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First Fruits – Annual Celebration Service (ACS)

Sunday, 18th October

Dear friends

For the last 20 years, we at DCBC have had an Annual Celebration Service (ACS). It's a service where we celebrate what the Lord has done among us over the previous year and where we commit ourselves to serve and trust him for his provision for the coming church year. 2020 has been a very, very different year! For some of you, it has been really hard. For all of us, it has its challenges. Yet in the midst of everything, we have seen the incredible faithfulness of God to us as a church. It has been so humbling to see. At the ACS, we say thank you to our glorious Father for His goodness and faithfulness to us.

Hopefully by the 18th October, we will be at Level 1 and able to celebrate as a whole church, all together!

As part of our celebration at the ACS, we bring a First Fruits offering. The inspiration for bringing this offering stems from the First Fruits offering the Israelites in the Old Testament brought each year.

“We commit ourselves to bring the first of the crops, year by year, to God” — Nehemiah 10:25

“Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce” — Proverbs 3:9

They brought this offering, when the first of their crops ripened, before the other crops had been harvested! They brought it as an act of gratitude - to say Thank you Lord - You have provided for us this year. And they brought it as an act of trust that God would provide the rest of the crops they needed.

So for us at our ACS, we bring a First Fruits Offering to acknowledge the Lord's goodness to us, and to

say thank you for his wonderful provision over this last year. We also bring it as an act of trust in God to provide our needs for this coming year.

This is as an act of worship; it is not an appeal! Many of you sacrificially give - no one should feel obliged to give - this is a free will offering for those who want to express their gratitude to God, and their dependence on him for all that we need as a church for the next church year (2020 - 2021).

God bless you

Bruce



Speaker: Ryan Bond

Luke 18:1-8

Ryan and Sophie Bond are DCBC Mission Partners . They are serving with Freeset in South Asia; building relationships and helping to bring freedom to women in the red-light district.

Let's be praying for Ryan as he prepares to share a message with us.

CHURCH IS ONSITE WITH 4 SERVICES!

During level 2 we can only meet in groups of 100 so we are running **multiple services** (2 with kids programmes) each week. **Please sign up using the "Book Your Seat Here" link below** to your desired service and remember to book enough spaces for your whole family (parents please see further details about the children's programme below).

The service times are:

9am (including children's programme) [CLICK HERE](#) to book your seat

11am (including children's programme) [CLICK HERE](#) to book your seat

5pm (adults service) [CLICK HERE](#) to book your seat

7pm (youth/young adult) [CLICK HERE](#) to book your seat

- We would kindly ask that you **do not come to church if you are sick.**
- As per the ministry of health guidelines, if you are immune compromised, please consider how best to keep yourself safe.
- Please help us keep everyone safe by **maintaining good hygiene practices.**
- For each of the services, there will be one entry and one exit into and out of the building.
- Upon arrival, please **sanitise your hands, scan the QR code and make sure your name is ticked off the list** (for contact tracing reasons).

And for those that don't feel comfortable coming to the service we will have a version of the service online on our [DCBC YouTube channel](#).

Thanks for your patience and grace in this time!

Children's Programmes



During both the 9am and 11am services there will be a combined children's programme available for Little Rockets (2-3), Little Orbit (4-5), Orbit (6-Year 6), and Intermediates (Year 7-Year 8). Children will be dropped off at the back carpark Orbit door about 8.45am and about 10.45am. Please pick them up straight after the service from that same door.

There will be a creche space available in the reception area for those booked into the service, parents will need to stay with their little ones. Please bring your own toys and food for your children.

Café Wednesday



Many of you will be wondering and many have been asking when is Café Wednesday starting up again. Covid brought the Café to an abrupt halt and since then the team has been planning to make some changes.

After three years of cooking and baking for the café, Raewyn is wanting to step back from this food preparation role. She and her team would love to see the ministry continue and even develop for more days and take on a whole new presence including the response to the Covid impacted times

ahead. There will be changes to make this sustainable, but the mission remains the same.

Yes! We are aiming to open Café Wednesday on the 14th October. Thank you Lord!

More details to follow as the day approaches.

- Cafe Wednesday Ministry Team



DCBC's Prayer Letter

Every Monday evening an email is sent out with prayer requests to more than eighty people who have expressed a desire to pray for the needs of our church family. These people are not only current DCBC members; some are former members who now live elsewhere in New Zealand or overseas. The Prayer Letter varies in length, and includes prayers for members' own needs, the needs of other church members, or those of their friends and family, or situations relating to DCBC which need prayer. As far as is possible, the information is treated as confidential within the group of praying people.

A reminder is sent out - usually on Sunday evening - to send prayer requests to Mike Crowl. He collates these and sends the list out on Monday evening around nine pm. Occasionally an additional urgent request will be sent at another time in the week. The number of requests per email is usually not large, and there's no requirement for members to pray for everything on the list.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please send Mike an email.

You can send your request(s) either to:

prayer@dcbc.co.nz or mcrowl@gmail.com

Thanks to those who are involved already, and to any who may wish to be involved!



Covid Impacted Tracing

Luke keeps coming back at us. Did it again this week with Luke 17, when Jesus met the 10 lepers. As Mike Bagge elaborated the other Sunday, only one of those healed came back and Jesus said his faith made him whole. Only one of the 10! All that miracle work and power shared out but only one came through. Imagine all the effort that might go in to 10 Covid Impacted people for the one who becomes whole.

I know I have not ever met 10 lepers at once - but where would you or I meet 10 people in need all at once. Jesus often did; he met the lepers when going out beyond the city gates. They certainly were not going to be found inside the gates! Sound familiar? We need to be going out beyond our comfortable place to find them.

Can you help us as a church to identify the people you know who are Covid Impacted around you and in your community? Only then will we meet the needy outside the city gate.

Please click on the button below to participate in the survey. Thank you.

- Andre van Rij

[Click here to take the survey](#)

Alpha Course starting 2nd November



Alpha is a series of interactive sessions, exploring all the big questions in life, faith and God in a friendly, informal environment.

Alpha is 'friends bringing friends' (this is NOT a course for Christians). Please start praying about who you might invite.

Alpha will be running on Monday evenings, 7:15pm - 9:15pm. Please note that this will be a shortened version of the course running for 7 weeks.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Alison Guest alisonguest4@gmail.com or 021.148.7940, John Dixon 027.341.7075 or Kevin Kyle 021.436.750



Developing Mid-Week Groups/Neighbourhood Communities

Over the course of a week or two, do you have fellowship with other Christians, Bible study, prayer together, and accountability?

It would be great to see everyone engaged in these things outside of Sunday to keep us growing as followers of Christ.

Some of you are experiencing all of these things already and we encourage you to keep going with this. But we realise that not everyone has connected outside of Sunday, many of you may only have one of these areas covered.

We believe we need to start some new mid-week groups to help ensure everyone in the church can keep growing together. We hope that many of these groups could be neighbourhood communities where people in the same area meet and grow and pray together for their community.

We would appreciate your prayers as we consider this. If you are interested in hosting or leading a group, then please let us know. More information to follow.

Mike Bagge & Kate Cooper

Men's Firewood Ministry



We are planning another Firewood Event, this Saturday 12th September.



Could you give a couple of hours 10am-12pm or 1-3pm to either do a session on the woodsplitter, splitting by hand (logsplitter) or cutting and bagging kindling?

We will have a BBQ with sausages, onions and bread for lunch at 12 noon.

There may be a chance to see a demo of a commercial splitter in action.

If you want more details, ring or text Malcolm on 027.229.2506. Otherwise we'll see you there! Thanks in advance.

- Malcolm Cowan.

Refit is back!



Let's welcome in spring with dancing!

Refit dance fitness is a really fun way to keep active and so much more! It's also a place

to find fellowship and friendship.

Come and join us! All levels and stages of fitness welcome.

Tuesdays 7:15pm - 8pm
in the Hanover lounge.

Just turn up or for more information please contact
Kate Cooper 027.265.1730

Lazarus Food Kiosk



I always get a warm feeling after watching "GOOD SORTS" on TV. People who give generously of their time and resources, putting others before themselves.

Let's be generous givers and give God the glory because of the great things He has done!
Maybe GOD'S SORTS?!

Anyway...thank you for your continued support for our Free Food Kiosk.

If you haven't given some food items away yet...why not give it a try!!

- Malcolm C

Way Up Group

This Sunday the Way Up Group is holding a lunch, 1 pm at 310A Hillingdon St.

Speaker: Matthew Goodsir. All welcome.
Enquiries to: James 021.048.7404



Pastoral Care



We have a team of people who can get alongside you, in a non-judgemental way to care and help you discover God's help and a way forward.

If you would like to talk to someone – please contact one of the following people:

Mike Bagge (ph 487.9895 or 027.366.9506)

Jennifer Macleod (ph 022.569.2795)

Bruce Elder (ph 454.3173 or 021.127.8110)
