

the anchor



TOGETHER TRANSFORMING PEOPLE INTO DEVOTED, PASSIONATE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Welcome!

Sunday
31 January 2010

10am

Worship
Alistair Eves

Adult teaching
Lawrence Russell
'Summer Snapshot'

11.15am
Coffee and Chat

Partnering with



We're getting a pastor!

Yes, isn't that great news to introduce our first newsletter of 2010.

Darryl Ward has accepted the position of pastor, and the family plans to shift from Adelaide during April, at the end of the first school term!

It was great to meet him and wife Stella late last year when he was our guest speaker.

Please pray for them and our church, and let us thank God for His provision. More details and prayer requests will follow. ■

r12 to start in homegroups shortly



This programme will start in all small groups from 21 February.

We'll use the same material in the AnchorKids and Sunday morning programmes, and workbooks are being ordered for all.

We would like to get as many people as possible into a small group for this programme. About two thirds are already in groups; we will work this through with everyone.

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.

If you would like to join a group please talk to Raymond and Terry Neal on 233 2585 as soon as possible. ■

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.

Bible readings this week

MON: Luke 4:14-30
TUE: John 1:35-51
WED: Matthew 4:12-22
THURS: John 2:1-11
FRI: Mark 1:14-34
SAT: Reflection
SUN: Reflection

Next Sunday (7 February)

10.00am Worship and Communion—Carl Stevenson
10.30am Creche
Adult Teaching – Rob Hallows
'Summer snapshot'

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 starts next week!

(For ages 7 and up)

Every 2nd Tue during term
7:00pm @ The Anchor
Cathie Russell, ph 234 8498

Mainly Music

(For pre-schoolers)

Wed 9:30am @ The Anchor
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

Book for Church Camp

Registration forms are out for camp, and they are already coming back in!

As always our priority is that everyone comes, ideally to stay or if not, to join us during the weekend.

This is the best weekend in the year to kick back, get to know our church family and grow spiritually.

If you need a registration form, then email Alison at office@theanchorchurch.org.nz or phone her on 234 1390. The form can also be downloaded from the church website.

AnchorKids starting soon

This is starting on 14 February with the Runrig team joining for

the day to do a special start for the year, a good event to invite all your friends families along.

Brad—youth pastor

Some more good news is that Brad has been appointed as youth pastor.

He is now looking for a new Christian flat or a place to board (real soon).

Ruth—youth intern

We are excited about Ruth James joining us as a youth intern this year. She will be working with Brad on an exciting youth programme.

Mainly Music needs YOU!

Are you available Wednesday mornings 9.15-11am?

We need help serving and clearing up morning tea. It is a great program to be involved in, bringing joy to many small children, and a chance for a chat with their mums/ caregivers - many who are non-church goers. Plus there's delicious home baking each week!

Please contact Jenny (tel. 235 6009) for more information. Young or old, we would love to have you on board!

Rally this year

Part of the new youth programme will be the addition of an intermediate aged programme. More information to follow.

More church news...

Parachute

This weekend about 30 young people are at the Parachute Music Festival at Mystery Creek. Pray for God to work in their lives as well as safety and sunshine

Vanuatu update

Over the holidays the team of young people has been working in the church gardens.

They are planning a tenpin bowling night and will be selling tickets that you can use on that night or any other time in the next 12 months.

But that's not all...they are also planning a movie night at the Lighthouse, and to make this a success they are looking for sponsors.

Do you know anyone who can donate things that they can take as gifts for the trip to Vanuatu? (Sports gear, Whittakers etc). The team is working hard to make their trip possible—their cause is worthy of our support.

New baby

Over the holidays a new face has appeared – Welcome to Connor Macpherson who arrived in early January.

New people

We want to welcome the new people who have visited us over the holidays. We really appreciate you joining with us to bring our worship to our Lord. Please watch out for an information coffee evening in the next month.

Clean up good way to start new year

There is a skip behind the church. If you are responsible for any programme, please take the opportunity to have a real clean out.

Worship: Integrating kids



We have discussed how to run an awesome AnchorKids programme and also integrate kids in worship. We are planning to:

- Have the kids join us once a month at the last part of the service, and we will have worship and communion at the end that day.
- Have some evening services so that the AnchorKids team can join the rest of the adults in a worship time.

There are a number of other options for what we can do like running a programme alongside the service, such as Christianity Explored on a Sunday morning. ■

Prayer request for Rob

Rob Hallows has been accepted into the pastoral leadership programme at Pathways/ Carey College. This is a three year programme to train to be a pastor. Please pray for Rob and Glenys – a big step for them and there are lots of decisions that come with it. ■

In business for freedom—and we can still help

We were able to send the Freeset team \$14,000 last year to assist in this mission of freeing women from exploitation and finding the freedom they can only know as followers of Jesus.

Thank you for those who have bought their products as Christmas gifts. This year, when you are thinking about buying birthday presents for people, please consider this wonderful opportunity to

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acquire great products from Freeset, and supporting their cause further through doing so.

If a present can be likened to being able to see freedom at work in the lives of women, there is no present quite like it.

You can download the full Freeset newsletter at <http://freesetglobal.com/news/13/66/January-2010-Newsletter.html> ■

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