

## Happening

### GROUPS UNDER TRAFFIC LIGHT RED:

**Please note - you may only attend groups if you are well. If you have any symptoms (cough, runny nose, fever, body aches, etc) you must stay home. Limits of 25 persons per group.**

**Toy Lending Library:** Open during the term. Monday 11am-1pm. Contact Janet Kidd. **On Hold.**

**Second Chance Op Shop:** NOTE: They are taking donations of good quality second hand clothing only. Open Tuesday's 10am—2pm. Contact Marianne Hunt for more information.

**Transformation Youth Group:** Wednesday 4.45pm-7pm. **On hold.**

**Mainly Music:** Thursday 10am. Contact Sherilyn Sampson 021 298 2762. **On hold.**

**Son-Shine Club:** Thursdays 3.15pm till 5pm. Contact Tino Segi 027 239 0448. **Starting Back 31st March.**

**Friendship Group @ Ranui:** Friday from 10am till 12pm. Morning Tea provided. Contact Myra Dormer or Ph. Church office 833 7815.

**Missions Prayer Meeting:** 1st Sunday of the Month after Morning Service. Contact Ronnie Nicolson.

**Women's Bible Study Group:** Monday 10am in the Prayer Room. Contact Glenda Winn. **On hold until Orange Light.**

**Young Adults Group:** Every 2nd Tuesday, 7-9pm in the Café. Contact Matt Osborne.

**Monday Night Prayer:** Monday 7.30pm-8.30pm, prayer room. **On hold.**

**Intercessors:** Wednesday 10-11.30am in the Prayer Room. **On hold.**

**Men's Home group:** Thurs 7.00-9.00pm in the Café. John Blight or Tai Tauga.

**Women's Fellowship, Prayer and Bible Women's group:** There is a Facebook messenger group of ladies within our Church. They are meeting on a Thursday evening on zoom 7-9pm and are finishing the last part of an alpha course at the moment. They pray, fellowship, and encourage one another. This group is open to all women in our Church and their friends.

If you'd like to be added to this group contact; Penelope Dawson on penelopeanne.d@gmail.com or on Facebook messenger or contact Ronnie Nicolson.

**Moneymates:** Wed 10am—12pm. Contact Glenn Harris on 8325961. **On hold.**

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## Sunday 10th April 2022

### This Week's Service

**10 am**

Alan Telford - Why God Created You & What God Desires  
(Join us in the café for Morning Tea following the service)

### Next Week's Services

**9:30 am (Good Friday)**

Tai Tauga - The Sounds of the Passion - Psalm 22

**10 am (Easter Sunday)**

Tai Tauga - The Facts of the Resurrection  
1 Corinthians 15:1-7

# Alan Telford

## Why God Created You – What God Desires From You

The Bible instructs us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and promised that we will seek Him and find Him when we search for Him with all our heart. We often talk about the need for us to seek God but less about how God is seeking us. What is the thing that God desires from us most. In January I shared about the bride of Christ and how God the Father was seeking for a bride that would be worthy of His Son and His sacrifice for all mankind. And also how Jesus has delayed His return, waiting for His wife to make herself ready. Jesus is seeking a bride that is ready for His return.

Today I want to share the purpose God has for your life and why He created you. While preparing God spoke these words to my heart:

*I gave you my nature and adopted you into My Family so we could fellowship together – Spirit to spirit. I created you for a purpose: to be my son, my daughter, so we could fellowship together.*

God wants our fellowship. God wants a family. He wants fellowship from His family. And He doesn't want a lesser fellowship such as He is already getting from angels. He wants fellowship from creatures that are born with His very own nature inside them.

God has always desired to dwell with His people in the same way a Father lives with His family. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, shared about this in Acts 7:44-50, quoting the prophet Isaiah;

*49 'Heaven is My throne,  
And earth is My footstool.  
What house will you build for Me? says the LORD,  
Or what is the place of My rest?  
50 Has My hand not made all these things?'*

King David, a man after God's own heart, wanted to build a temple for God. The prophet Nathan told him, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you." But God had other ideas. He loved the fact that David cared about God's temple. This gave God the opportunity to give a messianic prophecy and explain God wanted a different type of temple, and how this new temple would be built.

Today we look at how God turned the tables on King David by not allowing David to build a house for Him, and instead how God Himself would build a house inside of each one of us so finally He can fellowship with us, heart to heart, spirit to spirit.

### NEW DATE - CHURCH AGM:

The new date for the Church AGM is the **8th of May** & it will be held directly after the service in the auditorium. All Church members should make a special effort to be there! AGM booklets will be emailed out to those who we have their email on file. If you want a printed copy you can collect those from the foyer before or after the services on the 17th/24th of April, or 1st May.

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

# Notices

### EASTER SERVICES:

The Sound & Technical Team are away at an Easter Camp that weekend, so there will be no youtube live feed available for the Easter Services.

### STAFF LEAVE & OFFICE CLOSURES:

Pastor Lloyd & Judy are now on Holiday for 5 more weeks! If you need any pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Tai Taua or Elder John Blight.

The Church Office will be **closed** on Good Friday (Friday the 15th of April) & Easter Monday (Monday the 18th of April).

Robert Murray will be on leave from Monday the **18th of April**, returning to work on Tuesday the **26th of April**. Any office enquires can come through Sherilyn in the office who will be working 9:30-1:30 each day while Robert is away.



### THE HOPE PROJECT:

There is still one zone to be completed for the HOPE PROJECT 2022. Please see Samuel Johnson-Chung if you are available to do this. It will need to be completed over the next few days before Easter.

Here is a picture of the team on delivery day! Thanks for all the wonderful work Sam & his team have completed!

### DONATIONS TAX RECEIPTS 2022:

These have been completed, if we have your email on file you should have already received your receipt. If you have any questions or require a printed copy of the receipt please get in touch with Robert or Sherilyn in the office.

### WOVEN EASTER DEVOTIONAL:

Collect your copy of the Woven Easter Devotional from the foyer, we have 20 copies left. This booklet takes you on a journey with Jesus leading up to Easter. Produced by the Bible Society.



Pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you.

**2 Thessalonians 3:1**