



*Our motivating vision is...
'To be Love Light and Life'*

Sunday 7 January 2018

10:00am – 'How God Surprises'
Mark 1:14-15
with shared Communion



Leading: Janice Langford Preaching: Frank Darcy

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

Children – Holidays DVD for you is on during the message time

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Stewart Writes... The Bible says Jesus came to us in "the fullness of time" (Galatians 4:4) – the time when everything was as fully prepared for Him as possible. All the pieces of history fell together on that Christmas day. All His preparation culminated in a single ordinary event – a baby being born to non-influential people, in a rural town of a small conquered nation. The only fanfare for the greatest event in history was heard by a bunch of ordinary shepherds. It was a surprising way for the King of all creation to enter. God became man, one of us! and men & women made of dust, dwelling on the natural earth, can become the sons of God! Supernatural? You bet! In 2018, God will continue His process in you to allow the natural to reveal the supernatural. How? An example; We go through the natural experience of a big disappointment, or say losing a job. All this drives us to look to Him whose presence makes us sense the true wealth in which we participate. Next we can find ourselves relaxed, a light heart, in the midst of a clamouring world. It's supernatural!



There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

Focus on Servanthood - New volunteers to date for 2018!! Alan Radcliffe as Stats counter, Angela Paton in Kidzspace and 6 new volunteers to help take the 'Matrix' Intermediate group – Sepoima, Nicola, Louise, Rebekah, Sonya and Laraine (when Sonya leaves in June). Thank you!

Euthanasia Bill – Select Committee Submissions, by 20 February.

The NZ Parliament has voted the 'End of Life Choice Bill' through its 1st Reading and it is now being considered by the Justice Select Committee. If you are reading this Newsletter online, you will be able to Ctrl+Click on the logo below, to access a very informative pdf document detailing the proposed assisted suicide amendments and problems with this Bill before Parliament. It also gives you the key information you need to include, the ways you can send your submission in.

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Dessert @ Lonestar Restaurant Save this date ladies - Wednesday 17 January 7pm. Come and enjoy getting to know each other better and hearing what God has been doing in each other's lives. RSVP by 14 January to Nicola Hawkins.

Nicola's CAPtion: 2 Support friends urgently required



I have two established CAP clients who need a support friend. This would involve meeting them, with myself or their existing support friend, then trying to build a supportive relationship. The support you offer would depend on your availability and skills as well as their needs. It is ideal if you can offer to see them once per month. **Please see or ring Nicola (863 2580) if interested in hearing more.**

Ralph & Eunice Fuchs are moving to a new flat @ Wainui, on Tuesday 16 January, & are looking for some help with the move. It's mainly boxes, not much furniture. Lunch & drinks provided. Contact Eunice 0212222998

Check out the great full-page article on MUP Youth Group in this edition of 'SPANZ'



	TODAY 7 January 2018	NEXT WEEK 14 January 2018
Greeters	D Whibley, <i>Volunteer</i>	A Clement, V Hawkins
Explorers crèche	H Churton	M Parker
Ministry Team	J McHardy	J Newman
Cups of Tea	<i>2 Volunteers</i> , W Carstens	E & B Bowis, A Lawton
Flowers	E Oates	B Bowis
AV & Sound	D Russell, G O'Neil	P Oram, <i>volunteer</i>
Counters	D Welch	A McLean