

## **This Week**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

5.00pm - Prayer Meeting

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

10.15am - Sunday Service

### **Offerings**

For those who have entered into the 'cashless society' and would like to tithe or make an offering, the church account to use is:

BNZ

No 02-0900 0513805-00

If you show your name under 'particulars' and envelope number under 'reference' we will be able to provide you with a receipt for tax rebate purposes at the end of the year.

To get an offering number see Marj Higgs 489 0088 or email [denmarj.higgs@xtra.co.nz](mailto:denmarj.higgs@xtra.co.nz)

## **Serving in December**

Kids Offering

18th Saul & Levi

Morning Tea

18th David & Michelle McMaster

Door Duty

18th Kevin & Sue Williams

Please advise Heidi Mawhinney if there are any changes to the rosters.

### **Newsletter**

Items should be sent to Heidi Mawhinney at [newsletter@cavy.net.nz](mailto:newsletter@cavy.net.nz) by lunch time on Thursday.

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## **Sunday 18th December 2011**

### **Welcome to Cavy today!**

7 more sleeps, so I'm reliably informed, until Christmas Day. And there's lots to do before then. A sincere thank you to all those who have served in myriad ways in and through our Caversham Baptist community this year. Without your contribution things would be sad indeed. From my point of view this is a great community to belong to - there are so many people who by their living, loving and serving point me to Jesus.

Now for some deep theology! Advent is the supremely 'eschatological' season of the church year. Now that's a big word. Eschatology is simply talk about the end. Christians believe that our life in the church is preparation for and a foretaste of the end.

This word meaning 'the end' can be used in several ways. The word means final - like the end of the game. The last chapter of the book, the siren. When the game's over, the book read, the siren gone it's the end. When it's all over and done with it's 'finis.'

It also can mean purpose - the result of work, the point of it all, the meaning of the film. 'End' in this case means how it finally ends up; where it all eventually leads. An early Protestant catechism

asked, 'What is the chief end of humanity?' The exuberant Christian answer is, 'to glorify God and enjoy him forever.'

Our purpose, our 'eschatological' end is for no more utilitarian reason than to glorify God and enjoy his work in our lives.

We were formed, body, soul and spirit for praise, praise and thanksgiving, to God. We were made for worship.

Is that how you see it?

As this is the last 'formal' newsletter for this year thanks to **Heidi Mawhinney** for her work and to **Karene Scott** for being back-up and to the photocopier for doing the business!

And from Trudy and me and our ever-expanding family (they're actually big enough to speak up for themselves - so I'm not speaking for them), thank you for your grace, your acceptance and the opportunity you have given us to live out the calling that we began to sense over 40 years ago.

There are plenty of opportunities to gather with people for worship this Christmas. Some people are more open at this time. See what you find!

**Roly**

## For Visitors

It's great to have you here with us today. We hope you'll feel welcome and enjoy your time at Cavy.

The toilets and the crèche (for kids under three) can be reached through the door to the left of the stage.

The Quiet Room, on the left hand side of the auditorium, is for parents who would like to listen to the message while they are feeding their babies.

The hall is at the back of the building and can be reached through the door to the left of the stage and through the foyer.

## Christian Education Programme

A programme for those between 3 and 5 years (PSSK), 6-10 years (Oasis), ACT1V8 (years 7-9) and Ignite (year 10 and up) takes place downstairs at around 10:45

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat, in the hall, after our gathering this morning. If you smile sweetly you might even get a biscuit!



## True Christian Christmas

Christmas isn't showy gifts  
Or glittering decoration;  
It's honouring our Saviour, Jesus Christ  
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate,  
Meeting their needs before our own;  
It's making sure at Christmas time  
That no one is alone.

It's taking what we would have spent  
On things that no one needs,  
And using it to help someone  
With service and good deeds.

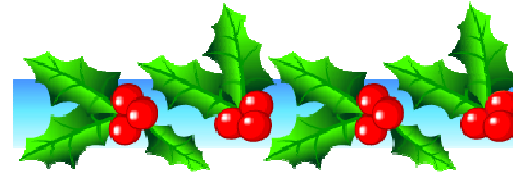
Our Saviour showed us how to live  
With charity, faith and service.  
It makes the holidays a joy,  
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is  
About our Saviour's birth;  
That's the way to happiness,  
The way to peace on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## Christmas Celebration Service

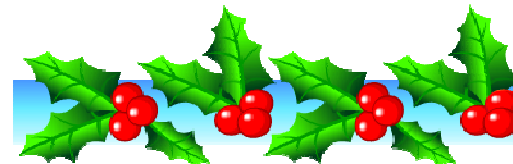
@ Caversham  
Tonight, 6pm

## Christmas Eve

@Caversham  
6pm By Kids for Kids  
9pm Reflective Service

## Christmas Day

@ Caversham Presbyterian Church  
Thorn Street  
9.30am



## Up and coming Church events

- **18th Dec** - Christmas celebration Service in the evening
- **24th Dec** - Christmas Eve services at 6pm and 9pm
- **25th Dec** - Christmas Day service

## Bible Society in N Z

Dunedin Action Group wishes to thank the Caversham Baptist Church for allowing free of charge the use of the quiet room for 1hr meetings one evening every 2mths in 2011. Christina Serong Secretary.

## Odd Jobs

If you have any jobs you need doing through the summer Corey Edwards is in need of some work. Contact him on 027 757 8377

**Joan and Peter Duncan** want to express their thanks to the Church for their prayers during surgery and recovery and to the Lord for answering all your prayers so emphatically in every respect.

## Congratulations

Mandy Smith who graduated on Wednesday with a grad diploma in primary teaching.

*Merry Christmas*