

Greyfriars

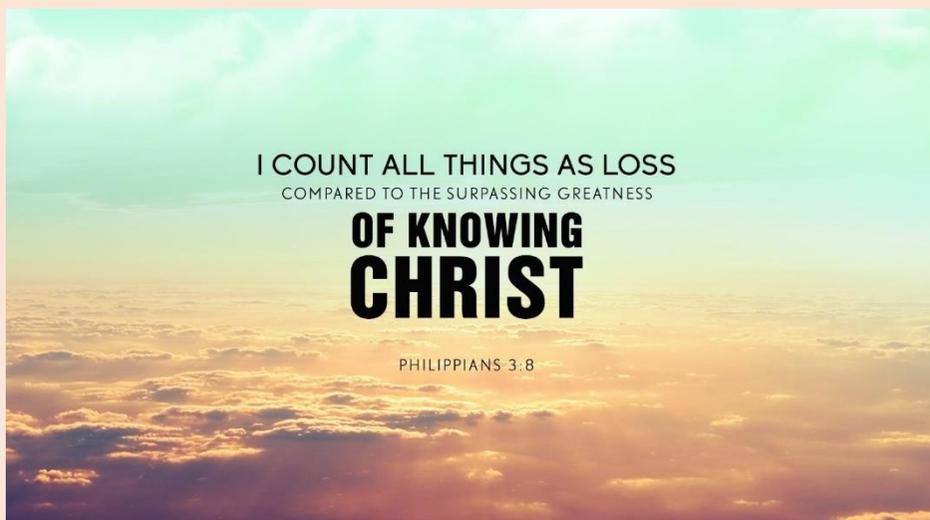
Eden Epsom Presbyterian Church

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 26 March 2023

9am @Epsom, 10:30am @Mt Eden

10:30 YouTube Livestreaming



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

*Talofa, malō le soifua ma le lagi e mamā
O le ā matou tatalo ina ia saga fa'amanuia pea outou e lō tatou Tamā oi le lagi
(Samoan)*

Uniting in Purpose

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev John Malcolm will be preaching

“Profit and Loss”

Sunday 19 March **9am@ Epsom**

10:30am@ Mt Eden

Kidstalk:

Grant Paton-Simpson

Prayer:

Diane McCrae

Mary Tucker

Reader:

Carol Duncan

Roz Stephens

Bible reading:

Philippians 3:1-11

YouTube Live Stream Service – 10:30am, Sundays

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIGhUSaVDoBqednNEh4CQWw>

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!



Combined Churches Good Friday Service

(Friday 7 April)

Join us as we remember Jesus' sacrifice

8.30am St Barnabas Church
(283 Mount Eden Road)

Procession of the cross
through Mt Eden Village

9.30am Greyfriars Church
(544 Mt Eden Road)

Morning Tea Follows

Supported by

St Barnabas Anglican Church

Eden Community Church

Eden Christian Hostel

Greyfriars Presbyterian Church



Easter Sunday

10am - Sunday 9 April
10 Gardner Road

Join us as we celebrate
the resurrection of Jesus
and decorate the cross
with signs of life

All Welcome

Easter Celebrations

Good Friday – We combine with other churches beginning at St Barnabas Church (8.30am), processing with the cross through Mt Eden, and then arriving at Greyfriars for a service (9.30am). Please bring “greenery” from your gardens to place on the cross.

Easter Sunday – Combined service (10am) at our Epsom site (10 Gardner Road). Please bring flowers to place on the cross.

Please note:

The Good Friday service at Mt Eden will be livestreamed.

The Easter Sunday service at Epsom will not be livestreamed.



Season of Prayer

Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March

12:30pm – 1pm

Church Library

It is a pleasure to see the lovely flowers adorning our churches on Sunday mornings. A heartfelt thank you to the ladies responsible for this beautiful gift. We are so blessed!



Reasons for faith – Thinking Matters
Wednesday 12th April, 7pm at Greyfriars Church Hall
Identity: How am I to think of myself?



It's been said that the closest thing to a universal faith in the Western world is the belief in the dignity, worth, and equal rights of human beings. Christians can easily justify this belief, but it's a significant challenge for others to explain why they actually hold to it. Our worldview has a huge impact on how we perceive ourselves – how we establish our identity.

In a culture marked by extreme individualism, the message is: "Don't try to get affirmation from others. Affirm yourself because you are doing what you want to do. Be who you want to be, and it doesn't matter what anybody else thinks." There's a certain amount of truth in this, but also some major and serious pitfalls.

Concerning the Christian worldview, a charge has been laid that the doctrine of sin is bleak and pessimistic about human nature, placing little value on life in this world. But in reality the Christian worldview has a much higher view of human life than any competing system. In Christ we find an identity that doesn't crush us or exclude others.

Come along for lively discussion on these issues. Wednesday 12th April, 7pm at Greyfriars Church Hall, corner of Mt Eden Rd and Windmill Rd (access from the free carpark on Windmill Rd). Enquiries gerald@thinkingmatters.org.nz.

Laidlaw College is holding a Centenary Celebration on Friday 14 – Saturday 15 April 2023. This will conclude a year of events and commemorations to mark a hundred years of Christian higher education at the College, and the wider impact and service of College graduates and community in Aotearoa and beyond.

You can get your ticket here:

<https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/events/centenary-celebration/>

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 March)

- ⇒ *Let us continue to pray for those who have been hit by Cyclone Gabrielle and are currently facing uncertainty and a prolonged recovery period.*

TUESDAY (28 March)

- ⇒ *Lord, we pray for our staff team as they work in Your name; give them encouragement and support in everything they do.*
- ⇒ *As many ladies in our congregation help at mainly music today, reaching out to those who come along, we give thanks.*
- ⇒ *May the prayers of those at the Season of Prayer this afternoon be heard and answered by You, Lord.*

WEDNESDAY (29 March)

- ⇒ *helping other members of our congregation who are in need, not only by visiting or taking a meal, but also in prayer.*
- ⇒ *We pray for those who are sick and in need of care; we ask for the Holy Spirit to be with them in their time of need.*

THURSDAY (30 March)

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

FRIDAY (31 March)

- ⇒ *We are indeed blessed by the leaders and helpers at the Friday Playgroup ministry as they walk alongside those who come along with their children.*
- ⇒ *Let us pray for guidance in everything our missionaries do, both here and overseas, and to give them wisdom to make good decisions in their personal lives, as well as their ministry lives.*

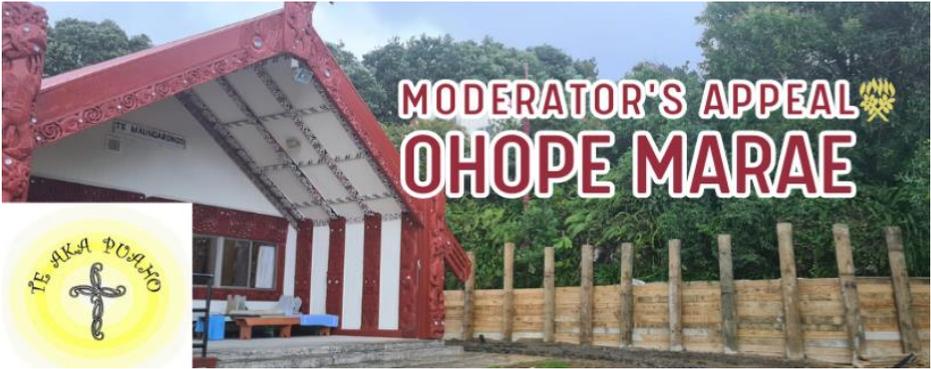
SATURDAY (1 April)

- ⇒ *Lord, hear the prayers of those who come along on Saturday morning and for those prayers to be answered.*
- ⇒ *We ask Lord that You will constantly be with our children, both young and old, and keep them safe in their daily lives.*

SUNDAY (2 April)

- ⇒ *May we all be blessed by God's Word being preached today and to take what we have heard out in to the wider community.*
- ⇒ *We pray for our sins to be cleansed, and that we become more like our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ in our daily lives; and to give thanks that our Lord loves us so much.*

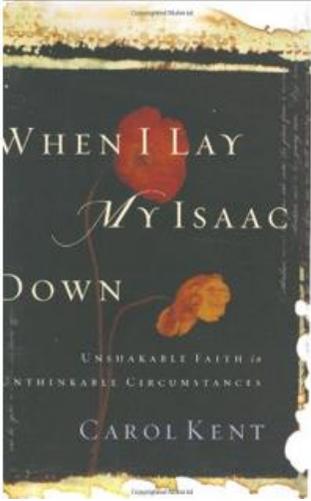
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS



The Moderator has provided an update on his appeal for Ohope Marae in a message addressed to parishes and presbyteries, dated 15 March 2023. You can find more information in the message located at the back of the church or on the website: <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/moderators-appeal-for-ohope-marae-march-2023-update>



Christian World Service recently shared the stories of Firoza and Karalaini in Fiji and how much difference your donations have made them. These two women were delighted to be part of the programme that was partly funded by donations to the Coronavirus Appeal. Please keep them in your prayers.



Book of the Week

When I Lay My Isaac Down: Unshakable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances by Carol Kent (Biography section)
 You're never ready for calamity to strike. Carol Kent and her husband Gene were devastated by the news that their son had killed his wife's ex-husband. Gene and Carol were buoyed in their faith by eight principles, gleaned from the story of Abraham and Isaac: Over the course of eight chapters Carol explores the power of unthinkable circumstances, relinquishment, heartache, community, hope, faith, joy, and speaking up. A highly personal, heartbreaking, and uplifting story that will bolster your faith.

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

- *Moderator's Appeal for Ohope Marae*
- *Message from the Moderator Neighbours Aotearoa March 2023*
- *The Word for Today – Feb-April 2023*

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