

## NOTICES

**Hospo Team** - Next week Team 3

**Building Available For Use**

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

**Church BBQ**

Easter Sunday 4th of April after Church @ Hamish & Di's bach at Piha.

## THIS WEEK'S BLURB

Hi Church.

I am sure you are aware of the recent debate in the media around the issue of atheists wanting to put billboards on buses advertising their point of view. My immediate response was twofold. Firstly that the golden rule as espoused by Jesus, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you", would lead us to extend to Atheists the same rights to express their opinions that we would expect them to grant to us. If it's okay for us to preach our "good news" then it should also be okay for atheists to preach their version of "good news".

This leads me to my second observation. How tragic that the view of God implied by the Billboard: that God is a divine spoilsport essentially out to prevent you enjoying your life, is so broadly accepted by our community, Christian and non-Christian, that almost no one picked up on it.

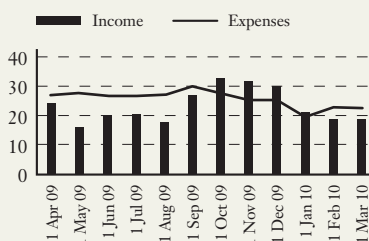
Take a look at the statement:

"There's probably no god. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life."

Arguments against the existence of God are what they are, I personally don't find them challenging in the least. But far more insidious is the veiled implication that directly impugns the character of God. That believing in God will automatically be a cause for great anxiety, and that somehow God and joy are mutually exclusive! How sad, how far from the truth. The best response to this campaign is surely not to rant and about so-called attacks on Christianity but simply to make sure that our own lives are visible advertisements for the truth. The truth that Jesus came that we might have "life, and that more abundantly".

Best blessings,  
Hamish and Di.

## Monthly Giving (Units = \$1,000)



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Fortnightly, thursdays 7.30 at church
Foodies and Friends John & Linda Grigg 09 522 2711
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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
Mainly Music Tuesday at 10.00.

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If you are new to this church, need to update details or need a tithe number please fill in this section and pop it into the offering pot.

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

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