

## NOTICES

### Coming Up

#### Guest speakers:

JUNE: Darcy Ungaro,  
Matthew Wood  
JULY: Professor Andrew  
Ruys (Sydney University) - a  
lecture series: Intelligent design  
Graham Fletcher (Vancouver )  
prophetic ministry

### Seminars & Training

JULY: Refocussing - Training  
in pastoral care counselling and  
people helping skills

### Congratulations

Jess and Jarrod on the birth of a  
brand new baby girl, lyla.

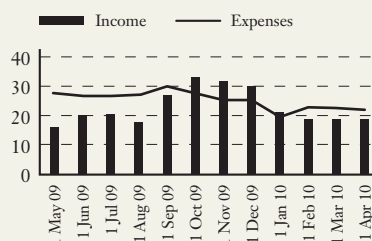
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BEFORE Church to display on  
your dashboard rather than when  
you leave. or risk your car towed/  
ticketed. If you have any of the  
old tickets you can bring them in  
and we can issue you new ones.

### Foodies and Friends

This Tues, 7.30 pm at "Altar",  
465 Mt Eden Rd. All welcome.

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



## THIS WEEK'S BLURB

Hi Church.

We recently asked a group of people to a kind of "think tank" about our church and its ministry heart and purpose. As always there were unique and personal takes on the various components that make up church life. But there were also some common themes and metaphors that were broadly held both by people who had been around forever as well as those who have joined much more recently. The most pervasive theme seemed to be that this church felt like "HOME". At first glance this may not appear particularly significant but when you begin to contemplate all the crucial elements that have to go together in order to create a home, then you begin to realise that this is no small thing.

It was Blaise Pascal who declared of God, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in you". One of things that I have observed about myself is that I am never as truly relaxed as I am at home. This world is often a very challenging and at times quite brutal place. While we may pride ourselves on being a civilised people, one has only to scratch the surface to find a jungle underneath! In sport, in politics, in finances, at work etc there are often "dog eat dog" undercurrents going on all the time. It was for good reason that Bill Gates supposedly came

up with the byline for Microsoft, his hugely successful multinational company; "ONLY THE PARANOID SURVIVE!". In contrast to this, home is a safe place, it's the one place I can let my guard down, the one place I don't have to watch my back.

Your home is your Castle and behind its walls you can create a tranquil haven, a bespoke environment that truly reflects who you are and where you feel completely comfortable and un- pressured by the performance demands and expectations of the rest of the world.

If our church is just a little bit like this, then I think we're off to a great start because that is exactly what God is like. Matthew 5:48 says "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect". At first glance this verse seems anything but "homely", but when you realise that Luke translates the same verse, "Be compassionate, even as your heavenly Father is compassionate." then it becomes clear that God's softhearted and empathetic concern for us is exactly what makes him "safe", enables us to relax totally in his careful presence and feel like we have truly come home.

Best blessings,  
Hamish and Di.

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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
Mainly Music Tuesday at 10.00.

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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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