

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

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



MARSDEN CROSS AT OIHI BAY OF ISLANDS
ON CHRISTMAS DAY 1814 THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERVICE
IN NEW ZEALAND WAS HELD ON THIS SPOT BY
THE REV'D SAMUEL MARSDEN

Dear Parishioners,

the Spring wind keeps buffeting us about. We were blessed though with our October Fair day and we had a good crowd of people up to closing time. Thank you to all who helped. It was great to see so many children and grandchildren contributing. Each stall did well, the goods were attractively presented and \$5,900 was cleared. This is an excellent result. Neighbours in Otakau Road were generous with gifts of furniture and crockery.

The Christmas Craft Fair on Friday November 14th gives others the opportunity to sell. Tables are \$20.00 each, children's tables are \$5.00. We need help with selling from our tables, contribution for baking, produce and preserves. Please tell Joyce or Mary if you can help.

All year the Opportunity Shop has continued with staff providing a ministry of listening and caring for customers. Special thanks for those who gather most Mondays to sort and stack incoming goods. Over 40 gifts are to be given as a token to the shop workers with a lovely afternoon tea.

The gorgeous cover picture is of the Marsden Cross at Oihi, the site of where the Gospel of Good News was preached 200 years ago by Samuel Marsden with the support of Ruatara, a local chief.

On the 23rd of November we are remembering the ministry of women during these 200 years in a service at Holy Trinity Cathedral at 1.00 pm. All are welcome and afternoon tea follows.

Next year we have been asked by the bishops to meet with two other parishes to share about our ministry in hospitality and worship in what is known as an 'Indaba' process. . Teams of five persons will be selected from each church. We will need to host 10 people when Hillsborough and Russell churches come to us. These visits will happen in Lent 2015. Graeme is our contact person for the Indaba process.

Life becomes more complex as groups hold social functions in November. There is extra catering, the desire to complete some activities before the year's end, the planning of

Christmas and holiday time. Remember we are invited to shelter close to God's heart. Jesus breathes his Spirit into ordinary people like you and me-empowering us to live his gracious and lovely life, so that we can serve as he served, comfort as he comforted, heal as he healed, and, above all, love as he loved. A voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Prepare us now, Lord, truly to live and truly to love your way.

Allow yourself to be still, to relax, to breathe a moment of God's presence.

Joyce

Advent

The Christian year begins on the first Sunday of Advent which we celebrate on 30th November. This year we will be in year B of the lectionary which focuses on the Gospel of Mark. The Gospel readings from the season of Advent through the Sundays after Epiphany tell of the coming of Christ and his ministry.

In Advent we prepare ourselves for Christmas. We have a wreath of evergreen tinged with Pohutakawa flowers showing the eternal love of God for the world and its people. Four candles are lit, one every week. They are named hope, peace, joy and love showing the gifts of faith we are given. Advent three known as Gaudite Sunday has a pink colour while the other candles and the season are purple showing the seriousness given to our preparation and the royal status given to the Prince of peace.

We will hear from the First Testament beautiful word pictures from the book of Isaiah. Lambs trust wolves, the no-longer lame building bonfires with crutches; the no-longer blind painting bright orange sunsets; the no-longer deaf clapping hands over sound-saturated ears. The crushed and broken of the world were invited to shelter close to God's heart and be comforted.

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

November 2014

Friday 7	Opportunity shop gathering. 3.30pm. All those who help with the shop are welcome.
Sunday 9	Remembrance Sunday. Services at 8am and 9.30am.
Tuesday 11	Holy Communion at Lady Allum 10.30am. Selwyn Centre 9.30am to 12.00. conversation, food, puzzles and scrabble. Cost \$3.00. Ecumenical meeting 4pm.
Wednesday 12	Holy Communion, morning tea, Biblical discussion. 10am. Come to any or all three.
Thursday 13	Mainly music. Music, dance, toys, food and fun for pre-schoolers and their caregivers. \$3.00 a time.
Friday 15	Christmas craft fair. 5.30pm to 8pm. Tables for people wanting to sell \$20.00. Come for jewellery, Christmas arrangements, gifts, food, toasted sandwiches, puzzles and more.
Sunday 16	Services at 8am and 9.30am.
Tuesday 18	Selwyn Centre if the weather is fine there will be an outing. If wet food, conversation, puzzles and scrabble.
Wednesday 19	Holy Communion at 10am followed by morning tea and a Bible Study on next Sundays readings.
Thursday 20	Mainly music. 10am pre-school activities of music, movement, reading, toys and food. \$3.00 a family. Starting some Christmas songs.
Saturday 22	Pirate day in Milford.
Sunday 23	Aotearoa Sunday services at St. Paul's 8am and 9.30am. 1pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral,. Celebration of 200 years of women's ministry in New Zealand. A creative three tikanga service with Tongan and Maori choirs. Afternoon tea. 5pm Service at Holy Sepulchre.
Tuesday 25	Selwyn Centre 9.30am to 12.00. Fellowship, fun, puzzles, morning tea and scrabble. \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting at the vicarage.
Wednesday 26	Holy Communion, morning tea and Bible Study. 10.00am.
Thursday 27	10.00am mainly music. for pre-school children and their caregivers. Music and dance, reading, food and play. \$3.00 a family. 12.30pm to 1.30pm Auckland Church leaders 200 years of the gospel in New

	Zealand. Service at the cathedral.
Friday 28	Setting up the nativity scene at the altar. 1pm.
Saturday 29	Diocesan Ordinations at the cathedral 10am.
Sunday 30	Advent Sunday.
December Tuesday 2	10am Advent Holy Communion at Park Lane. 9.30am to 11.30am Selwyn Centre. Christmas lunch.
Sunday 7	Services 8am and 9.30am. 7pm Carol service and supper.
Sunday 14	One service this Sunday 9.30am. Service with drama, music, toys and food for the City Mission. Refreshments.
Christmas Eve Wednesday 24	9.30am Setting up for the Christingle service 5pm. 11.15 Carols and midnight communion.
Christmas Day Thursday 25	Services 8am and 9.30am. Shared meal 12.30pm, at the vicarage.



Coming at Advent – by Bill Bennett

You are coming, Lord God,
as the warming sun of renewal, stirring up the
life-blood of creation.

You are coming, Lord God,
as the herald of love's power, through
the Baptist, the forerunner.

You are coming Lord God,
as the child born in a stable, Jesus Christ, the
expected one, to meet each of us on home
ground, living, dying, and rising to new life.

You are coming, Lord God,
in fullness of time giving our hope substance.
You are coming, Lord God.

John



The Gift of Hope

God of hope, come! Enter into every human heart that cried out for a glimpse of your love, for a sign of your welcoming presence, for a taste of your happiness. Be the one who calms the restless and gentles the ache of the human journey.

God of hope, come! Enter into this Advent season with the grace of joy and laughter. Fill faces with smiles of delight and voices with sounds of pleasure. Let this gift come from deep within. Replenish all with the joyful blessings that only your peace can bring.

God of hope, come! Enter into the lives of all those I hold dear, the ones whose lives are marked with pain, struggle, and deep anxiety, those whose lives bear ongoing heartaches, those whose difficulties threaten to overwhelm them with helplessness and despair. Come and gift them with a deep belief about you and your never-ending faithfulness and companionship.

Annual Takings From Fairs

	2011	2012	2013	2014
				663.4
Books, Art, Records	486.20	728.40	306.80	0
Cakes and Sweets	264.80	284.80	553.50	408.0
Clothes	173.90	83.00	76.40	106.5
Craft	221.70	78.60	71.80	0
Electrical	122.50	375.00	159.30	306.2
Furniture	369.50	419.70	400.90	0
Jigsaws			58.30	1,107.00
Kitchenware	217.30	355.00	117.50	166.9
Linen	140.00	150.70	101.20	0
Morning Teas (foyer)	48.10	23.00	36.50	244.3
Morning Teas (church)			41.00	0
Pizza				43.00
Plants	187.30	97.30	145.50	160.0
Produce	290.20	235.70	406.70	0
Raffle	509.00	470.00	555.00	272.0
Sausage Sizzle	196.00	158.80	144.00	0
Tombola	265.80	310.00	307.40	206.0
Toys	213.70	203.80	212.60	0
Treasure Trove	196.60	572.90	421.00	781.5
White Elephant (centre area)	657.60	418.50	241.50	0
Youth	68.00		66.80	303.7

Total	4,628.20	4,965.20	4,423.70	5,738.20
<i>Opportunity Shop</i>			122.00	202.00

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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

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Youth Rep.	Ethan Kolodzinski	

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