

We extend a warm welcome to you on this beautiful Sabbath morning. If you are visiting us for the first time, we pray that your time with us will be blessed as we worship together. Feel free to visit with us again.

This is happening at Waitara!

Today at Waitara Church
Sabbath, 21 December 2019

SABBATH SCHOOL - 09:20am

Song Service	115 - 127 - 143	Marleta Fong
Welcome & Prayer		Angela Hosea
Special Music		Fineeva Power
Mission Spotlight	"Congo"	Joy Carey
Offering & Hymn	O Come, All Ye Faithful	No. 132
Bible Study	Dealing With Bad Decisions	By Classes

DIVINE SERVICE - 11:00am

Song Service	118 - 577 - 213	Marleta Fong
Announcements		Gayl Fong
Welcome		James Hope
Hymn of Praise	Joy to the World	No. 125
Children's Story		Gayl Fong
Offering	Fund for the Needy	Mildred Zuze
Special Music	I'll give Him my heart	Marleta & Sanja
Invocation	Now, Dear Lord, As We Pray	No. 671
Main Prayer		Mildred Zuze
Scripture Reading	Galatians 3:27	Patience Muechhesi
Sermon	Celebration of a New Life	Pr Roger Govender
Baptism		Pr Roger Govender
Benediction		Pr Roger Govender
Hymn of Dedication	Angels From the Realms of Glory	No. 119
Conclusion		James Hope

FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS

Next Sabbath Pr Roger Govender

TRANSFERS: Second Reading

IN
Weyland Oun from Sydney Chinese SDA Church, Strathfield
OUT
Ellen Sithole to Avondale Memorial SDA Church, Cooranbong
Belinda Lockhart to Warners Bay SDA Church, NSW

SABBATH MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Please join us as we pray each Sabbath at 8:45am in the Teen SS room. Please contact Ben or Yvonne if you would like to share a testimony of answered prayer.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday night prayer/bible study meetings will be in recess till the first week of February. This means that there will be no meetings this coming Wednesday onwards. Enjoy the break and be safe.

TODAY AT WAITARA!

Children's Division, Teens and Parents
You are warmly invited to join the Adult SS program with a start time of 9:30am. Children's Division and Teens may go to their own classes at the lesson break.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

• **QUARTERLY DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING,**
Sabbath 4th January - **PIONEER PRAYER: PRAYER WORKS**
For resources please visit the Revival and Reformation website at <https://tinyurl.com/w8agj2v>

ADRA RETURN AND EARN PROJECT

Thank you for bringing in your empty drink bottles and cans. Collection point is located near the kitchen door in the Yellow Bin! The current amount raised for 2020 is now **\$535.00**

Final 2019 donations collected for ADRA

Cash donations	\$23,628.40
Concert	\$ 2,098.05
Food sale	\$ 982.85
Auction	\$ 1,175.00
Recycled bottles	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$32,884.30

THANK YOU for your generosity in donation and support of 2019 ADRA annual appeal, ADRA Blacktown and recycle bottles. God's rich blessings to you and your families.

SECRET SISTER PROGRAM

All Ladies are invited to participate :) A *Secret Sister* is a friend who cares for you but she will be a secret until the Prayer Breakfast 2020. If you have already filled in a form please make sure you have taken another form from the box marked '*Secret Sister*' in the foyer. The form you retrieve will be the one you are a *Secret Sister* for the next year. Any queries please see anyone on the Shepherdess team.

RECIPE CLUB

Recipe club meets at **6:30pm** on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Bring a friend and learn new recipes and enjoy tasting them afterwards. Write the dates in your diary so you don't miss out. Our next meeting is on **21 January**

CHURCH LUNCH - Our Church Lunches will be on recess until further notice.

LEAVE

Pastor Dwayne will be taking leave from 24 December- 2 January. Please contact our Head Elder Peter Zuze if you need any pastoral care.

A THRILL OF HOPE

The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master."
— Luke 2:10-11 MSG

The Christmas carol "*O Holy Night*" originated in France during the mid-1800s, and it's been beloved for more than a century. While it's a powerful song as a whole, there are a couple of lines that give a clear picture of just how astonishing and needed Jesus' birth was. First, the song describes the world's state, saying,

- Long lay the world in sin and error pining
- Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
- Then it gives words to Christ's impact:
- A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
- For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

How easy it is to forget the hopelessness and weariness the world must have felt before our Savior's birth. Do you feel a thrill of hope when thinking of all Jesus sacrificed when He came to earth as a baby, or has it become something you take for granted?

With Jesus' birth came "a new and glorious morn."
The world changed forever when a tiny Baby let out its first cry. A Savior was born.

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Jesus, our Baby King, brought a new and glorious morn! What a thrill!
Let's place all our hope in Him today!

Next Week's Offering:	Local Church Budget
Sunset Times:	Tonight at 8:05pm
	Next Friday at 8:07pm
	(times are approximate)