

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

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



SUNRISE OVER THE SEA OF GALILEE

Dear Parishioners,

I wonder what you are hoping for this Easter? Have you a holiday planned? - some will be overseas or some gardening projects. Are you wishing to deepen faith and works as the crucial time of Christ's life is remembered. Do you want to reflect on church and society today? Please note the variety of events and services that will be offered in the parish. Like previous years we will also hold an Anzac service in the church and at the Memorial Garden. Poppies can be placed in the gardens. It is time to plant wheat and grass for an Easter garden.

We look forward to Larry Robins telling us about the medical ship Mercy which offers treatment for people with no access to medical facilities.

We are placing dramatic pictures of the Stations of the Cross around St. Paul's which will invite us to journey to the Via Dolorosa sharing the last hours of Christ as he went to his death.

You are very welcome to Holy Thursday where we share a meal together and ready the church for Good Friday. Easter Saturday gives us a chance to lighten the church adding gardens, new life symbols and hope. Be healed by the exploration of grief and then of community and joy.

We held most of the AGM last month and need to meet again to receive the audited accounts for 2013. We will give two weeks notice for a short meeting after worship.

We are grateful to David Douglas-Brown for his service on Vestry this last year and we welcome Tania Manuel to the new Vestry. Graeme Thomas has kindly agreed to be my Warden. David will continue to do helpful tasks around the buildings and in the grounds. Megan Bowden has served me well as Warden and she continues as our competent Parish Treasurer. Patrick gives a good and faithful ministry as Secretary.

The City Mission are always appreciative for the clothes and food we give at the harvest festival so special thanks to all of you who contributed this year. We had a celebration of a large harvest loaf, grapes, three simnel cakes, various other baking which fitted well with the dedication of the memorial window for Iris Gwendoline Norris. The neighbours pizza evening was good fun with many pizzas to enjoy and over 30 people present. Between congregation and the neighbour community we represented at least seven nations of origin. We are learning each time we use the oven to be more efficient pizza cooks.

In April we need freezer room for Hot Cross Buns which we are collecting each week with the bread. If we can store enough we will have some to share with the university chaplain at Massey for their Spirituality week May 4th to 9th. Let me know if you can help.

The winter stock is now in the shop. Thank you to Rosemary and the team for the change over. Note that we have a meeting for shop workers on Friday 11th, @ 3.30 pm in the hall. This is to reorganise sorting and helping.

Palm Sunday - Can you assist? Help make palm crosses, give us palms to decorate the church and process with on Palm Sunday. On Good Friday I need sprigs of Rosemary to lay around the cross and colourful flowers to decorate the cross on Easter day, Easter eggs for us to give out at 'mainly music' on Thursday 17th and on Easter Day.

You will be excited to know we have planned a Garage Sale on May 3rd. This will clear the stage of goods for winter. Tell your friends.

This month we will celebrate the special birthdays of Audrey Hickey and Mary Griffiths.

We are gathering names of those interested in travelling north to visit places of historical interest. The General Synod meets from May 10 to 15th at Waitangi.

A thought on resurrection. Many of Jesus post resurrection appearances are to do with food. His friends recognise him as he blesses bread. He eats fish in front of them, he barbeques fish and bread as the disciples gather. We love eating together. Look for the presence of Jesus as you eat with others this Easter.

May God bless you this April.

**An extract from a letter to Joyce from her friend  
Anne in Christchurch**

St. Mary's now has to decide the fate of the organ which is valued at \$1,934,288. The estimated cost of repairs is \$855,000. Insurance available for all the contents of the church including the organ is only \$149,381. Storage of the organ costs \$501 a month. So the proposal is to sell it. This illustrates the financial dilemmas most Canterbury Anglican parishes face. The Cathedral debate rolls on with further daily vilification of the bishop in the Press. Our Lenten group is flourishing using the York study Build on the Rock. There is only one other group with 5 members.

**Some more news from Christchurch.**

Remember we have sent goods to St. Mary's Merivale. They now have good news that they can rebuild. What challenges they face. St Albans is not allowed to rebuild.

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**Prayers for the sick – Please remember in your prayers:**

**Pam Martin, Rosemary Collett, Margaret, Jack, Lesley, Esther, Natalie, Chantelle, and Keith.**

## April 2014

<b>Sunday 6</b>	Lent 5. Daylight saving has ended. Preacher at both services Larry Robins who has recently served on the hospital ship Mercy. <a href="http://www.mercyship.org.au">www.mercyship.org.au</a> .
<b>Tuesday 8</b>	10.30am Holy Communion Lady Allum. Selwyn Centre 9.30am- 12.00. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 9</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and Lenten study five.
<b>Thursday 10</b>	10.00am mainly music. For preschoolers and caregivers. Music, food, play with new friends. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Friday 11</b>	11.00am Palm Cross making in the foyer. 3.30pm. Shop helper's meeting. Afternoon tea and discussion
<b>Saturday 12</b>	9.30am, placing of Palms in the church.
<b>Sunday 13</b>	Palm Sunday. Palm procession and the giving out of palm Crosses at both services.  <b>13th to 17th Holy week.</b>
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. Come and join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and Lent 6 study .
<b>Thursday 17</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Maundy Thursday. 10.00am Mainly music. Special session with Easter gifts and Hot cross buns. Renewal of vows, Blessing of oils. 11.00am at the cathedral. Schools break up. The shop is closed from Good Friday to Monday in Easter week. 6.00pm Shared meal. Bring some of grape juice, apples, pita bread, hard boiled eggs, roast lamb, parsley. Readings on the Last Supper. The Easter choir will join in. Clearing the church.
<b>Friday 18</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	Good Friday. 9.30am Procession of the cross from Milford beach domain to St. Paul's church. 10.00am Ecumenical Service. Sharing hot cross buns. Bring sprigs of Rosemary.
<b>Saturday 19</b>	9.30am. Preparing church for Easter day.
<b>Sunday 20</b>	Easter Day. Services at 8am and 9.30pm. Bring flowers.

<b>Easter Day</b>	
<b>Tuesday 22</b>	Selwyn centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Vestry meeting 7.30pm at the vicarage.
<b>Wednesday 23</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and study..
<b>Thursday 24</b>	Thursday. <u>No</u> mainly music.
<b>Friday 25</b>	Anzac Day Service at 10.00am with morning tea to follow.
<b>Sunday 27</b>	Easter two. Services at 8am and 9.30am. 6.30pm Joyce taking an evening service at the Poynton.
<b>Tuesday 29</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. a group of older people with discussion, friendship, morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 30</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, mornig tea and study.
<b>May</b>	<u>No</u> Mainly music.
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	Tables out for the sale. Unpacking of goods. 7.00pm. Light tea of toasted sandwiches at 6pm
<b>Friday 2</b>	Sorting and Pricing for Garage sale.
<b>Saturday 3</b>	Garage sale 8am-11.00 pm. Helpers are needed by 7.30 am.

**At our A.G.M held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March the following people were elected to positions in the parish.**

Clergy Warden – Graeme Thomas

People's Warden – Pam Martin

Treasurer – Megan Bowden

Synods Representatives –

Megan Bowden

Mary Griffiths

Vestry Members – Gaylene Hotchkiss, Patrick Jackson, Tania Manuel,  
Robin Norris, Tex Riley, Karen Stubbs, Jack Weir.

Parish Recorder – Cynthia Row

Auditor – John Khouri

**Mission endeavour.**

Each month we will support a particular mission focus. For April we have the Lenten appeal and on Good Friday we will give to the Diocese of Jerusalem. The vestry will subsidise the giving up to \$200.00 dollars. The missions chosen are;

April - Lenten giving and Diocese of Jerusalem.

May - Water for Vanuatu

June - Bible society

July - Social Services- City Mission.

August - Housing

September - Hospital Chaplaincy

October - Theological College in New Guinea.

November - Anglican trust for Women and Children.

December - Christian world service Christmas appeal.

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**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:**

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Priest Rev'd John Marcon 486 1010

**Church Directory:**

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Parish Treasurer Megan Bowden 410 5117

Parish Recorder Cynthia Row 489 8892  
Synod Reps. Mary Griffiths 410 7306  
Megan Bowden 410 5117 Youth Rep.  
Ethan Kolodzinski

**Vestry members:** The Wardens, Treasurer, Synod Reps. Patrick Jackson, Gaylene Hotchkiss, Tania Manuel, Robin Norris, Tex Riley, Karen Stubbs, , Jack Weir.

**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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