

NOTICES

Hospo Team - Next week Team 5

Refocussing Events

(Please see Di for more details)

- January 30 : 11am-4pm
Day of setting vision goals and strategies to achieve these goals.
Cost \$75
- February 16 - 19 : Introductory training in Refocussing pastoral care and life mapping personal development skill

Welcome Party

February 19 Friday night featuring a covers band. 8 til late at 8 Morrow St. Nibbles provided, BYO. Tickets \$15 single / \$20 double. Fun, food and dancing!

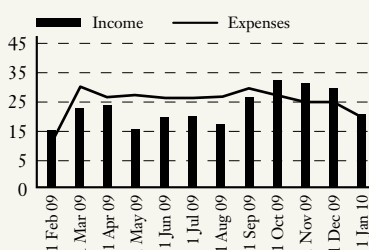
Ex Nihilo

Creativity explored. All welcomed. Last Wednesday each month at 3 Rajan Place. Hamish 021 557096

Building Available For Use

If you know of a church looking for a building - available Sunday afternoon / evening. See Hamish.

Monthly Giving (Units = \$1,000)



THIS WEEK'S BLURB

Hi Church

My favourite TV programme at the moment is called GRAND DESIGNS. It details the stories of people who set out to create not just an ordinary home but an extraordinary one. Not necessarily extraordinary in the amount of money they cost, but extraordinary in the sense that they are different, innovative, often use new technology and have the potential to create truly wonderful living environments that will be a delight for the owners to inhabit through the coming years.

Almost all the stories that feature in the series, catalogue the very real difficulties and obstacles that these people face, when for whatever reason, they accept the challenge of doing something out of the ordinary. There are engineering issues, planning consent issues, financial problems, skill and experience deficits that always surround new technology and new materials, and the blowouts to the project's timeframes that result from all of the above. At times you begin to wonder as all these pressures escalate, whether it's really worth the hassle. But the end products are often breathtakingly beautiful and a source of absolute delight for those who live in them. Truly a case of the end justifying the means!

I think God would like this program! His Word states in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship ---". This immediately raises the question "Would God ever make junk, or if not junk, then something just bland and ordinary and indifferent? The answer of course is never! Which raises another question, "Then why do we sometimes find that this is exactly how our lives end up?"

The answer I think is that the desires we have for a relatively pain and problem free life come with the huge price tag attached. While it is certainly easier to get around in a flat world, in a flat world there are no mountains to be climbed!

We can settle for this kind of world, a mediocre world, an underachieving world, an average world, a monotonous world, --- and bore ourselves (and God?) to death. Or else we can determine to keep learning and adapting and growing with the changing circumstances of our world, tapping into God's creative flow and cooperating with him to build a "grand design" out of our lives.

Best blessings,
 Hamish and Di

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Here at church. Wednesdays weekly 7.30pm

INTEREST GROUPS

New Mum's Meals Christy Hitchcock 021 623 743
Bible Overview Group Brett Fawcett 021 353 530
Fortnightly, thursdays 7.30 at church
Foodies and Friends John & Linda Grigg 09 522 2711
john.linda@grigg.co.nz, last week of the month
location and times TBA, fun food & fellowship
Ex Nihilo Exploring creativity. All welcomed. 7pm, 3 Rajan Place, Hillsborough. See notices for next date. Hamish 021 557 096
Mums with Babies Coffee Group Lisa Divett 021 990 158
Each tuesday at 11.00. Ring Lisa first to check venue.

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Offering (11/1 - 17/1) \$3,482

Thank you for your love and support.
There are lots of ways of giving to church - cash, cheque (offering pots), Eftpos, credit (in the foyer) online or auto payments. Details:

C1 Church Trust Account
Westpac Dominion Rd
Acc No: 030179 0304927 00

Contributions can be made to the Refocussing Trust using Eftpos or by cheque (please tell the person on duty to select the refocussing eftpos account) or by Credit Card by filling in the following and dropping in the pot. Thanks!

Note:
1.To pay cash against your tithe numbers, use envelopes in the foyer. If you need a tithe number, please use the form on the left. 2.Please be aware that large amounts given through eftpos attract high bank merchant fees so unless you want the airpoints please give directly to our bank account.

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