

# MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

## ST. PAUL'S BY-THE-SEA AUGUST 2014



# BIBLE SUNDAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Dear Parishioners,

the world scene has been difficult to believe with wars and disrespect for human life and the environment. This magazine includes prayers for peace that you can use as you watch the news. It seems unbelievable that in some parts of the middle east Christian communities are being forced from where they have dwelt for 2000 years, forced to leave their homes and land.

What a contrast to see happy welcoming faces in Glasgow where a diverse group of people have gathered for the Commonwealth Games.

This month our giving is asked for habitat for Humanity but you will see that a crisis has arisen for the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza which has suffered from bombing and shortage of supplies. We will use the Board of Mission to distribute any giving toward this. The Habitat for Humanity is a non profit ecumenical Christian housing organisation building simple, decent, affordable, housing in partnership with people in need.

August begins with a theme of world peace linked with Hiroshima Day and the beginning of World War One. We follow the stories of Joseph and his brothers.

The Diocesan Synod will be held on Thursday the 4th to the 6th of September at Waitangi. We will visit Oihi and share our history.

St. Pauls has hosted large funerals this month. Ian Downey died. His wife Nancy and Ian regarded St. Pauls as their church. Nancy's first husband helped vestry during the building of the new church. Tasha McIver, a young woman who John had helped face her death was farewelled by a large group of people.

Many will remember Daphne and Charles Stones. Charles died just short of reaching 100. I recalled his help with our fairs, bringing lots of goods and Christmas trees to the various events. Daphne remains at the Ed. Hillary Rest home. She sends her love to everyone.

We will soon have new heaters in the hall. These are a gift.

We were pleased to give attractive Bibles to church children and young people to mark the 200th year of the coming of Christianity to this country. You will enjoy the cover photo of some receiving their copies on Bible Sunday.

We have a Garage sale on August 9 th. As usual we will need all hands on deck to sort and sell and tidy up. There will be some new clothes for sale as well as furniture and the hundreds of donated goods.

Thank you for the wonderful ministry you do for family, friends and in the world.

### **A prayer for this year as we near an election.**

God give us a vision of our country

As a land of tolerance where all races and creeds can live together in unity,

A land of justice where basic human rights are respected

A land of compassion where poverty is unknown and oppression is ended,

And a land of peace where order does not depend on force.

God help us to make this vision our reality. **Amen.**



### **Anglican Missions -**

Our partner, the Diocese of Jerusalem, has asked for help for the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza as the conflict in the region continues. The Hospital has suffered damage, but most importantly they need donations to enable emergency medical supplies, food, and fuel for the generators to be purchased.

#### **You can donate by...**

**Donate by Bank Deposit / Internet Banking** If completing a bank deposit/internet banking transfer please email [accounts@angmissions.org.nz](mailto:accounts@angmissions.org.nz) with the amount of your donation, the reference you included (preferably your name or your parish name) and where the funds are to be directed.

Account Number: **02-0585-0001796-00** Account Name: **Anglican Missions Board** Particulars: **Al Ahli Hosp** Code: **Your name part 1** Reference: **Your name part 2**

**Donate by Cheque** Make a cheque out to “**Anglican Missions**” and include a note advising it is for “**Al Ahli Hospital, Gaza Appeal**”, together with your name and address (for receipt), to: **FreePost AMB PO Box 12012 Thorndon WELLINGTON 6144**

Or place in your offering envelope. There is **no** tax credit for donations

Prayers for the sick – Please remember in your prayers: Julie, Hope and Keith, Margaret, Jack, Lesley, Esther, and Bethany.

### August 2014

<b>Sunday 3</b>	Peace Sunday, St. Stephens.
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	10.00am Holy Communion Park Lane. Selwyn Centre 9.30am -11.30am. Companionship for older people. Lunch 11.30am. Fish and Chips \$5.00. Seasons meeting 7.30pm.
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, oil for healing, morning tea and Bible discussion.
<b>Thursday 7</b>	Mainly music . For pre-schoolers and their caregivers. Music and movement, toys, food. \$3.00 a family. 7.45pm Setting up for the garage sale. Good exercise for an hour.
<b>Friday 8</b>	9.30am Sorting the treasures, ready for sale.
<b>Saturday 9</b>	Garage sale. Sellers please come 7.30am ready for the sale from 8.00am-11.00am
<b>Sunday 10</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> in ordinary time.
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	10.30am Holy Communion at Lady Allum. 9.30am-12.00 Selwyn Centre. Friendship puzzles, food. \$3.00
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	Florence Nightingale. 10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and Bible discussion.
<b>Thursday 14</b>	Mainly music. 10.00am Pre school fun with music, toys, books, movement and food. \$3.00 a family. Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 6pm at Holy Sepluchre.
<b>Friday 15</b>	Diocesan whodunit. Transport leaves church at 6.15pm.
<b>Sunday 17</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> day in Ordinary time.
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12noon. Fellowship and fun, food and scrabble. \$3.00
<b>Wednesday 20</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and Bible Study.
<b>Thursday 21</b>	Mainly music. Fun, toys, books and food, and of course playing with music. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Sunday 24</b>	Celebrate the forthcoming season of Spring.
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. Companionship and activities for older people. Excellent morning teas. 7.30pm Vestry meeting.

<b>Wednesday 27</b>	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea, and Bible Study.
<b>Thursday 28</b>	10.00am mainly music. Music, toys, morning tea and activities. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Sunday 31</b>	The builders of the Anglican Church.
<b>September Tuesday 2</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at Park Lane. 9.30am-11.30am Selwyn Centree with fellowship, morning tea and activities. 11.30 Lunch \$5.00.

**The Diocesan Synod is from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> at Waitangi**

### **Prayer for Gaza and Israel**

Loving God

We pray for the people of Israel and Palestine— living in a small strip of land where conflict seems the rule and division is multiple. Help us to see each person as you see them—a whole and wonderful person deserving of all that is good in life. May they find ways to overcome their fears and share the resources that belong to all.

**We pray now and always for peace.**

We pray for Israelis who live with the daily fear of rockets, for Palestinians harassed and living in fear of attack, and for the people of Gaza who have no means to escape the military attacks, who lack food, shelter and medical care.

**We pray now and always for peace.**

### **Prayer Against Nuclear War**

We remember the peoples of Hiroshima and Nagasaki who experienced first the shock of nuclear weapons. May they continue to be strong in their commitment to peace and be lights to our broken world. We remember the people of Moruroa and other nuclear test sites. May they receive justice and the healthcare they need.

**We pray now and always for peace.**

**In the Name of the Prince of Peace we pray. Amen.**

## Supporters of Seasons North Shore

We have kept you informed re the Programme of peer support for children, teens and adults experiencing loss and grief.

It costs Seasons North Shore \$17,000 each year to provide its programme. The funding comes from various charitable trusts but such funds are difficult to secure. We are wanting a more state funding base by asking people to commit to being a supporter and donating \$100. 00 for two years. If you can help take a brochure from the table at St. Paul's or ask Joyce for one. We hope each parish on the North Shore will have at least 5 people who will contribute in this way. These are tax deductible.

## Our Prayer

God of Love

We bring before You in prayer all who work within New Zealand's media.

Help media decision-makers and content-creators to be sensitive to the needs of our communities and the values our children are exposed to as they absorb the culture around them. Use their words, pictures and stories to touch hearts and engage people's minds towards goodness, truth and beauty. May their work bring healing and impart hope.

We pray for a greater openness to Your Spirit. May more and more people in media look to You for wisdom, insight and guidance as they go about their work.

We pray for Christians in both secular and Christian media organisations. May they be encouraged in their exploration of the Gospel story, so that they might embody and creatively communicate Your Way, Truth and Life.

By Your gentle nudging, may the people of our media seek to make New Zealand a better country; replacing division, judgement and blame... with love, empathy and understanding.

By Your grace, we pray for NZ's media to be raised to its highest purpose; to be a vehicle for good, for inspiration and truth, for dignity and courage. Lord, make our media a blessing in this nation.

We pray all this in the powerful name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

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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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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**

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