

## Reflection Time

"If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus. If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what grief is, look at Jesus. And keep looking until you're no longer a spectator but part of His grand story!" *-N.T. Wright*

## BackPageFunnies

Thanks for the harmonica you gave me for Christmas," Little Johnny said to his Uncle Rodney, the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best Christmas present I ever got."

"That's great," said his Uncle Rodney. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," Little Johnny said.

"My mum gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars

a week not to play it at night."



**The Clean Pun:** Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

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**The Fun Pun:** A lumberjack went into a magic forest to cut a tree. Upon arrival, he started to swing at the tree, when it shouted, "Wait! I'm a talking tree!"

The lumberjack grinned and said, "And you will dialogue."

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**Digital Praise:** Big shout out to my fingers! I can always count on them.



# Drury Presbyterian Church THE BULLETIN

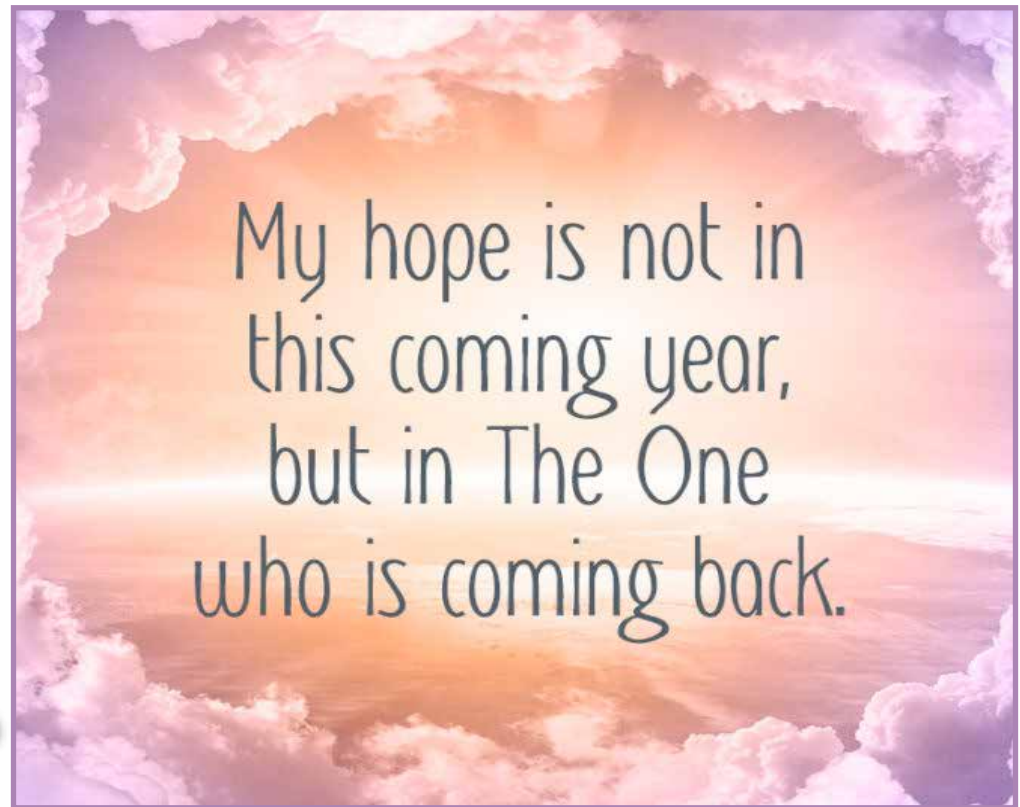
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Bringing Glory to God in Worship and Life

## Drury Presbyterian Church

*Established 1854 - Living it in 2019*

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SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM

# DPC Weekly

**Minister on Holiday from January 12th-Feb 1st**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Service</b> <b>(Kids' Rock Gathering February 3rd)</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	Morning Tea
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mainly Music begins February 12th</b> Contact: Lyndsay Sutton 294-8379
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10-11:30am</b>	<b>Wednesday Study Group</b> <b>Begins February 13th</b>

**DPC Youth - To be advised** - Enquiries: Werner Schroeder ph. 020-4140-6524

**There will be no formal Elders' or Managers' Meetings in January.**

## DPC Sunday Door Ministry Roster

<b>Jan 13</b>	Murray Gibson & Joy Webster-Jones
<b>Jan 20</b>	Margaret Dodd & Catherine Grey
<b>Jan 27</b>	Fay Gust & Harriette Goldsmith
<b>Feb 3</b>	Murray Gibson & Joy Webster-Jones
<b>Feb 13</b>	Margaret Dodd & Catherine Grey

## DPC Prayer – To Begin the Year!

Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.' **Mark 10:27**

### Building Vision:

5 Years - \$4 million – Functional Facility!

**Pray the Vision into reality:** May the Lord Bless the Building Committee and Fundraising committee as they go about their assigned tasks in this early part of the year identifying the site for building, concept plans for the architect and our first million dollars to raised- potentially from the sale of assets.

### Mission & Ministry

**Paul writes, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9**

Let us pray for the leadership and growth of the following ministries at DPC: Kid's Rock; Youth; Church Services – Music Preaching Prayer and the presence of God; Mainly music & Play n Café; Foodbank; Language Classes; and the Identifying of other potential community ministry,

and evangelistic opportunities. May we be a church that fulfils the great Commission in that it 'Makes Disciples'.

### Prayers for Others

**Our Community** – We pray the Peace (Shalom- security, safety, providence) of God on all who live, work, play and pass through our Blessed area.

**Our City** – We pray for the peace of our city and lift up before God our Mayor, Auckland City Councillors and those who lead local Wards that they would make Good decisions to use resources that will bless the Auckland Region.

**Our Nation** – We commit to the LORD the issues of decriminalising euthanasia, legalising recreational marijuana, liberalising abortion laws, freedom of conscience (including religious freedom), a call for an Inquiry into the public health harms of pornography, along with poverty and housing/homlessness. We intercede for the Prime Minister and MP's who will vote on these issues that the right and just decisions would be made that will Bless Aotearoa NZ.

### The Persecuted Church

**Uzbekistan-** Pray for Christians in a church that is being visited by the military every Sunday to disrupt their services and will do so until they give up their faith and stop their activity. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict these soldiers and point them to Jesus as Christ's powers sustains the Uzbek Believers throughout this trial.

**China** – As authorities roll-out an AI (artificial intelligence) controlled "social scoring" system across China it has the potential to severely affect the day-to-day existence of Christians and other minorities, especially if

they are deemed to demonstrate "dissent". Pray that Chinese Christians will look to the Lord – who knows the secrets in all men's hearts (Psalm 44:21) – and trust in Him that as authorities closely monitor their actions, movements and finance, they will see their righteousness shine like the dawn (Psalm 37:6) and be drawn to Christ by witnessing Christians' daily walk. Pray that the Lord will bring about a change of heart among government officials, so that Chinese Christians will no longer be regarded as a threat to social cohesion.

**Iraq** – Lift up the Iraqi Christians whose houses have been stolen or seized over the last four years in areas liberated from ISIS, leaving displaced or refugee believers with no place to return to, even if they felt it was safe to go home. Pray that authorities will take decisive action to prosecute those responsible for the thefts and return property to the rightful owners. May Iraqi Christians take comfort in the Father's promise that whatever may befall them, *"we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven"* (2 Corinthians 5:1).

### Special Prayer :

Stella's cousin Deborah Warrey in PNG has been sent home from hospital with stage IV cervical cancer with no further treatment or medication being provided. Family are caring for her and seeking to provide for her needs. We pray for her healing in the first instance, and for her two surviving children aged 5 and 1, at this time, and also for the provision of funds for medication. If anyone would like to contribute money to help cover the cost of medication then contact Stella for details: Ph/text 022 197 1479.