

the anchor

TOGETHER TRANSFORMING PEOPLE INTO DEVOTED, PASSIONATE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST



Welcome!

Sunday
6 December 2009

10am

Anchor Kids

10am

Worship
Simon Love

Creche

Adult teaching
Carl Stevenson
Speaking on Peter
&
Two baptisms

11.15am

Lunch

Partnering with



Get yourself a real Christmas tree

Do you want a real Christmas tree?

Here's your opportunity to buy one and help our young people raise funds for their trip to Vanuatu in April 2010.

Real Christmas trees have been priced online for around \$60, but the Vanuatu team will deliver one to you for only \$25!

But they are also taking orders to deliver trailer loads of firewood to your home for next winter.

This team has been working hard and they've already raised \$5,000 of the \$10,000 they are after for their missions trip to Vanuatu. This project will keep them on track towards their goal.



If you are interested in getting hold of a Christmas tree, or a load of firewood as an investment against next season's cold weather, place your order by emailing Polly at underwater_rose@hotmail.com or phone her on 027 427 5251.

And here's an 'insider's heads up'...they're already planning a bowling evening for everyone in February! ■



2 baptisms today

Today our church family will witness how Amber Steele and Lorna Graham publicly demonstrate their commitment to following Jesus Christ as their Lord, when they will obey Him by being baptized.

What a wonderful occasion and a privilege for our church to be a part of their important day. ■

Next week...

Next week we're all joining in with Anchor Kids for a special end of year programme. People better get ready to dance!

We'll also have a worship service at 6.30pm. All families are invited to come and join in.

We want to honour God for all He has done this year and ask Him to bring us back together as a church family next year, with the AnchorKids teachers. ■

Words to live by

Let God Finish

To be joyful...try less and trust more. The Bible says, "He who began a good work in you will carry it onto completion."

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Phillipians 1:6

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.

Bible readings this week

MON: Luke 22:66-23:25
TUE: Matthew 27:11-26
WED: John 18:28-19:16
THURS: Mark 15:1-15
FRI: Luke 23:26-56
SAT: Reflection
SUN: Reflection

Next Sunday (13 December)

10am Special end of year programme with AnchorKids
6.30pm Special worship service

What's on...

Xtreme!

(For high school youth)

Thinking, learning, fun, support.
Sunday, 7:13pm till 9:13pm, at
8 Discovery Dve. 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)

Wed 9:30am @ The Anchor
Rachel Ballentyne, ph 233 8690
& Jenny Stevenson ph 235 6009

Crossover

(For high school youth)

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

Missions Focus

Second Monday of each month
at Bruce Stormer's home, at 7.30
pm for a time of prayer for
missions. Ph 234 8842.

Church news and activities

'Vanuatu lunch' TODAY

Please support our lunch today, and thereby our young people who are raising funds for their missions trip to Vanuatu during April 2010. American hotdogs will be available to purchase @ \$5 each, \$20 per family.

Thank you Mike & Rachel

A huge thank you to Mike and Rachel Ballentyne (and their family) for all they have done as part of our church family, as they will be moving to Auckland over the holidays.

Note Alison's office hours

Alison usually works in the office all day Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please note her hours over the next weeks:

Next week: In Friday pm only.

13- 19 Dec: In all day

Wednesday and Friday pm.

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

Need help in your garden?

Rose, our Burmese refugee whom we helped settle in Porirua in May 2007 is looking for work. Please let us know if you'd consider hiring Rose to help you with basic gardening tasks on a regular or irregular basis (at around \$20/hr). If there's enough interest, we'll move onto the next stage of getting her organised. Contact:

Renata Joyner -

renata.joyner@nzdf.mil.nz

Or Marilyn Maclachlan -

merilynm@extra.co.nz

Living Romans 12

As well as the support for Franca, Ama and family, a whole lot of people have been in and out of hospital lately. Thank you to everyone for their care and support and living out Romans 12 v 13: Share with God's people who are in need...

Freezer meals needed

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

Freeset bags & cookbooks

Freeset Bags and 'Food for Thought' cookbooks are still available. See Sue Stewart, Robyn Hall or Jenny Stevenson.

COFFEE WITH A CONSCIENCE

LA MAI COFFEE PROFITS HELP RESCUE
 UNDER-AGE GIRLS FROM THE SEX TRADE IN THAILAND.

ORDER AT CHURCH OR DURING OFFICE HOURS



Also available at Carl & Jenny's (ph 235 6009). Pay with cash, cheque or internet banking - feel free to pay for multiple bags in advance! We order on a Monday, it's roasted on Tuesday, so it's FRESH!

Small groups at The Anchor

At the Anchor we believe small groups are an important contribution to our Christian lives. In our small groups we can form closer relationships with others in the church, encourage and be encouraged, care and be cared for, pray and be prayed for, grow in our understanding of God's Word and how it is relevant for our lives, and reach out to others outside the church. We have many groups that meet different peoples' needs in various ways. The table below gives an overview of the groups we offer today. Please contact Raymond or Terry Neal (233 2585) if you want to join a group or to understand more about small groups at The Anchor.

What	Unofficial	Off-topic	Discovery	Night	Bible search and study	
Where	Simon and Janet Love's	Moves around	Moves around	Moves around	Chris and Carolyn Watson's	
Contact	Simon 235 5583	Terry 233 2585	Richard 234 8118	Raymond 233 2585	Chris 234 8345	
When	Monday evening	Tuesday evening	Wednesday evening	Wednesday evening	Friday evening	
Who Focus	These small groups operate differently, as determined by the make-up of their members However, they all have members whose ages range from 25 - over 60. They all do some bible study, pray together, discuss issues and support one another					
What	School leavers	Morning Ladies	Afternoon Ladies	Morning Ladies	The Explorers	Xtreme
Where	Luke and Rachel Broadbent	Moves around	Chris Leadbeater's	Moves around	Moves around	Rob and Glenys Hallows
Contact	Rachel 907 0160	Jen 234 6480	Sandy 234 7836	Erin 235 5235	Lynda 234 8279	Rob 234 7388
When	Tuesday evening	Thursday morning	Thursday afternoon	Tuesday morning	Wednesday evening	Sunday evening
Who Focus	Those young adults who have left college aged 18-30ish.	Women, often mums with kids, who are able to meet during the day.		Women, whose family has grown.	Ideal for people wanting to explore the faith	High School Youth