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Kia ora tātou,

Getting behind the legend: the inspiring Christian faith of Patrick

For those of Irish heritage, today is a significant day: St Patrick's Day.

The history of Patrick (c. 389–c.461) has been much obscured by both medieval legend and his appropriation as a cultural symbol.

But Patrick's *Confession* (if it is indeed authentically his) indicates some of the facts about Patrick: raised in Britain, he was captured by raiders and enslaved in Ireland. There he profoundly came back to God, and became a man of deep faith, prayer, and vision. After some years he escaped from Ireland, became a monk, heard God's call to take the Christian message back to pagan Ireland, and saw many Irish come to faith in the living God.

To mark this day, some may want to find Patrick's *Confession* on line, and read about his conversion (2), his robust Trinitarian doctrine (4), his prayer life (16), his inward struggles and spiritual growth (44), his experience of the miraculous (45), his deep roots in scripture (40), his clear commitment to evangelism (40, 50), and his humility (62).

If you want something lighter, see [this](#) (but note that the date it gives for Patrick's birth is several centuries wrong)

A forthcoming evangelism event in New Zealand

It has been confirmed that Franklin Graham, the son of Billy Graham, will be coming to New Zealand in November, speaking at a "God Loves You Tour". This will be under the auspices of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and will be at no cost to New Zealand churches.

The dates will be 12 Nov. (Christchurch Arena), 16 Nov. (TSB Arena, Wellington), and 19 Nov. (Trusts Arena, Auckland).

Some Christian leaders in New Zealand have raised concerns about controversial public statements Franklin Graham has made in the past, in the context of American culture wars and politics. NZCN fully acknowledges those concerns. We also understand that Mr Graham has given clear assurances that in New Zealand he will be speaking of one thing only: salvation through Jesus Christ.

The New Zealand organisers of this tour also emphasise the benefits to New Zealand churches of the extensive evangelism and discipleship training that will precede the events.

To learn more, see the [God Loves You Tour](#) website

Mā te Atua koutou e tiaki e manaaki i nga wa katoa,
May the Lord bless and keep you at all times,



Dr Stuart Lange

National Director



Gayann Phillips

General Manager

and the NZCN team

P.S. If you haven't yet caught up with the postponements of the Forum and Congress, see [here](#).

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A copy of the letter to be sent to the leader of the Russian Orthodox Church

15 March 2022

His Holiness Kirill
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia
Russian Orthodox Church

Your Holiness,

We write to you as brothers and sisters in Christ and as national leaders of most church denominations in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We are deeply disturbed by what is happening in the Ukraine at the moment, the bombings, the civilian deaths, the major refugee crisis.

We are fearful of further escalation of the situation that would put even more people in danger. We are united in our request that you use your voice and significant influence to call for an end to the hostilities in Ukraine and intervene with authorities in your nation to do so. We make this appeal with no political agenda but rather in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ whose love transcends the narrow claims of all nations and ideologies.

We are in the season of Lent. In that Lenten spirit, we ask you to prayerfully consider the steps you can take to influence peaceful solutions.

As the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, you have the holy opportunity to play an historic role in helping to bring a cessation of senseless violence and a restoration of peace. We pray you will do so, and our prayers will accompany you, as together we yearn for the biblical vision of peace that is found in Isaiah 2:4:

*Then He will judge between the nations
and arbitrate for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will no longer take up the sword against nation,
nor train anymore for war.*

Respectfully Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,
Members of National Church Leaders of Aotearoa New Zealand

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Auckland Church Leaders and Rhema Ministries

A short devotional talk from 'The Daily', a pre-Easter video series

This series is a daily 3.5 minutes talk by a very wide range of church leaders,
giving witness to both the Christian message and to our unity in Christ.

*Senior Pastor Sanjai Kandregula of Our City Church shares from Matthew 6:19-
21 about doing things that have eternal value*

Sign up to receive 'The Daily' in your inbox



Monday 21 March

Hon Alfred Ngaro

Interceding for our Government and Parliamentarians

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Alfred is part of a team that leads '[Intercessors Aotearoa](#)' - a group that informs, equips and mobilises prayer for our government and parliamentarians - and

will share with us some insights on how we can pray for our local MPs and the 72 electorates across New Zealand.

Although our sessions typically run from 8pm to 9pm, Alfred has kindly offered to stay online until 9:30pm so we can continue with an extended time of Q&A and prayer as the Holy Spirit leads us.

Join Pray As One NZ on Zoom 8–9pm Mondays

Would you like to have your organisation featured in our newsletter, post employment opportunities on our job board, or list events on our calendar?

You can! These are benefits we make available to NZCN member churches and Christian organisations.

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Submitted by our Church and Christian Organisation members



The 2022 30 Days Muslim World Prayer Guide is now available to order

Due to COVID-19 interfering with print production and church gatherings again in 2022, only a PDF version is available this year. The good news is, we're making it available for free! [GET YOUR COPY HERE](#)

If you have influence over a group of people, you can help by promoting the 30 Days initiative. [Click here to download the promotional material](#)

Generous creators in YWAM have produced a 2022 children's version of the 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World Guide, which has been edited a little for the New Zealand context, and it is now available for you to [download for free](#).



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Barnabas Fund works to provide hope and aid for the persecuted Church, from Christians, to Christians, through Christians.

Barnabas stands alongside our Christian brothers and sisters where they suffer discrimination and persecution by providing aid through our partners on the ground encouraging prayer, telling their untold story and speaking out on their behalf.



Make a donation for the Ukraine

Visit the website

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Events

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FREE EVENT

FRANKLIN GRAHAM

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TOUR DATES

All events are **free** of charge and everyone is welcome.

12 CHRISTCHURCH
Nov Christchurch Arena

16 WELLINGTON
Nov TSB Arena

19 AUCKLAND
Nov The Trusts Arena

Visit the **GOD LOVES YOU TOUR** website

Employment Opportunities

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Budget Solutions Advisor - full-time

Penrose, Auckland

Operations Administrator - full-time

Penrose, Auckland

Information Technology Manager - full-time

Penrose, Auckland



Office Administrator - part-time

Wellington

Communications Manager - full-time & part-time

Wellington preferred, other locations considered

Staff Workers - full-time & part-time

Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, with vacancies across the country

Partnerships & Fundraising Manager

Anywhere - full-time & part-time

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Help spread the news...

New Zealand society is in a period of significant change, much of it away from the Christian faith and values. Christian voices in society are either ignored or scorned.

We need Christian voices which are positive, sensible, reasoned, well-informed, and clear.

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