

OCC Monthly Newsletter

JUNE 2024

A thought from Pastor Dave...

Many of us here at OCC are enjoying a positive season in our lives, at present. Others are struggling. They may have been sitting next to us last Sunday. Did we notice? Are we praying for one another? I hope so.

It is reassuring to know that we have someone consistently praying for us. I know of at least two people who pray for me often, if not daily. And I appreciate that. I pray that you too, know of ones who are consistently praying for you. Did you know that there is someone far greater than your mum or dad, your pastors, your elders, your Sunday School teacher, your Youth Group leader, or your friend, who is consistently praying for you?

Hebrews 7:25 says, "Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf."

Notice the final sentence. Jesus, God's Son 'intercedes' or 'prays fervently' for all those who come to God through Him.

In the book of Hebrews, it also says that Jesus is the One who can save us from the consequences of our sinful choices. "He is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him," and it also says that "He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf." Interceding means that Jesus is appealing to God, in prayer, on behalf of His followers – us!

You might have been fortunate enough as a child to have seen and heard your mum or dad on their knees praying for you consistently. Imagine walking down your hallway in the middle of the night and seeing and hearing Jesus, the Son of God, on His knees in prayer, on your behalf. Wow! Well don't imagine it, **KNOW IT!** For that is what he is doing.

The Scottish minister Robert Murray M'Cheyne wrote: "If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He **IS** praying for me."

If life is a struggle for you at the moment; if you are facing bereavement, loneliness, ill health, a scary event, financial issues, family issues - all these things that make life hard, **KNOW** this – Jesus is in the next room, just down the hallway, praying for you.

Services 10am Sunday Morning

- 2 June - Radiate God's love - Scott McMurray
- 9 June - Provide a nurturing environment - Ken Brown
- 16 June - Equip the church - Aiden Shotbolt
- 23 June - Magnify God - Matt McGrath
- 30 June - A Community to belong - Paula Morrison

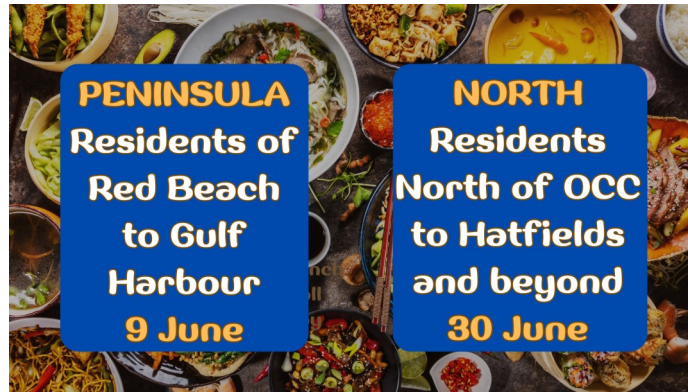




Café Connect, 10am Wednesday 5th June

Come along for a morning focused on the matters of the heart. It will be filled with fun, food and fellowship!

Community Connections Lunches



We are excited to have the first 2 of our Community Connection lunches in June. These lunches are divided up geographically, so if you live on Whangaparaoa peninsula, or North of OCC - please see above for the dates of your shared lunch. Please bring something delicious to share, and meet in the hall after church. No need to RSVP, just come along on the day. We can't wait to spend some time connecting with you and your neighbours.

James 5 Prayer Night, 7.30-9pm Monday 17th June

There will be a Prayer Team at Church praying for your prayer needs. Please come along between 8-9pm if you would like to receive personal prayer. You can email any prayer requests to the office or via our website. **Please note the change of date - it will be the third Monday this month.**

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Ever wondered what Christianity is all about? Or do you have friends who have wondered?
Bring your friends and come along to watch this video series, to ask questions, and to find out more!
Dates TBC
Contact the office or use QR code to register your interest

You can give via online banking or using the envelopes in the foyer drawer.

Please ask Roz for a giving number if you wish to claim tax rebates.

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