

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

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



A STUDY OF LIGHT: PICTURES TAKEN BY JOHN WILSON

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in this time of transition from summer to autumn reflected as from Epiphany to Lent. We enjoy the colours and smells of the deciduous plants and the harvest variety in our gardens and shops. I have just been to the Selwyn Centre celebration of Margaret Hopkin's 90 birthday.

Congratulations to Margaret. On March 2nd the church enjoys pancake making use of rich food before looking for simpler Lenten fare.

Families will be given a large book to help with keeping the season of Lent. There are daily action suggestions and also activities for the family. There are 25 other smaller books for households to help all of us live Lent fully.

I hope young people will come to an event on Friday 7th 7-9 at St. Aidan's Church. Please sign up the note on the notice board if you can come. We will leave at 6.15.

Shrove Tuesday, March 4th falls on the next Selwyn Lunch. Come to enjoy company and good food. \$5.00 a person.

Ash Wednesday is more solemn with the first service at 10.00 a traditional Communion and people who wish are anointed with a cross of ash and oil. At 6.30pm we will have an ecumenical service with the Roman Catholics, no Communion but with anointing with ashes. We will have modest refreshments to follow. Lenten Art will decorate the church.

John Wilson has arranged some wonderful photos in a display of light. The rose is in memory of John's wife, Ngaire. We will hang a canvas during Lent and use another one for Easter. Thank you John. If you are interested in a copy for yourself I can give you details and costs. Think what you could do with your photos. We could make a composite hanging.

Vestry are planning a pilgrimage to the north to visit the early sites of Christian activity in this country. We will give people suggestions for accommodation soon. This will be after Easter during the holidays. Included in our trip will be Russell, Waitangi, Kerikeri and the Marsden Cross.

At the end of March Rosemary Maire wishes to give up some of the tasks she has with the Opportunity shop. We will thank her at the Parish Annual General Meeting on March 23rd.

We do need more help in the shop especially on Tuesday afternoons. Are you able to give time from 12.30 to 3.30? Please see Mary or me.

From April we will invite parishioners to give to a series of charities, once a month. The vestry will guarantee that each group receive \$200.00. You may wish to support some, all or none. Special envelopes will be available.

A resident in Fenwick Avenue, Kath Turnbull is willing to train a choir for the Good Friday/ Easter Day services. The group will practise at the Baptist Church at Dobson Avenue on Thursdays from 7pm. Phone Kath 0210568398 if you are interested in joining the choir.

Lenten Study. We have copies of six studies entitled 'Being Disciples-through Lent with Matthew'. A group will meet on each Wednesday from the 12th at 10.45. Others may like to have a book for personal study or meet after the 9.30 service or at another time. Contact me if you are interested.

Please look at the diary part of the magazine and join in services, activities or become a helper. You will see a pizza oven night on Friday 28th to coincide with Neighbours day.

A thought for Lent.

Jesus, we stand amazed at the quality of your friendship: you are loyal and constant in your relationship with us; you are compassionate and caring in

our time of need. You offer yourself to each of us as individuals and to our church community.

With prayers and warm thoughts.

MARCH 2014

Sunday 2	Preacher and Celebrant Rev. Hilary Leith at 8.00am and 9.30am. Lent resources will be given out. Pancakes.
Tuesday 4	10.00am Holy Communion Park Lane. Selwyn Centre 9.30am-11.30am. followed by Shrove Tuesday Lunch \$5.00. 7.30pm Seasons Committee at vicarage.
Wednesday 5	Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion with anointing of ashes 10.00am. An ecumenical service 6.30pm. Anointing with ashes.
Thursday 6	10.00am mainly music. For preschoolers and caregivers. Music, food, play with new friends. \$3.00 a family. Choir practise. 6.45pm at Milford Baptist Church Dodson Street Milford.
Friday 7	World Day of Prayer Streams in the desert. Prepared by Egyptian Women. 10.00am St Peter's Killarney Street Takapuna. 6.15pm transport leaving for St Aidans. Youth event.
Sunday 9	Lent One Preacher Derek Firth. 11.15am Adult Baptism. This week all Annual Meeting material is due to the office.
Tuesday 11	10.30am Holy Communion Lady Allum. Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. Come and join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 12	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and Lent study one. 2.00pm Wedding Castor Bay.
Thursday 13	Mainly music at 10.00am. Activities, music, dance toys and food. \$3.00 a family. 7.00pm choir at the Baptist church.
Sunday 16	Lent Two Annual General meeting material will be available.
Wednesday 19	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea. Lent study Two.
Sunday 23	One service only at 9.30am. Morning tea and Annual General meeting. this includes reports, election of vestry and future plans.
Tuesday 25	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. a group of older people with

	discussion, friendship, morning tea. Cost \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting at the vicarage.
Wednesday 26	10.00am Holy Communion, mornig tea and Lent three study.
Thursday 27	10.00am mainly music with music, games, instruments, friendship and food. 7.00pm Choir practise.
Friday 28	Pizza evening. Bring ingredients to share.
Sunday 30	Lent Four. Mothering Sunday. We need simnel cakwee makers. Harvest Festival with support for the City Mission.
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Sunday 6	Daylight Saving Ends. Preacher Larry Robins who has served on the Mercy Ship in needy parts of Africa in 2013.
Sunday 13	Palm Sunday.
Sunday 20	April - Easter Day.

Christian Broadcasting Association

Each year, CBA awards three scholarships to outstanding young Christians studying for a career in media or broadcasting. The scholarships are worth \$2,500 each and the deadline for applications is 31 March 2014... less than 5 weeks from now. If you know of any young Christians who might be eligible - perhaps a young person from your church - please forward this email to them, or direct them to www.cba.org.nz/scholarships

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

About this Lent, Easter

This Season of Lent begins with a story of Jesus in the wilderness. Wilderness times are times of challenge and possibility where we may be stretched to our limits, or may need to make far reaching decisions. As we travel with Jesus from the wilderness to Jerusalem, the cross, and beyond, we

also travel our own Lenten journeys seeking the God of Life.

From the wilderness, we enter stories from the gospel of John. In Nicodemus' spiritual journey and quest to know, we are assured of God's deep care and self-giving love in the winds of change and new birth. We will sit with a marginalized Samaritan woman as she draws water from the well and provides for Jesus, and Jesus offers her life-giving water. We will enter the life, wisdom, insights, and deep perception of one born blind; and we will experience the emotions, grief, sorrow of a community that culminate in the raising of Lazarus.

The Milford Churches Ringmer Trust

A Trust Fund has been established to enable young persons, selected by a Trust Committee representing St Paul's Church and the Milford Baptist Church, to stay in Ringmer, E Sussex, UK. Successful applicants would be expected to take part in the life of the village, and to help with charitable work approved by the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer and/or of Ringmer Baptist Church. The aim is to increase fellowship between Christians in NZ and UK, and to help young people to further explore their faith and their cultural heritage.

Applicants should ideally be under 25 years of age, although people up to age thirty would also be considered. They must be NZ citizens or permanent residents and would need to satisfy UK requirements for charitable workers. A "gap year" student might be an ideal applicant. They would be expected to stay in Ringmer for at least one month but ideally for up to three months, and after that they would be free to stay or travel in UK or Europe before returning home. After return, they would be expected to report to the Milford churches on their experiences, on what they had done and what they had learned.

A return economy class air fare to UK and travel costs to Ringmer will be provided to successful applicants and some limited support towards living costs. However hospitality and accommodation has been offered by parishioners in Ringmer.

Ringmer is a village (population about 5000) in the Sussex downs and three miles from Lewes, the county town of East Sussex. Lewes has a frequent train service taking just over one hour to reach London, and is near to the channel port of Newhaven. The surrounding South Downs National Park is beautiful and ideal for exploring on foot.

It is anticipated that one applicant would be supported each year, or at the most, two. Completed application forms should be submitted to Milford Churches Ringmer Trust, c/o St Paul's Vicarage, 10 Otakau Rd, Milford. There is no closing date, applications will be considered as they are received, and applicants will be informed of the decision within one month.

St. Paul's 10 Otakau Road, Milford

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Web site: www.stpaulsmilford.co.nz

Worship every Sunday:

8am

Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am

Eucharist (NZPB)

9.30am J Team –

Karen Stubbs – 410 8089

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

Baptism, Marriage, Funerals - By arrangement with the Vicar

Clergy:

Vicar Rev'd

Joyce Marcon 486 1010 –or - 021 616 390

Email:

j_marcon@clear.net.nz

Hon. Assist

Priest Rev'd John Marcon 486 1010

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People's Warden Pam Martin 414 4223

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Parish

Secretary Mary Griffiths 486 0668

(Office – Tuesday- Friday 1.00pm to 5.00pm)

Parish Treasurer Megan Bowden 410 5117

Parish Recorder Cynthia Row 489 8892

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

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