

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

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



GOOD FRIDAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Dear Parishioners,

The Easter season continues until May 29th. Ascension Day. We have moved into autumn also. I wonder how you feel as you sense the cooler wind and marvel at the blaze of colour in some of the trees. The bulbs surprise me with how early and strongly they seem pushing toward the sky.

People. We express our sympathy to Barrie Collett whose wife Rosemary has died. Many attended her funeral service at St. Pauls where we learnt much from the family to celebrate about her life.

Sam Weir, who has attended worship with us sometimes before Easter died on April 28th. Sam has had an important ministry at Holy Trinity, Devonport including with the Opportunity Shop. We send our sympathy to Jo and Jack as they reflect on Sam's life and plan for his funeral.

Lorna Henderson will soon celebrate a significant birthday. Several people are now travelling to the Northern Hemisphere for holidays and to see family.

Easter services: Parishioners undertook a lot of catering with a light meal for 40 on Holy Thursday and buns for 150 on Good Friday. The three Milford congregations, Anglican, Catholic and Baptist mix well and treasure the combined worship. The Easter garden with real daffodils, the bold Stations of the Cross posters, excellent mainly music books and the choir made this Easter special. I was pleased to take an evening service for 35 at the Poynton Retirement Village. We had lively discussions afterwards about Thomas and his faith experience and the little crosses I shared were appreciated.

We were grateful for Baker's Delight for the many hot cross buns we were given and for the weekly bread. We are richly blessed. Our surplus buns will go to the Massey University Spirituality week to be given to students to explain the meaning of Easter.

We will be advertising for a new youth worker for the year and will plan some social activities for which we will need parental and vestry help. Some members of Vestry have attended civil defence training to practise using emergency radios and to see the council's new tsunami maps. The latter may be viewed on line. The Coromandel will give Milford some protection. Look up

<http://www.aucklandcivildefence.org.nz/community/tsuanami-evacuation-maps>.

A pizza meal will be held on Friday May 30th. We will begin at 5.00 pm and enjoy the heat of the oven as we cook. This marks the beginning of the holiday weekend.

Thank you to the teams working to sort clothes and other goods for the op shop or future fairs. The new system has begun and is working well. Thank you for the help with the Garage Sale. Wonderful goods were donated, sorted, sold and all is tidied away. Tex made an attractive wreath for Anzac Day.

The Taonga magazine has excellent articles on the new Bishop of the Waikato, the new dean for Pakeha at St. John's College, the General Synod, the two Maori Schools that the St. John's College Trust board is now running and more. Please read and return for others to have.

May Christ who is with us in our joys and sorrows, at all times and in all places, shine the light of his resurrection on the road ahead, surround you with his grace, and uphold you with his peace and purpose for your lives.

Prayers for the sick – Please remember in your prayers:

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

This month's project.

Clean safe water for Vanuatu. Less than 50% of rural people have access to a reliable safe and fully functioning water supply. Any system has to be cyclone proof. Donations will be given to the Board of Missions who will assist locals to construct water storage that is storm proof.

May 2014

Saturday 3	Garage Sale
Sunday 4	Easter Three. The road to Emmaus.
Monday 5	State schools start term two.
Tuesday 6	10.00am Holy Communion Park Lane. 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Good conversation, fun games and morning tea. 11.30am monthly lunch cost \$5.00. 7.30pm Season's committee meeting.
Wednesday 7	10AM Prayers for healing and Holy Communion. Bible study.
Thursday 8	10.00am mainly music resumes. Music, games, food and fun. \$3.00 Mothers are celebrated.
Friday 9	Inter-diocesan Conference meets in Waitangi.
Saturday 10	The General Synod meet 10-15 May.
Sunday 11	Easter Four
Tuesday 13	10.30am Holy Communion Lady Allum. Selwyn centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join us for fun, puzzles, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00
Wednesday 14	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and Bible study. 11.00am Updating Parish Asset Insurance list.
Thursday 15	10.00am mainly music a programme for pre-schoolers and their caregivers. Music, food, fun. Cost \$3.00.
Sunday 18	Easter Five.
Tuesday 20	Selwyn centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 21	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and study..
Thursday 22	10.00am mainly music. Music, dance, food, reading for pre-schoolers and their caregivers. \$3.00 per family.
Sunday 25	Easter Six
Tuesday 27	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun, conversation \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry.
Wednesday 28	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and study.
Thursday 29	Ascension Day. Week of prayer for Christian unity. 10.00am mainly music. Music, dance, food, reading for pre-schoolers and their caregivers. \$3.00 per family.
Friday 30	5.00pm Pizza evening. Bases provided. Bring your favourite fillings.
Saturday 31	Queens Birthday weekend.

Autumn

Fruitlessly I fall once more in love with the barren tree.
Her cold arms grip the sun in a perpetual autumn
of age-worn friends, of sad reminiscence, of the worn art that
hauls its wares like a patient down the street,
of age and the pain of rediscovering old pain
in a sunless world, there in the garden in the damp.
Where her shadow lingers lies my heart's presentiment;
I have dug among hook-grass and wilding bulbs,
hoping for warmth that might be intrinsic to the loam;
but the dew comes quickly, dark falls off the stars
like the leaves that slipped from her unrelenting limbs.
The awareness grows that I am nothing to her;
I retread the mashed grass that my first forays made,
and wish only to hide in the ignorance of sleep.

*Richard**Reeve New Zealand Poem*

I like Autumn,
Autumn leaves rattle all around,
Leaves, different colours,
Leaves still on tree.

Charlies Poem

The two autumn poems are such a contrast.

Have you thought of what you could write?

Thoughts such as “the autumn leaves are banners of colourful joy,” or “Like a leaf let myself be blown by God’s spirit.”

For our next magazine you could write or draw about the season of winter with the feast of Pentecost

Heart and Home: “Why I’m a Christian”

The Christian tradition is familiar; it is “home” for me. I was born into it and grew up in it. Its stories, language, music, and ethos are familiar. It nurtured me.

I have grown to appreciate its extraordinary richness:
its antiquity and wisdom;
the beauty of its language and music and forms of worship;
its passion for compassion and justice;
the sheer goodness of its most remarkable lives.
Its worship nourishes me;
its hymns move me;
its scripture and theology engage my imagination and thought;
its practices shape me.

For me, it mediates the good, the true, and the beautiful; and through all these, it mediates the sacred. It is, for me, a sacrament of the sacred. And it is home.

But for me, Christianity is “home” like no other tradition could be. For me, the ethos of Christianity –
its vision and way of life,
its scripture, worship, language, music, thought, vision, and so forth – is home.

Home is about more than familiarity and comfort. Home is also about growing up,
about maturation, about learning and living a way of life that one takes into the larger world.

Christianity is a way of life; that is its heart. To be Christian means living “the path” within this tradition.

At the heart of Christianity is the way of the heart –
a path that transforms us at the deepest level of our being.

At the heart of Christianity is the heart of God –
a passion for our transformation and the transformation of the world.

At the heart of Christianity is participating in the passion of God.

May we make a difference for good to each
 who crosses our path?
 May the love of God, the wildness and
 the warmth of God
 The surprises and the peace of God warm
 our lives and spill over into our love for the world.
 Christ is risen! Amen.

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Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharist (NZPB)

Karen Stubbs – 410 8089

8am

9.30am

9.30am J Team –

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