

The New Christian Church

Newsletter

February-March 2017



**NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THE NEXT MINUTE HOLDS,
LET ALONE THE YEAR AHEAD.**

‘Pharaoh called Joseph, “Zaphnath-paneah” which means the revealer of hidden things and the discloser of future things’. This name represents the Divine that was within Joseph, for only God can reveal hidden things and disclose the future. (Heavenly Secrets 5331)

**BECAUSE HE IS ZAPHNATH-PANEAH, GOD IS ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR
ALL HIS CHILDREN IN EVERY MINUTE OF THE COMING YEAR.**

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People News

It sounds as though the Longstaff family had a great time at the Australian Camp. We look forward to hearing all about it.

Our good wishes to all who are starting a new part of their life this year; e.g. new school, teacher, job, or retirement.

At Christmas it was good to see Gill Keyworth recovering from her carpal tunnel op.

New address:- Jim and Shona Jarmin. 1 Royal Fern, Kelvin Grove, Palmerston North 4414. They moved last year. We wish them many happy years in their new home.

Golden Weddings:-

Congratulations to John and Jenny Sutton and Philip and Mary Sutton on their recent Golden Weddings. May their marriages continue to be a blessing to them and many others.

True marriage love is said to be the jewel of human life.

Church News

Last year we celebrated the Lord's coming on earth at our Christmas Services and with a special luncheon at which Santa appeared.

We look forward to our **new year social** at John Mellor's on January 29th.

Please note that our **Harvest Sunday** is March 19th.

Looking forward On the fifth Sunday of April we are invited to a shared lunch and spiritual smorgasbord at Philip and Mary Sutton's. 11am at 26 Imogene Way, Half Moon Bay on the theme of 'O give thanks to the Lord'

Good Friday April 14th Easter Sunday 16th.



DO NOT WORRY



The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman God, the god of change and transitions. He was associated with births, doorways, ports, and time. He is depicted with two faces one looking back and

the other forward. Some images show an old face looking back and a young one looking forward. His image appeared on such things as doorways, and port entrances.

The beginning of a new year can be a time of transition. A time to look back on the past year and wonder about the future. Who is it that you are going to trust in for the coming year? It may be tea leaves, bones, stars, or crystal balls, even a god like Janus. This church invites us to trust in a God who loves us and all people like crazy, an all powerful God who knows and sees everything. For Him there is no past or future, just the eternal present. *'From everlasting to everlasting you are God'* (Psalm90:2). He is our wise and loving heavenly father. We know Him as the Lord Jesus Christ.

From His love for His children He knows we can get worried about the future. At the beginning of his ministry, (Matthew 6:25-end) he begins by saying "Therefore do not be anxious about your life." The word he used for 'life' means our soul. This is the real person. The subsequent physical things He mentions represent spiritual things like love and truth which feed and clothe our spirits.

We still have to plan and provide for our bodily and material needs, but we should not make things like riches, fame, comforts, and food the be all and end all in our lives. When thinking about the future, keeping a balance between our spiritual and physical needs is not easy which is why the Lord encourages us to "**seek first** the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Seeking the kingdom involves loving the Lord and our neighbour as ourself, obeying the commandments and the golden rule, and forgiving people.

Making these our priority for the future creates a spirit which is resilient in the face of adversity and humble in the face of success. If we are prepared to work at getting this balance during the year, our trust and confidence in the Him will grow.

Because the Lord foresees our future, it enables Him to provide for us and all people every minute of every day throughout the coming year.

May we find this is true for us all.

With good wishes,

John.

'You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. ' Isaiah 26:3,4.

Calendar

February

- 5th 10am Worship including the Holy Supper/Sunday School/ Richard
- 12th 10am. Shared inspiration from The Word
- 19th 10am Morning Worship / Sunday School /John
Church Committee
- 26th 10am. Church open for Spiritual and Natural Refreshment/Richard

March

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Church Committee
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Some important dates for April

- 2nd** 10am Morning Worship incl. Holy Supper/ Richard
- 14th Good Friday
- 16th Easter Sunday
- 30th 11 am Spiritual smorgasbord at 26 Imogene Way Half Moon Bay

Rosters

Date	Greeters	Flowers	Refreshments
February			
5th	Lesley	Jenny K	Jenny S
17th	John		Jenny K
19th	Jonathan	Doreen	Lis
26th	Richard		
March			
5th	Kai	Sharon	Jenny S
12th	John		Jenny K
19th	Ray	Lis	Jenny S
26th	Richard		
April 2nd	Lesley	Doreen	Lis