



WILLOW CREEK ASSOCIATION NZ

Here's what has caught my attention over the last week or so:

1. **ANZAC Day**

How good it was to see multiple thousands of New Zealanders acknowledge ANZAC Day in some way this year. It has to be good for a nation to remember the incredible sacrifice of our forebears. Especially the 'waste' of the Battle at Gallipoli 100 years ago where so many Anzacs needlessly lost their lives.

To all Pastors reading this: Why not consider dedicating a Sunday morning service to ANZAC Day next year? Possible topics: 'Sacrifice for Others'; 'Jesus's Ultimate Sacrifice for the World'; 'War and What the Bible Says'; 'Martyrdom', etc.

2. **The UK Elections**

I can't believe that with all the sophisticated modelling and predictive tools available these days that the polls got it so wrong. A lesson here for all of us, I think.

3. **Harry Fever**

Oh yes, we seem to love the Royals, don't we? Good luck to the Republicans!

4. **Auckland Housing Market**

Can they bring it under control? Some commentators are now saying they can't, that it's out of control. Interesting, but very troubling.

5. **IVF**

I am deeply concerned about some of the applications that people want to do with IVF technologies. Talk about designer babies and having children for personal convenience as and when it suits me! In my view, it is already a critical issue of our times.

Question: Have you developed a 'theology about the beginning-of-life issues'?

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