THE CEDAR CENTRE

Birkdale Beach Haven Anglican Church

GROWING IN FAITH GIVING IN SERVICE GOING IN LOVE



Welcome to worship at The Cedar Centre We pray that you will be refreshed in the presence of God.

Newsletter for 23rd February 2020

READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5 (P506) and Luke 9:10-17 (P707)

SENTENCE:

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Generous God, your love is overflowing.

Enable us to trust in the abundance of your love; help us to multiply the blessings you give, for you are the one that fulfils all our needs.

Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Cedar Centre exists for the transformation of individuals and communities through Christ centred worship, prayer, compassion and service

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

From Craig's desk.....

This Wednesday - 26th February - marks the beginning of Lent, a season of preparation leading up to Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday Lent is a 40 day period (not counting Sundays because Sunday is always a feast day) of intentional prayer and reflection. It is known as a penitential season – a time of self-sacrifice in which we examine our lives and realign ourselves to God and his ways. We will have a service on Ash Wednesday which will include what is known as *the imposition of ashes*. Using ashes made from the previous year's palm crosses the cross is marked on our forehead or the back of our hand. This is done to remind us of our mortality and our need for God, but also that we belong to Christ.

Each Wednesday evening during Lent we will be having a time of study and reflection as we consider the place of the desert in the life of Christ and of the saints over the generations. How do we function when we feel like we are in the desert and how can we strengthen our resilience so that the desert becomes a place of growth and learning rather than a time which leaves us feeling cynical and defeated. I hope that you will come and join us for the service at 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday and will then journey with us over the remaining Wednesday evenings in Lent.

Arohanui Craig

SGM - <u>11.45am Sunday 15th March</u>, we will have a very short Special General Meeting where the 2019 parish accounts will be presented.

Cedar Family Picnic - 12pm Sunday 29th March in Tui Park

Foodbank needs Drk Blue L/L Milk, please.

ALL TOGETHER TODAY

Today we have our all age family service.

Parents with pre-schoolers Chelsea Room 1 will be open. There is no programme however you are welcome to make yourself at home. There are plenty of toys

OUR PRAYERS

Thank God today for the freedom, freedom to be Christians, freedom to life without conflict, freedom of speech.

Pray to God for those who live in lands of conflict where they are not free to be Christian and openly worship God.

Coming Up......

Lenten Study starting Wednesday 4th March 7.30-9.00pm

<u>Standing firm as Resilient Disciples</u> - In a world where we are constantly buffeted by the storms and pressures of life how can we build resilience that will enable us to stand firm in our

faith? Join us as we journey with some biblical characters and other saints to look at the characteristics of resilience and practical steps we can take to build our own resilience.

Thursday Home Group starts again 5th March, 7.30pm @ David and Alison Munn's 18 Valkyria Place, Beach Haven.

The sessions are built around a wonderful and professionally filmed DVD series called "That the World May Know" presented by teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan. Each contains an insightful faith lesson and challenge which combines the visual presentation with, history, culture 'geography and bible teaching.

REGULAR PROGRAMMES AND THE TEAM

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE
10AM CONTEMPORARY FAMILY SERVICE

- Cedar Kids for children 5 to 10 years
- Elevate for Youth 11+ years

MAINLY MUSIC (For Babies, Toddlers and Parents)

TUESDAY 9.15AM (During School Term)
Cost \$4.00 per session (Held in Chelsea Rooms)

SPACE (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education)

Contact Janice Dowle (09) 419 1231 for next intake

OP SHOP—NEW BEGINNINGS

16 SUNNYHAVEN AVE, BEACH HAVEN SHOPPING CENTRE

Mon-Thur 10-4.30 (Fri 10-4.30) Sat. 10.30-1.30 Serving the community by offering good quality preloved clothing and goods at affordable prices.

SELWYN SENIORS (Fun and Fellowship)

THURSDAY 9.30AM - NOON (Held in Foyer)

THE HAVEN (YOUTH - Intermediate & High School

Our Youth Programme is held weekly on Saturdays. To find out what's going on, check out our website or The Haven Facebook page. Email: Youth@cedarcentre.org.nz

Cedar Centre bank account details for donations 02 0112 0093782 00

EFTPOS available on Sunday mornings.



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LEADERSHIP TEAM

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