

DPC Notices

Tearfund's 'Room at the Inn' Christmas Appeal for Syrian refugees.

Under the stars in the Middle East, a mother and father carry their son as they flee to a new land to escape persecution. It sounds so much like the Christmas story. But this family is making the journey right now, desperately trying to survive by fleeing Syria. And there are millions more just like them. Mary and Joseph once fled to Egypt as refugees; they would have been looking for someone to help them. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us: "Truly I tell you, whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me" Help a refugee family this Christmas by donating to Tearfund's Room at the Inn Appeal at www.tearfund.org.nz or by calling 0800 800 777. Envelopes available also on DPC foyer table.

In the News – With the celebration of Christmas soon to be upon us it is interesting to note that the Pakistani PM Imran Khan has recently said in a speech that, "Jesus has no mention in human history." We as Christians with Jesus living in us by his Spirit know him to be wrong. We have God's Word, the Bible, with the Gospel Truth. How can we answer such a statement from the likes of Imran Khan? Consider this - Not only do his fellow Muslim's disagree with him, Jesus is mentioned 187 times in the Quran, but there are also other extra-Biblical

accounts of Jesus in historical literature. One of the best-known is Jewish historian Flavius Josephus (37-101 AD), who described Jesus as the "Christ" a "doer of wonderful works" who was condemned to the cross and "appeared alive on the third day". The Roman historian Tacitus (55-117 AD) makes mention of Jesus as "Christus [sic], ... who suffered the extreme penalty at the hand of Pontius Pilate". Also, do not underestimate the testimony of your own life story and how Jesus has saved you and has faithfully and lovingly walked with you through your daily living, that includes all the up's and the down's and everything in between, along with the hope of eternal life. Therefore, in each of our lives and personal history as Christ's devoted and obedient followers – He certainly deserves a mention – even this Christmas!

Merry Christmas, *Kent*

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The Sunday School teacher looked at the boy's drawing of a manger scene, which included a large dog among the animals. The teacher asked about it. "Oh," said the child, "That's a German Shepherd."



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Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

-Oren Arnold



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SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

DPC Weekly

Mainly Music and Prayer Group

Recommence Tuesday February 12th 2019

Wednesday	10-11:30am	Wednesday Study Group Meets December 12th Term 4 Series 'Practicing the Presence of God' Enquiries: Contact Kent Ph 294-8461
	7pm-8pm	Music Ministry Practice & meeting Meets until December 19th Enquiries: Werner Schroeder ph. 020-4140-6524
Thursday	9am-11:15am	Play & Café - Meets until December 13th Contact: Claudia 029-770-4053
Sunday	9.30am	Service
	10.30am	Morning Tea



DPC Youth Ministry

Sun 2nd @1700

Sun 9th @1400

Sun 16th @1600

Y-Service - last one for the year!

Picnic - welcoming new intermediate teens

Fun Run Sausage Sizzle Year-End party!

Enquiries: Werner Schroeder ph. 020-4140-6524

DPC December Meetings

There will be no formal December Meetings.

DPC Sunday Door Ministry Roster

Dec 09 Margaret Dodd & Catherine Grey

Dec 16 Fay Gust & Harriette Goldsmith

Dec 23 Murray Gibson & Joy Webster-Jones

Dec 30 Margaret Dodd & Catherine Grey

Jan 06 Fay Gust & Harriette Goldsmith

Christmas is not a date. It is a state of being - heart, soul, mind and spirit.

DPC Prayer Movement - 2018-2019

Building Vision:

5 Years - \$4 million - Fab Facility!

Pray the Vision into reality: May the Lord Bless the Building Committee and Fundraising committee as they go about their assigned tasks.

December: Pray for the LORD's spirit of Peace, Love and Joy to be manifest in our services. May we be blessed with newcomers and visitors as we invite others to worship with us in the lead up to Christmas.

Pray for Leaders and Helpers: Of all our DPC ministries as they take a well deserved break over the holidays. May they be renewed and refreshed for Term 1 of 2019.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church:

Bring to the Lord Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan. Pray that he will come to know that all authority in Heaven and on earth belongs to the King of Kings and will not allow truth to be compromised on the streets of Pakistan for whatever purpose (Isaiah 59:14). Pray that he will stand by his early promise to govern the country in

the interests of all. Pray also for the safety of recently released Asia Bibi and her family. May the appeal against her release be dropped and may the Bibi's secure safe passage to live in another nation.

Ask that true justice will be administered in Iraq and that the authorities will be effective in restoring Christians' seized or occupied properties to their rightful owners (Zechariah 7:9). Give thanks for the efforts now underway to restore church buildings in Mosul and pray that Christians who do seek to return will know God's blessing on their homes (Proverbs 3:33).

Lift up four imprisoned Christians in Nepal - may they rest in the assurance that God will never forsake those who seek Him (Psalm 9:10). Pray for Christians across the country, living under the new legal restrictions, that they will know that whatever they may face, neither trouble, nor hardship nor persecution can separate them from the love of God (Romans 8:35).

Thank You!

Pre Christmas Garage Sale Plus Event

A BIG Thank you to all those who prayed, donated items and helped prepare and be there on the day - God Bless You!

We connected with many people who came, not just to buy but to enjoy the Nativity and the children's activities, Café and BBQ. We raised nearly \$1400. This was a novel way to share the Christmas Message and Christ's Spirit of peace and joy. For those who are selling pledged and donated items privately and/or on TradeMe, thank you for doing so. We now have a specific account to make direct donations towards the Building Fund at any time by depositing into the named following account -
Church Fundraising Account: 02 0400 0326384 001 BNZ Papakura

