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Kia ora tātou,

Thinking ahead to Easter

- Why does the Cross matter? In this troubled world, with so many people and nations divided against one another, with ongoing suffering, and with so many people adrift from God, in this pre-Easter season we offer you below a simple biblically-derived summary of why Jesus died, and therefore why the Cross of Jesus really matters.
- We trust you are being blessed by 'The Daily' Lent devotionals, being brought to you by Auckland Church Leaders and Rhema Ministries. And we would encourage you to let them know it! Wouldn't it be fantastic for the churches to continue to build unity through projects such as this?
- And in this time leading up to Easter, we are blessed to have Dave Mann join us on Pray As One NZ to pray for churches to unite through the HOPE PROJECT, in the delivery of booklets, prayer walks, and building bridges with those who receive the gospel of Christ.

From our growing number of members

At the start of the year, we introduced a [job directory](#) on the website, with current listings our members post, linked in this newsletter. Other benefits of our Christian organisation and church members have include a [directory listing](#) on our website, being a featured member in NZCN News and posting [events](#) on our calendar.

Less than two weeks ago, MiCamp joined as members, placed employment opportunities on our job board, listed their organisation on our directory, and started posting upcoming camps on the event calendar. Check them out!

Is there an opening at the church you are part of or organisation you work at that would benefit by listing positions with us? Have you got events (online

and/or in person) that you need to tell people about? Would you appreciate having another way for people to find out about your church or organisation? If so, encourage your leaders to look into [membership](#) with NZ Christian Network.

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](#).



AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO EASTER...

Why did the Son of God need to die?

Here's six reasons. Some of them overlap. You may think of others...

Jesus died to satisfy the justice of God

God is just, and justice requires that evil be punished. But we are unable to pay the price of that justice. So, in extraordinary mercy, God in Christ paid that price himself.

Jesus died to take our own guilt upon himself

‘He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree’ (1 Pet 2:24)

Jesus died to give us His righteousness

‘God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God’ (2 Cor. 5:21)

‘all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith’ (Rom 3:24-25)

Jesus died to reconcile us to God

‘God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting people’s sins against them’ (2 Cor 5:19)

Jesus died to demonstrate the love of God

With all the relentless suffering in this world, both experienced and observed, many people question whether there is a God who truly loves or cares. But the death of God incarnate, in agony on a brutal Roman cross, is powerful evidence that God does indeed love and care.

‘God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us’ (Rom 5:8)

Jesus died so that we might live for him

‘that we might die to sins and live to righteousness’ (1 Pet 2:24)

‘that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him’ (2 Cor 5:15)

‘You are not your own; you were bought at a price’ (1 Cor 6:19-20)



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.

Auxiliary Bishop Michael Gielen of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland speaks from Matthew 18:15-17 about how and why to restore broken relationships

Sign up to receive 'The Daily' in your inbox



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DAVE MANN

HOPE PROJECT



This Monday we will be praying for the Hope Project, including the uniting of churches in seeing volunteers involved nationally in the delivery, for responsiveness to the gospel which is going to homes, and for conversational outreach equipping taking place in hundreds of churches concurrently.

Join Pray As One NZ on Zoom 8-9pm Monday

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.

[Click here to learn more about memberships](#)

NZCN featured member

Listed on our [Directory](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members



MiCamp offers hassle free camping experiences with friendly staff, great facilities, excellent food and a wide range of activities based around the picturesque settings of each campsite.

Taupo

Whakamaru

Ruapehu

Visit the website

Listing on NZCN

Events

Listed on our [Event Calendar](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members

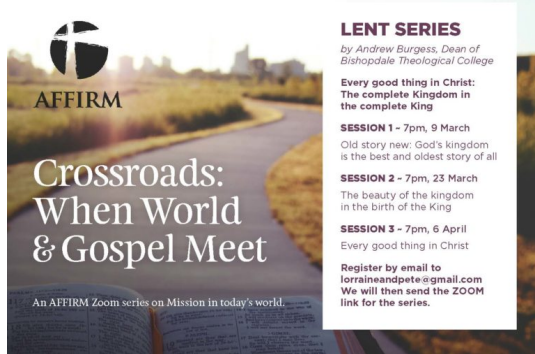
Session 3 – 6 April

Every good thing in Christ

Lent Serries by Andrew Burgess, Dean of Bishopdale Theological College

[Email Lorraine](#) to register for the ZOOM link or to request a recording of

previous sessions.



LENT SERIES

by Andrew Burgess, Dean of
Bishopdale Theological College

Every good thing in Christ:
The complete Kingdom in
the complete King

SESSION 1 - 7pm, 9 March

Old story new: God's kingdom
is the best and oldest story of all

SESSION 2 - 7pm, 23 March

The beauty of the kingdom
in the birth of the King

SESSION 3 - 7pm, 6 April

Every good thing in Christ

Register by email to
lorraineandpete@gmail.com
We will then send the ZOOM
link for the series.



14-18 April in Taupo

MiCamps much loved family camp is a great way for you and your family to spend the long weekend.

We offer an affordable camp designed for all ages and stages. It is not run by a church but rather run by MiCamps Board Members & Staff team.

Come enjoy family time, great speakers, fun kids program, amazing food and more!

FAMILY CAMP EASTER



25-29 April at Whakamaru

MiCamp kids camps are a highlight for so many children during their school holidays. During a week of holiday camp the kids get to partake in interactive chapel times, fun all-in wide games, exciting activities and eat the most delicious food.

Our holiday camps are OSCAR approved (by Ministry of Social Development) so we hold to high safety standards.

FLURO KIDS CAMP

Employment Opportunities

Listed on our [Job Board](#) by our Church and Christian Organisation members



Office Administrator - 32 hrs/wk

Penrose, Auckland

Comms Advisor - 20-40 hrs/wk

Penrose, Auckland



Camp Grounds/Maintenance - full-time

MiCamp Taupo

Lead Activity Instructor/camp worker - full-time

MiCamp Taupo

Grounds/Maintenance & Instructor - full-time

MiCamp Whakamaru

Camp Chef/Cook - full-time

Taupo



Staff Workers - full-time / part-time

Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, and across the nation

Communications Manager - full-time / part-time

Wellington preferred, other locations considered

Office Administrator - part-time

Wellington



Budget Solutions Advisor - full-time

Penrose, Auckland

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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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