

P R E - S E R V I C E

*prayer*

9:30 – 9:50 in the church auditorium

SUNDAY 7th November 2021

# Nau mai! Welcome!

Find yourself a seat,  
and prepare your hearts for worship.

Papanui Baptist Church





Happy Birthday Abbey.

# Offering

*An act of worship*



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November

The image shows the word "UPDATE" spelled out using six colorful, rectangular hanging blocks. Each letter is on a separate block, and the blocks are suspended by thin silver strings. The background is a plain, light color. The word is centered horizontally in the lower half of the image.

**U P D A T E**

A grayscale photograph of a classical building facade, likely a government or institutional building, featuring a large clock face and the inscription 'CORROGAVY'. The text 'ELDERSHIP NOMINATIONS' is overlaid in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters.

# ELDERSHIP NOMINATIONS





## Afghanistan

Pray for the protection and safety of Christians, and for God to provide front-line workers with new pathways for them to continue their work under Taliban control.

Pray for the Taliban, that influential leaders within the group would come to know Christ and change their worldview to that of the kingdom of God.

Pray that Christian believers in Afghanistan will be able to connect and fellowship with at least one other fellow believer, and know that they are not alone or forgotten.

## Laos

Pray for the protection of Christians in remote villages who experience severe persecution.

Pray for the spiritual climate to change, for Christians to have the freedom to gather and worship together.

Pray for local Christian leaders overseeing outreach to people groups like the Hmong, Mien, Bru and Prai.



## Afghanistan

Local and national governments are highly antagonistic toward Christians. Extremist groups, including the Taliban and the Islamic State (ISIS), are active, and believers are also persecuted by their families, friends and communities.



## Myanmar

Pray for strength, courage and protection for our brothers and sisters who put themselves in harm's way to live out their faith and love for others of those who have been forced into hiding or have had their homes destroyed.

Pray for provision for the physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional needs of those who have been forced into hiding or have had their homes destroyed.



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# Scripture reading

## Mk 12:38-44





Good News of  
What?



Mark 1:1

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# The Good News

‘this is the Good News of how God  
did the thing that he always  
promised to do - in the full story of  
Jesus.’

# Matthew 4:17

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*17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near"*



# Matthew 4:23

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*23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people*



# Repentance

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He calls us to turn around, to stop our old way of doing life and to trust in that *euangelion*, the announcement of God's victory.



# Philippians

## 3:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Our citizenship is in heaven. We look forward to a saviour that comes from there—the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform our humble bodies so that they are like his glorious body, by the power that also makes him able to subject all things to himself.

# Citizenship

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We are citizens of heaven, eagerly waiting for the saviour, the Lord, King Jesus, who is going to come **from there**. Jesus, Paul is saying, will come from heaven to here, to transform the whole of creation—and to transform us at the same time. That is our future hope.



# The Good News

**Good News** – a new way has been established

**Repentance** – turn from your old ways and onto the new way

**Citizenship** – be citizens living the new way, waiting for the king





# Let's catch up!

Get yourself a cuppa and spend some time catching up with one another .