

# the anchor

TOGETHER TRANSFORMING PEOPLE INTO DEVOTED, PASSIONATE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST



## Welcome!

Sunday

20 December 2009

A special Christmas service celebrating the message of Christmas - God with us.

Thursday

24 December 2009

Christmas eve!

Bring your friends and family to enjoy carols and supper.

7pm

Sunday

27 December

We have a combined Service with St Mary's Anglican Church and North Porirua Baptist church at St Mary's.

Where? At the Discovery Drive entrance to the main Whitby shopping carpark. The St Mary's carpark entrance is opposite the library.

The collection will be going towards Habitat for Humanity projects in Samoa.

10am

Sunday

3 January—7 February

'Holiday services' are running, worship and communion with Summer Snapshots - a series of shorter reflections and testimonies with John Rainham, Sandy Leadbeater, Brad de Villiers, Lawrence Russell and Rob Hallows.

## Information about us

If you are visiting our church and want to find out more about us, you can find most of this information at [www.theanchorchurch.org.nz](http://www.theanchorchurch.org.nz) or [www.theanchorchurch.org.nz/wordpress](http://www.theanchorchurch.org.nz/wordpress)

## Coming up... Parachute 2010

Quite a few youth and others will be off to Parachute in late January.

It is the biggest Christian music festival outside of the US. Speak to Ruth and Polly.



## Family camp early next year

Our Family Camp, with Andy Eldred from Greytown, is scheduled for 26—28 March at El Rancho. If you can pencil your names in this weekend it would be great. Simon Love has more information.

## r12 programme for small groups

We are planning to run an exciting new programme—**r12**—in our small groups starting mid February. **r12** is a guided pathway for



Christian growth based on Romans chapter 12, where Paul describes the Christian life in five categories: relationship with God, the world, ourselves, others,

and non-believers.

Each of these categories has a response, that the Bible says is a sign of a mature and equipped follower of Jesus Christ. There are ten studies in the small groups workbook.

More information at

[www.livingontheedge.org/r12/whatisr12.php](http://www.livingontheedge.org/r12/whatisr12.php).

## Words to live by

Protected 24/7

1 Peter 5 v 7:

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

Not a single nagging, aching, worrisome, gut-wrenching, blood pressure rising thought escapes God's notice. You are His personal concern. Let God Finish.

## Pastoral care

Pastoral Care team members are available during the week for practical support, prayer or just to talk to. First point of contact is Lynda Eves (ph 234 8279) or Jeanette Smyth (ph 233 9380) who will connect you with the person best suited to help you.

## What's on...

### Xtreme!

(For high school youth)

Finished for the year. Rob & Glenys Hallows, ph 234 7388.

### Rally

(For ages 7 and up)

Finished for the year.

Cathie Russell, ph 234 8498

### Mainly Music

(For pre-schoolers)

Finished for the year

Jenny Stevenson ph 235 6009

### Crossover

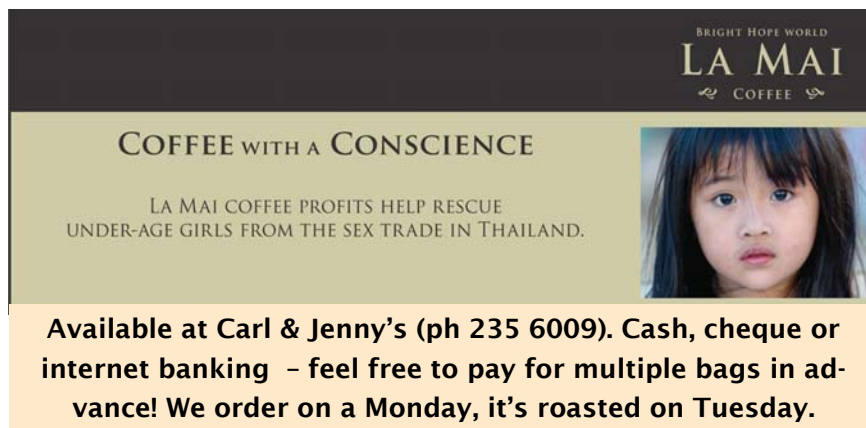
(For high school youth)

Finished for the year

Contact Brad 021 904 107 or Rob 234 7388 / 027 315 9180

### Small groups

Most small groups have finished for the year. If you need more information about these groups, please call Raymond or Terry Neal (233 2585).



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## Church news and activities

### Anchor Kids - 2010

Sandy and Chris Leadbeater are looking for people to help them with Anchor Kids next year.

There are still small group positions to be filled, but if this is not for you there are plenty of other jobs as well.

If you could help with craft or assist on the registration desk (from 9:45 until 10:05am), or make up part of a set up or pack down team for even one term next year, please see Sandy or Chris.

### A huge thank you...

Thanks from Alistair, Andrew, Bruce, Don and Geoff to everyone for all their hard work, love and support in the last year.

### Freezer meals needed

We need freezer meals to hand out when our people need them. Can you help?

### Office hours

Alison usually works in the office all day Thursday and Friday afternoons.

She'll be on leave from 24 December and will be back in the office on 14 January.

### Stock up on firewood

Our young people are raising funds for their trip to Vanuatu in April 2010. They'll deliver trailer loads of firewood to your home.

Text Polly on 027 427 5251 or send her an email at: [underwater\\_rose@hotmail.com](mailto:underwater_rose@hotmail.com)

### Need help in your garden?

Rose, our Burmese refugee whom we helped settle in Porirua in May 2007 is looking for work. Please consider hiring her to help you with basic gardening tasks on a regular or irregular basis (at around \$20/hr).

Contact: *Renata Joyner* - [renata.joyner@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:renata.joyner@nzdf.mil.nz)  
Or *Merilyn Maclachlan* - [merilynma@xtra.co.nz](mailto:merilynma@xtra.co.nz)

