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PHOTOS OF INDABA TEAM IN RUSSELL. AND MAINLY
MUSIC CHILDREN READING THEIR CHRISTMAS STORY
BOOKS.

Dear everyone,

Greetings as we journey through Lent to Palm Sunday. I find myself thinking this is the last time each Lenten activity will happen like this at St. Paul's and next Lent will be new.

Thank you for the kind words we hear. We are aware of some adjustments to be made to cover the interregnum when there will be a half time appointment made.

The process for a new appointment may take 6 months. There is a booklet in the office for people to study and a summary sheet on what happens will be on the notice board. We trust in God's guidance and the good will of parishioners in this exciting time.

At the AGM, on Sunday March 15th the new vestry and people's warden will be elected. On Sunday April 19th there will be a Future Direction's parish consultation led by the Archdeacon, John Blundell. All are invited to contribute their thoughts and those on the parish roll may elect three people to be parish nominators. A parish profile will be prepared including ideas from the consultation. Plan to be there.

One service only dates - We have several dates up to May 3rd at which there will only be one service to enable us to be present as the one community.

Sunday March 8th 9.30 am. Holy Communion and J team. We will be joined by 11 visitors from the Local Shared Ministry Unit at Russell and St. Margaret's Hillsborough. See the article that follows on the Indaba Process.

Sunday March 15th 9.30am Holy Communion and J team. 10.30 Morning tea and at 10.45 we regather for the Annual General Meeting. We receive reports sharing the news and finance from 2014. Elections for vestry members and the People's Warden will be held. The Vicar's Warden will be announced.

The vestry will hear of proposed building alterations and seek the opinion of the the parishioners as to whether these will go ahead. See the article that follows on the building project.

Sunday May 3rd. 9.30 Holy Communion and farewell to John and Joyce. Joyce retires as vicar on May 1st.

Our Lenten study series is named Gratitude and Grace. What a suitable name for this time of transition.

This year vestry suggest the following mission areas to invite you to support each month.

During Lent February/March the 3 Board of Missions projects. they are Tarime Clergy, Tanzania: St. Luke's Hospital, Nablus, Diocese of Jerusalem: Ministry Centre, Port Said, Egypt. Take an envelope or box for your donations. On the 15th March we will give food to City Mission.

April – *The New Zealand Church Army*

May – *Equip. the Mental Health ministry from Windsor Park Baptist*

June – *The Anglican Trust for Women and Children.*

July – *The City Mission Winter appeal. Including a food giving day.*

August – *The Seasons programme North Shore.*

September – *The local Hospital Chaplaincy.*

October – *Fresh water in Vanuatu.*

November – *The City Mission.*

December – *Christian World Service and a toy giving day for City Mission.*

The parish gives clothes to the Maori and the City Missions and the Opportunity shop and sales contributes to low cost clothing and household goods.

The cover this month shows the Indaba Team at Russell. And the mainly music children receiving their Christmas presents in 2014.

We are sorry to hear of the sudden death of Peter Richardson. We pray for June his mother and all Peter's family.

With good wishes.

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

Indaba.

At last year's synod the bishops asked us to visit two other parishes to build a network of friendship and understanding of the ministry among the diocese. Each parish will visit the others for an overnight stay, with some bible study, sharing of views and learning from each other. We have sent 5 to Russell, will host 11 March 7th and 8th and visit Hillsborough on March 20 and 21st. We look forward to this opportunity.

Building Project – a reminder at the A.G.M. March the 15th Jack Weir will lead us through a motion re the project. The project involves extending the hall roof over the decking to give us a protected space matching the portico roof; extending the

hall roof over the ramp; placing a wider door in the Selwyn Lounge and putting a door from the Op shop into the hall.

March 2015

Wednesday 4	10.00am Holy Communion, oil for healing and Lenten study.
Thursday 5	10.00am Mainly music. Pre-school activities for children and caregivers. Fun with music, actions, toys, books and food. Cost \$3.00 a family.
Friday 6	10.00 World day of Prayer service at St. Joseph Takapuna.
Saturday 7	Indaba visit from members from Christ Church Russell and St. Margaret's Hillsborough. 5.45pm Pizza and dessert evening. All are welcome.
Sunday 8	One service only 9.30am so all parishioners can meet our guests.
Tuesday 10	Lady Allum Holy Communion 10.30am Selwyn Centre 9.30am to 12.00. Join us for companionship, quizzes, scrabble, laughter and morning tea. Cost \$3.00. 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Lillian Daniel, a St. John's visiting scholar Rigorous, Reasonable and Real. What change for the church.
Wednesday 11	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea and Lenten Study.
Thursday 12	10.00am Mainly music, food, music, fun, and company for pre-schooler and their caregivers. \$3.00 a family.
Sunday 15	Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival, followed by the Annual General Meeting. Highlights are hearing the news of 2014, reporting back about the Building Project. Announcement of the Vicar's warden, elections of the People's Warden and Vestry Members. One service only. Please bring food gifts to the City Mission. We will be given a flower to honour our mothers.
Tuesday 17	9.30am – 12.00 Selwyn Centre. Join us for fun, friendship, discussion, morning tea, quizzes and scrabble.
Wednesday 18	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea and Lenten Study.
Thursday 19	10.00am mainly music. Pre-school activity with reading, toys, music and food. \$3.00 a family. 10.00am Service at Northbridge.
Sunday 22	Passion Sunday Services at 8.00am and 9.30am. The Indaba team will be at St. Margaret's Hillsborough.
Tuesday 24	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. This could be a Autumn trip.
Wednesday 25	10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea and Lenten Study.
Thursday 26	10.00am mainly music. For those under 5 and their caregivers. Music, singing, fun, activities and food, \$3.00 a family.
Saturday 28	10.00am Decorate church for Palm Sunday. We need palm branches, small palms and flax.
Sunday 29	 <p>Palm Sunday at 8.00am and 9.30am.</p>



Palm Sunday in Poetry

Hark! how the children shrill and high
Hosanna cry,
Their joys provoke the distant sky,
Where thrones and seraphims reply,
And their own angels shine and sing
In a bright ring:
Such young, sweet mirth
Makes heaven and earth
Join in a joyful symphony.

And thus Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. In this little poem entitled *Palm Sunday* by Henry Vaughan (1622-1695), the Welsh metaphysical poet, we get a glimpse of what was at the beginning, the joy that was supposed to be, the glory that was lost.

Enjoy the poem? An Easter challenge - Write your own poem for Easter or Autumn and give to Joyce or Mary for the next magazine by March 23rd.

Holy Week - March 30th to April 1st

Tuesday 31st - 9.30am to 12.00 Selwyn Centre. Hot Cross Buns.

Wednesday April 1st - 10.00am Holy Communion, morning tea, Lenten Study.

Thursday April 2nd - mainly music Easter session. Hot Cross Buns, Easter cards, Easter books called Surprise for each child. mainly music will then be in recess, restarting Thursday 23 April.

Maundy Thursday Service and Meal.



6.00pm Come to hear of the last supper Jesus had with his disciples. Be refreshed with foot or hand washing. Enjoy eating lamb, herbs, hard boiled eggs, pita bread, apples, figs. Drink grape juice. Strip the church. Schools break up.

Good Friday April 3rd -



The combined service begins at 9.30am at the Baptist church, Dobson Avenue. The procession carrying a cross leaves St. Paul's at 9.00am, gathers the Catholics as we pass St. Vincent de Paul church reaches Dobson Avenue about 9.20am. After worship hot cross buns are served.

Holy Saturday April 4th -

9.00am the church is made ready for Easter. Prepare Easter Gardens.



Easter Day Sunday April 5th -

Services of celebration of Christ's resurrection. 8.00am and 9.30am. Note daylight saving reverses. Bring flowers or herbs for the Easter Cross. We will have symbols, including baskets of Easter Eggs.

What to bring over Lent / Easter?

A Summary sheet

Simmel cake for Mothering Sunday March 15th. Let Mary know if you are making one please. We would like three.

Harvest Festival gifts for the City Mission also March 15th.

Palms and Palm Crosses by March 28th.

Hot

Cross buns for mainly music and Good Friday.

Easter eggs. Needed by April 4th

Easter gardens, by April 4th and 5th.

Flowers or herbs for the cross.

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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	

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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