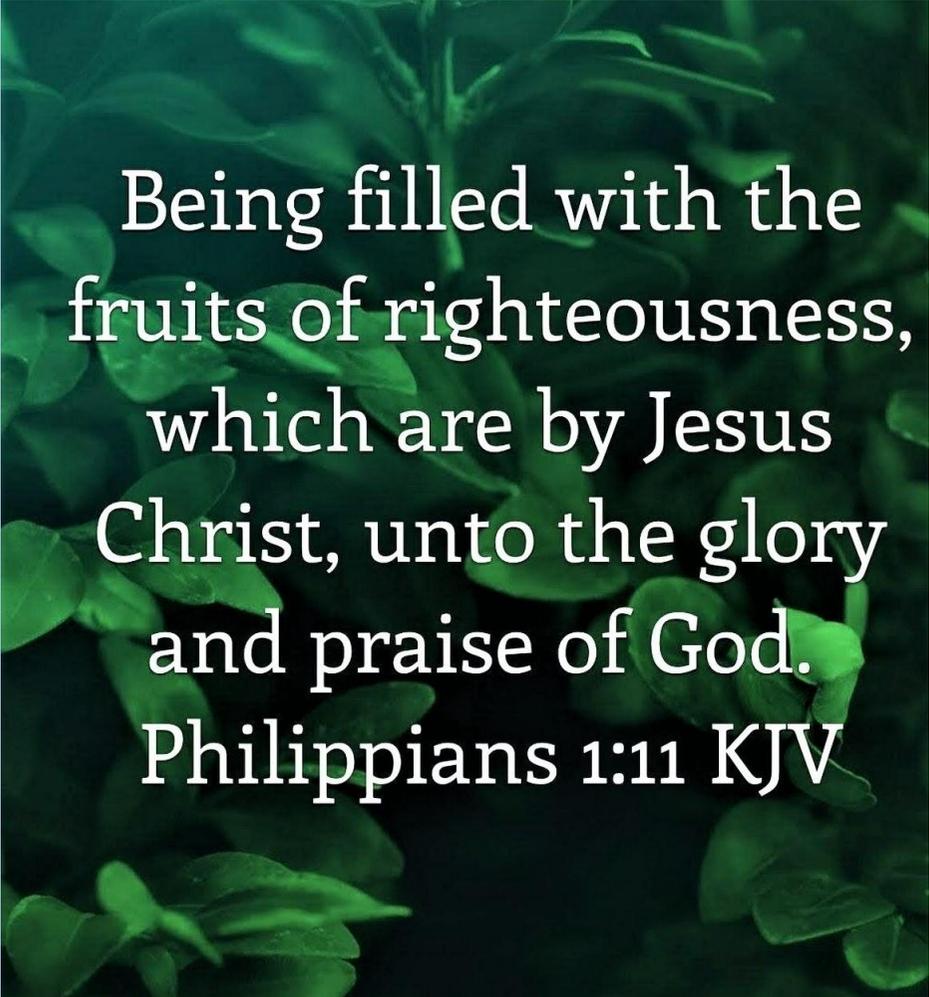


MESSENGER: *February 2023*



Being filled with the
fruits of righteousness,
which are by Jesus
Christ, unto the glory
and praise of God.
Philippians 1:11 KJV

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**Rev John Malcolm will be preaching
“I Have You in My Heart”**

Sunday 5 February @ Mt Eden

Kidstalk: Hannah North
Prayer: Diana Caldwell
Reader: Carol Duncan
Bible reading: Acts 16:11–15, *Philippians 1:1-11*

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

YouTube Live Stream Service – 9:30am, Sundays

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

*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!*

**We return to our normal Sunday Service schedule
next week 12th February.**

9am Epsom

10:30am Mt Eden

A word from our Parish Minister - Rev John Malcolm



Love is the greatest motivator in the life of the church; love for God and love for our neighbours. The love of Christ inspires us.

The bible reminds us, *God is love* and *We love because he first loved us.* (1 John 4:16 & 19) As I look back on my life I recall many experiences of God's love for me. I remember the overwhelming sense of God's love filling me when I was six years old; God's love when as a young man I was crashed into by a drunk driver; and God's love experienced among family and friends.

The Apostle Paul wrote, *Christ's love compels us* (2 Corinthians 5:14). Having experienced God's love for us, we find it compelling, not in a coercive sense, but with a sense of abounding joy and delight. It prompts us, pushes us, pulls us, and provides the strength to persevere in loving kindness towards others. God's love tops up the tank of life, enough for us and enough to share with others. Love is the fuel that keeps us going. Love helps us discern how we can do good for people in our lives and provides the strength to do it.

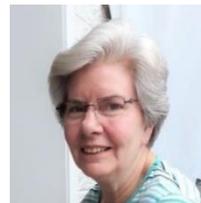
As the holidays come to an end, our church family returns to an new year of faith-life together. Underlying all we will do this year is our love for God and for our neighbours. I encourage you to join us at church as we celebrate the love of God, and to take part in the life of the church as we share God's love with others.

We recognise in Auckland following the Covid lockdowns and now the extreme flooding we, and the people of our community, need God's love more than ever.

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:11)

God bless you – John Malcolm

Council Matters from Church Council Secretary - Diana Caldwell



Council has met just once since the last Messenger, and that was way back in early December so there is very little to report this month. We next meet on Tuesday evening.

We have had two holiday programmes, celebrated Christmas, and many of us, including John and Melanie Malcolm have had holidays.

And there have also been the big rain storms in Auckland! Water filled up the space between the hall and the church at Mt Eden then flowed into the church basement and under the hall, also flooding the basement under the stage. The property team is busy assessing and clearing up. Our Epsom properties seem to have fared rather better with no major leaks.

Earlier this week John put out a pastoral email and in it he suggested that it would be a good idea to do can collection for the foodbank. So, on Sunday, if you are able, please bring along as many cans as you can afford (or drop them into the church office). Let's be thankful and see if we can flood the foodbank with donations from the generous people of Greyfriars.

The Children's Ministry Co-ordinator and the Youth Ministry Co-ordinator roles continue to be advertised: <https://www.greyfriars.org.nz/job-vacancies.html> . Please pray with us that we will quickly find the right people to support these ministries so they can thrive.

Diana Caldwell
Church Council Secretary

Office News - Office Manager

Maggie Li



Kia ora Church family,

I hope that you all have had a relaxing Christmas and New Year holiday.

Just the week before Christmas, Rachel led a fantastic holiday programme. In total 49 children attended our programme. Last week, Rachel together with other leaders ran another successful holiday programme. 53 children had a fun time during the five days.

Holiday Programmes are great and important opportunities for children ministry in the community.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for spending a lot of time and effort in organizing the holiday programmes. It has been very challenging to find qualified team leaders. It's great that you managed to do it!

Thank You also to all the volunteers, whether you provided baking, or fruits or service in the kitchen. We would not be able to run any events without your help! Thank you for caring about the next generation! Thank you for making effort to connect with the children. 'May the Lord make your love grow more' (1 Thessalonians 3:12 NCV).

It's been a busy week for many Aucklanders affected by the severe Friday night flooding. Let us pray that all relief efforts will reach the neediest people in the affected areas.

If you or anyone you know of are facing hardship, at Greyfriars we have a number of \$50 grocery cards available to help those in need. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the office.

Stepping into February, Playgroup, ESOL classes and mainly Music will restart next week or the week after. Please check out the church calendar at the end of the Messenger for detailed information of all events at Greyfriars.

愿主的爱与你同在!

(May the love of God be with you)!

Maggie Li

Global Mission Prayer Luncheon

THE FIRST GLOBAL MISSION PRAYER LUNCHEON FOR 2023 will be held **SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY**, in the McKinney Hall -- after the 10:30 a.m. service, at approximately 12:15 pm.

This time Matthew & Alison Raymond will be sharing their hopes and dreams for the future of their wonderful work with the two schools in Zambia. They leave during the week so this will be our last chance to see them this time round. Please come and help us give them a good send-off.

This is a great opportunity to hear news of Greyfriars members who represent us in cross-cultural mission at home and overseas, and to pray for them. Now more than ever, in this chaotic war-torn world, they depend on our support and prayer, so **we need more pray-ers.** If you have a heart for mission, maybe this is for you? All welcome.

Please spread the word -- and please remember a **plate of FINGER FOOD** to share for lunch.

What's happening @ Greyfriars?



- ⇒ 5th **COMBINED SUMMER SERVICES @ 9:30am**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 7th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING @ 7:30pm**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 12th **COMMUNION**
- ⇒ 12th, 19th, 26th **EPSOM SERVICES @ 9am**, 10 Gardner Road
- ⇒ 12th, 19th, 26th **MT EDEN SERVICES @ 10:30am**, 544 Mt Eden Road
- ⇒ 12th **GLOBAL MISSION LUNCHEON @ 12:15pm**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 14th **FINANCE MEETING @ 6pm**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 14th **PROPERTY MEETING @ 7pm**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 19th **BBQ CHURCH @ 6pm**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 26th **WELCOME LUNCH @ 12:15pm**, Mt Eden

Activities:

- ⇒ 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th **ZED @ 3pm-6pm Fridays**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th **YOUTH GROUP @ 7pm-9pm Fridays**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 10th **PLAYGROUP STARTS, @10am Fridays**, Mt Eden
- ⇒ 14th **MAINLY MUSIC STARTS @10am Tuesdays**, Epsom



Communion 12 February

We will be celebrating communion at our Epsom and Mt Eden sites and YouTube online service on Sunday 12 February. Those who will attend the online service please prepare the elements of bread and “wine” and have them ready to partake during the service.



Season of Prayer

Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February
12:30pm – 1pm
Church Library



SUMMER SERVICES

Sun 18th Dec 2022 – Sun 5th Feb 2023

9:30am at Greyfriars Mt Eden Campus

CHAIRS - MT EDEN

Thank you all for helping to put away chairs at the end of services.

KIND REMINDER - please follow the signs on walls (where chairs are to be stacked). Keeping padded and plain chairs separate.

Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”



Come and visit our library before or after the Sunday service.
See if there is a book that may interest you.

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ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS



📅 10AM - 12PM MONDAYS (ADVANCED)
10AM - 12PM THURSDAYS (BEGINNER)

📍 ONLINE MONDAYS
ON SITE @ MT EDEN THURSDAYS

💰 FREE - NO COST



SEE FULL DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE:
[HTTPS://WWW.GREYFRIARS.ORG.NZ/ESL-ENGLISH-CONVERSATION-CLASS.HTML](https://www.greymfriars.org.nz/esl-english-conversation-class.html)

7:30AM

PRAYER MEETING

Saturdays

All welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/79261014712?pwd=WDRzbmpGY0RHVWNFeidVVKhsZEHMzZ0>

Zoom Meeting ID: 792 6101 4712 Passcode: 5YfYwf



Enjoy a summer evening of food and friendship!

BBQ CHURCH

19th February 2023

6pm at Greyfriars Mt Eden
544 Mt Eden Road
(Entry from the Windmill carpark)

FREE

As in previous years we need your help ...

- *Setting up @ 5.30pm
- *Kitchen
- *Supply ice blocks (for about 60-80ppl)
- *BBQ cooking
- *Packing up

Church members are invited to bring a salad or dessert (meat will be provided). Please contact Maggie in the church office if you are able to help out for BBQ Church evenings. Thanks



We are looking for a **Youth Ministry Coordinator** (One year contract - up to 20hr per week) and a **Children's Ministry Coordinator** (One year contract - up to 30hr per week).

For the job description, see greyfriars.org.nz/job-vacancy.
To inquire or apply please email greyfriarsvacancy@gmail.com

We are thinking of all those in Auckland (and the upper North Island) dealing with the effects of the recent flooding, and aware that more heavy rain may fall in the next couple of days.

We are particularly mindful of our church family as you, your family and friends may be facing hardship. We have a number of \$50 grocery cards available to help those in need. We understand it may be difficult to ask, but if you would appreciate this help or have a friend or family member who has been adversely affected by the floods, please contact us at the church office.

We recognise there is increased need in our community at present. If you are able, please bring some cans of food to church on Sunday. We will pass these on to the community foodbank for distribution.

Also, let us know how we might best pray for you at this time.

John Malcolm (on behalf of the Greyfriars church family)



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

- *Moderator Message – Waitangi Day*
- *The Word of Today – February, March, April*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Greyfriars Welcome Lunch

26 FEB 2023

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

MT EDEN

MEMORIAL HALL

This is a great opportunity to meet people, to consider how you can build relationships with our church family and to learn about the life and ministries of Greyfriars Presbyterian Church.

Save the Date
Saturday
25th
February
2023

**NORTHERN PRESBYTERY
CONFERENCE**

Family Ministry

followed by the Northern Presbytery
Business Meeting

hosted by the Samoan Presbyterian Church Onehunga &
Owairaka Pacific Island Presbyterian Church

online Registration
<http://www.northpres.org.nz>



HEART FOR ASIA



Mission is Here, There
and Everywhere

Come and join us as we discover how East Asians are involved in mission everywhere. Get to grips with where the unreached are hard to reach. Featuring Nicky Chong, OMF International Director for East Asia South.

Join us in person or online!

Saturday 18 February 2023 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Mt Roskill Baptist Church
485 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland

For more details and to register: omf.org/nz.

February 2023

M	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY
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6	7 11:30am Staff meeting 12:30pm Season of Prayer 7:30pm Council Meeting	8	9 10am ESOL Class (Beginner, Mt Eden)
13 10am ESOL Class (Advanced, online)	14 10:00am mainly Music 11:30am Staff meeting 12:30pm Season of Prayer 6:00pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Property Meeting	15	16 10am ESOL Class (Beginner, Mt Eden)
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>3 3:00pm ZED 7:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>4 7:30am Saturday Morning Prayer</p>	<p>5 Combined Summer Services 9:30am Mt Eden Service &YouTube livestreaming</p>
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OFFERING:

To provide consistent giving we encourage you to arrange automatic bank payments:

*Greyfriars Presbyterian Church Bank a/c - **ASB 12-3069-0259380-02** or join our Freewill Offering Envelopes system. There is also the option of setting aside some of your giving for special purposes. Please contact Maggie Li in the Church Office on **Ph: (09) 630 2460** for details.*

In your dreams for this church,
don't limit yourself by saying, "What can I do?"
Instead ask, "What can God do in this place?"

(Rick Warren)

For up to date information on ministries & events check our
website/facebook page

www.greyfriars.org.nz

[Facebook.com/greyfriarsedenepsom](https://www.facebook.com/greyfriarsedenepsom)

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Youth Co-ordinator: Vacancy

Children's Co-ordinator: Vacancy

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