our love to Jesus through one of the least of his brothers. There was a challenge for us in Charlie's death - how shall we feed, clothe and care for Jesus now? How could we help those with no strong anchors in their lives to find the anchors of the faith in Jesus, belonging to his church and being part of his family?

This challenge continues, so each year, we hold the Charlie Smith Memorial Can day to remind us.

Kidzone will visit the Northern Presbytery Foodbank on 10th July. We invite you to bring your support on Charlie Smith Memorial Can Day on 3rd July. This year we are not limited to cans but also welcome different items including nappies, food parcels, bathroom stuff etc.

KIDZONE is learning about the famine in the story of Joseph. God invited Joseph to be part of his great plan in saving many lives through Egypt.



We are invited to be part of God's great story by helping those in need in Auckland!

Are you able to help us (KIDZONE) buy or give resources to families and people who need them this winter?

Kidzone is gifting and visiting the Northern Presbytery Foodbank on 10th JULY. If you are able to support, please bring your items on Charlie can day on 3rd July

- *Nappies
- *Food parcels items
- FOR EXAMPLE
- | BATHROOM stuff | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| • tooth brush | • Biscuits |
| • towels | • milk powder |
| • Hand Sanitiser | • Dried pasta |
| • Tooth paste | • chocolate treats |
| • Toilet paper | • Hot chocolate |
| • Tissues | • chocolate / Flavored milk |



ZED

July 1st

Indoor games

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- *Heads up*
 - *Sardeens*
 - *Winter food surprise...*
can you guess? The
picture= a clue



SUPERHERO

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**GREYFRIARS
CHURCH**

**11-15TH
JULY 2022**

**A STORM OF FUN ACTIVITIES,
GAMES, MEANINGFUL LEARNING ABOUT GOD,
TEAM CHALLENGES, INDOOR GAMES, SMALL GROUPS, CRAFTS,
COOKIE DECORATING AND SO MUCH MORE!**

TIME: 9 AM TO 3:30 PM - AGE: PRIMARY SCHOOL (5-11 YEARS)

COST: \$22 PER DAY FOR EACH CHILD

EARLYBIRD COST: \$95 IF YOU BOOK ALL 5 DAYS BEFORE WEDNESDAY 22ND OF JUNE!

AFTERCARE: \$15 EXTRA PER DAY FOR EACH CHILD

**MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS ARE PROVIDED
BUT CHILDREN SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH**

SEE FULL DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE

HOLIDAY@GREYFRIARS.ORG.NZ

GREYFRIARS YOUTH

*Presents
Alpha/Winter
Weekend*



Friday 15th July-Sunday, 17 July



Palm Beach, Waiheke



patience@greyfriars.org.nz



\$60.00 pp

**CONTACT PATIENCE OR ELEANOR
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

MATARIKI

Message from Moderator of
Te Aka Puaho Marina Rakuraku



Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Matariki brings to mind the preparing of soil to receive new seeds, it's also the beginning of the Māori New Year.

As it says in:

Matthew 13:3-9: "Behold a Sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came to devour them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And then the sun came up and they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and thorns sprung up, and choked them: But others fell on good soil and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear?"

Mathew 13:37: "Jesus answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man.

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the Kingdom."

Naa, ka whakahoki ia, ka mea ki a raatou, Ko te kairui o te purapura pai, ko te Tama aa te tangata;

Ko te maara ko te ao, ko te purapura pai, ko ngaa tamariki o te rangatiratanga.

And, sowing the good seed, whether it be seeds for the gardens, seeds of the field, and of people – if some fall by the wayside, let's make it our responsibility to help our fellow man.

Growing up in the '50s to '60s, each family had vegetables gardens, we collected tuna, watercress, puha, harore (wild mushrooms), kereru, venison, wild pigs and eels together.

Karakia was used to plant seeds and to harvest and store all foods. We grew enough food for everyone in our valley, until Matariki came around again for the next harvest.

Our pakeke always looked to the stars for guidance, direction, and preservation of all food, and in all this time our pakeke were very aware of "te taha wairua" – as everything had essence.

Karakia was always a part of their respect for God's creation, and it was ongoing - not just Sunday but every day. "We lived it, we talked it and we walked it".

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world gives it, give I unto you".

Kia tau te Rangimarie, kia koutou, kia tatou katou

Marina Rakuraku

Moderator of Te Aka Puaho

Volunteers for the Holiday Programme needed

If you are able to help with serving morning and afternoon teas for the children or supplying morning/afternoon teas, please contact Maggie in the Church Office on Ph: 630 2460 or office@greyfriars.org.nz.

Your help would be really appreciated.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

*Every day make time to speak to God in prayer,
not only for ourselves but for others as well*

MONDAY (27 June)

- ⇒ *Let us centre some of our prayers this week for the victims and Families of the people who died in the horrific car crash this past weekend may God be with them all, and the first responders as well. May the measures planned to reduce these some of our challenging roads, move forward soon to prevent such major accidents. May this also serve as reminders to those traveling to pray for safety and those driving to follow good practices.*

TUESDAY (28 June)

- ⇒ *We give thanks for those who help at mainly music on a Tuesday and pray that the Holy Spirit will bless those who come along with their children.*
- ⇒ *We also pray for all those who work so diligently in their ministry; pray for refreshment and support in the work they do.*

WEDNESDAY (29 June)

- ⇒ *Let us pray for those we know who need prayer maybe they are lonely, unwell, hurting from relationship problems, or worrying about financial problems; pray that these matters will be resolved for them.*
- ⇒ *As our Care Team continues to work behind the scenes showing love and compassion to those who need help, we give thanks Lord for their commitment to Your work.*

THURSDAY (30 June)

- ⇒ *We pray for those in our fellowship who are in any special need - **Heather Smith, Lis Legg, Taualofa Totua, Andrey and Pam McNaughtan, Frank and Helen Cotton, Lisa Shutt, Dawn Taylor, Pat McKinney, and Lesley Brownlie**; we also pray Lord for those in our church who make visits to those in need.*

FRIDAY (1 July)

- ⇒ *Let us pray for those in our church family who serve in distant places; may the Holy Spirit be their guiding light.*
- ⇒ *Playgroup is such a wonderful ministry, reaching out to our local community; Lord, we ask that You keep encouraging those who come along and help, and for new people to come forward to volunteer*

SATURDAY (2 July)

- ⇒ *Lord, we pray that You will keep those attending the early morning prayer meeting warm and that their prayers will be answered by You, dear Lord.*

SUNDAY (3 July)

- ⇒ *Lord, we pray for our service this morning; may we be enlightened from the sermons being preached.*

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

PACK IN JULY

JULY

1st- Reflections on Alpha

8th- weekend trip hui

15th-17th waiheke weekend Trip

22th- No Youth-School Holidays

29th - Pack night

Where: 2 Windmill Road
Time: 6.30pm till 9.00pm



Copies are available at the back of the church for people to take

- *The Word of Today – May, June, July*
- *Hope for all*



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