

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

ST. PAUL'S BY-THE-SEA FEBRUARY 2014



## A SUNFLOWER GROWING IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Dear Parishioners,

We begin this year 2014 that marks the bi-Centenary of Christian mission in this land with thanksgiving to God for the faithful witness of many generations.

Particularly at this time: 'Thank You' to all who helped make the Christmas services and activities for 2013 so meaningful reaffirming again God's gift to us of our Saviour.

This year Lent begins in March leaving time to reflect on the Epiphany themes with God's call to take our light from Christ and through him be light to the world; light at school, at work, at home at church and reaching out far beyond to the whole world.

We were shocked by the sudden death of Tom Griffiths. An overflowing congregation gathered to celebrate Tom's life and to offer love to Mary, Matthew, Catherine, Terrena, Tim, Emily and Thomas. People appreciated Tom's love of his family, his quiet ministry in the church and community and his courage at facing various challenges through his lifetime. We remember all who mourn and who need strength in facing a changed situation.

Several parishioners have been in hospital, Terry Martin, June Richardson, Jack Hutchinson, Margaret Robbie, John Marcon, and Bob Neison. Others are waiting for appointments. We pray for all distressed by illness and all who minister to them; the hospital chaplains, the medical professionals and those giving care. Hilary and Pam have been wonderful visitors of those who are ill, Pam who is still recuperating herself from major surgery.

The hall stage was full so a garage sale before the hall renting resumed was inevitable. What a successful day it was with good weather, many helpers, many buyers and good items to sell. We made a profit of \$2,550.66 on the day with the shop making \$106 also. We are grateful to all who helped on

each stage of the sale. Jack Weir is putting some special items on Trade Me to hopefully sell well.

We used the pizza oven for both a meal before the fair and as food to sell. Delicious pizzas were cooked and we look forward to many gatherings around the oven.

We were unable to get to visit Tarore's grave at Waharoa this summer. We will redate a trip.

Many students are now back at schools and soon tertiary institutions resume. We think of those at new schools and colleges who have unfamiliar timetables and new cultures to discover. Congratulations to Nicholas on receiving a departmental Dean's award from university.

Our hall use groups are back for ballet and Soccer for Tots. Our own programmes the Selwyn Centre and 'mainly music' have resumed. The former group had a superb day at Waiheke island with a delicious lunch hosted and cooked by Graeme and Tex. While John is recovering from a quadruple bypass 'mainly music' will need extra help. We look forward to Youth Group activity recommencing. I was delighted by how young people have joined in the activities of January.

The Lenten study this year will have six passages from Matthew's Gospel and is entitled 'Being Disciples'. More details later.

The Vestry have agreed to use one of our term deposits from the Op. Shop. to help the Parish assist a needy cause each month. Funds will subsidise parishioner donations.

To suggest ministry purposes to assist there will be a sheet to fill in for Vestry planning by the vestry door. We have already agreed to help the hospital chaplains and to support a fresh water programme in Vanuatu.

Rosemary Maire has written to Vestry seeking to significantly reduce her role in the Opportunity Shop after years of service especially with the

sorting of goods . We will thank Rosemary at the Annual Meeting and the wardens and I will plan further.

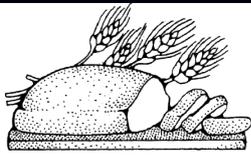
I look forward to this 200th year of the bringing of Christianity to New Zealand. May our faith be enlivened with joy and service.

### February 2014

<b>Sunday 9</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.
<b>Monday 10</b>	Season's committee meeting 7.30pm at the vicarage.
<b>Tuesday 11</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. Come and join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00. 10.30am Lady Allum Holy Communion.
<b>Wednesday 12</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and study.
<b>Thursday 13</b>	10.00am mainly music. A programme for preschoolers and caregivers with music, dance, activities and food. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Sunday 16</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Septuagesima.
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. Come and join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 19</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and study.
<b>Thursday 20</b>	10.00am mainly music. For preschoolers and caregivers. A time of movement, music, books, toys, morning tea. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Sunday 23</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Sexagesima.
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. Come and join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting at the vicarage.
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and study.
<b>Thursday 27</b>	10.00am mainly music for preschooler and caregivers. Music, fun and food. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Quinquagesima Preacher and Celebrant Hilary Leith. (Joyce is in Nelson for her brother's 70 <sup>th</sup> birthday) Pancake morning tea after both services.
<b>Tuesday 4</b>	Shrove Tuesday.10.am Holy Communion Park Lane. Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. Come and join us for fun,

	friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	Ash Wednesday Services 10.00am and 6.30pm.
<b>Thursday 6</b>	10.00am mainly music. Activity for preschoolers and their caregivers.
<b>Friday 7</b>	10am World Day of Prayer at St. Peters, Takapuna.

**Prayers for the sick – Please remember in your prayers: Pam Martin, Rosemary Collett, Margaret, Lesley, Esther, Natalie, Chantelle, Jacquie, Lem, and Keith.**



Our bread is donated by Baker's Delight and is collected on Monday evenings. It is available at the Selwyn Centre and on Sundays.

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### A Story from Levin Anglican Parish

We have formed a partnership this year with Community Corrections Levin to grow a Garden Community and as a result have met many people who have been sentenced within the community service, home detention system. For the last 3 months one of our workers has been with a range of lower risk offenders whom he guides and encourages in our community garden (Garden of Eden- He tupu ngatahi).

There are many encouraging stories we can share as a result of walking along side these communities. Each day the corrections clients come they are invited into reflecting on their experiences as they build carpentry projects, sow, plant, weed, water or harvest food. Our desire is for all people we meet that they would experience our love, a sense of community and have enough space to hear and see God at work in their lives and to respond. Today we had an open day at the Garden of Eden, and shared our harvest from this week with a local youth service, the community corrections clients, the greenhouse lunch and dinner communities and neighbours."

The Diocesan Council is seeking nominations for membership of the Mission and Ministry Oversight group for the Diocese. This will be a key body to resource the various ministry units of the Diocese to fulfil the 5 marks of mission and to implement the priorities outlined in the mission and ministry plan. For more information see the blue brochures on the whiteboard.

News from John Marcon

*For 75 years plus –beginning before I was born- it served me without complaint; on farm and building site, high-country tramping, hours of tennis with not a twinge. Thousands of services and Parish working Bs’ –almost a million kilometres of driving - cars, motorbikes, trucks, tractors and vans – I hardly gave it a thought. Last November a few strange sensations; diagnosis ‘angina’ next an angiogram, coronary arterial stents required to fix a couple of restrictions. A full programme followed over Christmas/New Year assisting Joyce, at Seafarers and three services for Kohimarama Parish. Discomfort sent me to the doctor, he called the ambulance, a week in NSH with a quick trip to Auckland on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. Jan. and at 2.30 p.m. surgery for a quadruple by-pass operation. The surgeon phoned Joyce at 5.45 to assure her that all had gone well. Five days later I am home. I’m off for three months while things mend. I am so amazed and humbled by the love I have received from so many sources, from Joyce and Jo and Miriam from Perth; from so many of you at St. Paul’s, from the fabulous teams at North Shore and Auckland, from Bishop Ross and clergy of the Diocese and from friends from afar.*

*Thanks to you all and the wondrous presence of God I have felt safe, loved and affirmed. (An extended version will appear in due course)*

*John*

**Andrew Graystone Tuesday 18 February 7pm**

**Vaughan Park is pleased to offer the first of the complimentary 2014 Scholars' Lecture Series**

*Too Much Information?* The "digital revolution" is changing the way we work. Shop, bank, communicate, play and even worship. How can Christians find their way through the digital jungle? . . . **To register please email**

**admin@vaughanpark.org.nz or phone:09 473 2600 at least 1 week prior to the retreat. Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat and Conference Centre 1043 Beach Road, Long Bay, Auckland 0630 [www.vaughanpark.org.nz](http://www.vaughanpark.org.nz) One Day Retreats: \$50**

**Anglican Youth Ministries**

**Lenten worship for youth – "PASSION"**

For the third year, AYM is running a creative youth worship service to mark the beginning of Lent. Find out more about our Lenten traditions and begin the journey toward Easter with other young people. **When?** 7.00-9.00pm, Friday 7 March **Where?** St Aidan's, Remuera Register: Karen Spoelstra, 302-7261 or Karen@aym.org.nz

**Grace Collective - young adults in 2014**

Grace Collective has four exciting events in store for 2014, but we're kicking it all off with an epic weekend camping at Martin's Bay – just one hour north of Auckland on the beautiful Mahurangi Peninsula.

Pack your tent, togs & sunnies, and come along to relax, meet people, catch up with friends, explore Mahurangi, worship under the stars, and ponder what God's got in store for you in 2014. **When?** Friday 14 – Sunday 16 February **Where?** Martin's Bay, Mahurangi **How much?** \$40 pp Register: Email admin@aym.org.nz

**Anglican Easter Camp – E-Fest**

E-Fest is a wonderful opportunity for your youth group to hear and experience the gospel in a relevant and personal way through small groups, speakers, games and worship. This year we're focusing on the 'Kingdom of

God' and Jesus as the king. Camp will be divided into "aliens, ninjas, pirates and knights" as we have some fun with the kingdom theme. Open to high-school students and intermediates.

**When?** 5pm Friday 18 April – 12pm Monday 21 April **Where?** Willow Park Camp & Conference Centre, Eastern Beach **Cost?** \$165 early bird by 18 March, \$185 full fee by 1 April Contact Karen@aym.org.nz or ring 302-7261 for more information



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**Worship every Sunday:**

Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharist (NZPB)

Karen Stubbs – 410 8089

**Weekday Communion** -10am - Every Wednesday at St. Paul's

**Baptism, Marriage, Funerals** - By arrangement with the Vicar

**Clergy:**

Joyce Marcon 486 1010 –or - 021 616 390

[j\\_marcon@clear.net.nz](mailto:j_marcon@clear.net.nz)

Priest Rev'd John Marcon 486 1010

8am

9.30am

9.30am J Team –

Vicar Rev'd

Email:

Hon. Assist

**Church Directory:**

Warden Megan Bowden 410 5117

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Parish Recorder Cynthia Row 489 8892

Clergy

Parish

Synod Reps. Mary Griffiths 410 7306  
Megan Bowden 410 5117 Family/youth  
worker Amy Heffernan 410 1554 Youth Reps.  
Amy Heffernan and Ethan Kolodzinski

**Vestry members:** The Wardens, Treasurer, Synod Reps. Patrick Jackson, Gaylene Hotchkiss, Robin Norris, Tex Riley, Karen Stubbs, Graeme Thomas, Jack Weir, David Douglas-Brown

**Selwyn Centre: Tuesday - 9.30am – 12.00. Enquiries Mary Griffiths 486 0668**

**Opportunity Shop: Otakau Road. Enquiries Parish Office 486 0668**

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