

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

ST. PAUL'S BY-THE-SEA APRIL 2015



Dear Parishioners,

For many reasons Easter seems to arrive too soon. The late summer weather, world cup distractions, the Indaba process with three Sundays in Lent affected. The A.G.M and planning for the interregnum have taken our time.

Welcome to the new vestry of Graeme, Pam as wardens, Patrick as secretary, Mary and Megan as Synod representatives, Priscilla, Gaylene, Tania, Tex, Karen and Jack.

We are grateful to Robin Norris for his thoughtful contributions to the previous vestry.

Now the Indaba Process is complete the team of 16 decided the group visitations are very positive for breaking down barriers, strengthening friendships and providing different contexts for learning. We gained insights into other churches and found new ideas. We decided the process would be of value with local communities visiting churches that were nearby and of other denominations. Our team from Russell, here and Hillsborough want to meet in a year's time. Thank you for how you helped to welcome and enjoy our visitors. Our worship felt like a synod service with loud responses and enthusiastic singing commented a parishioner.

Palm Sunday was a delight with Palms for a celebration walk, Palm crosses, a decorated church and at 9.30am a 3 week old Sebastian Michael Bairactaris-Stanbridge was baptized, wearing a long gown his grandfather had been baptized in at St. Paul's.

70 Palm crosses taken to the hospital were deeply appreciated by patients some thought by being in hospital they would miss out on receiving a cross.

Holy Week is upon us, then the Easter Season through to Ascension leading to the day of Pentecost.

We remember the 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli, in our service on April 26th.

An Easter thought, Jesus is the Way of Life, confounding our doubts and fears. In Autumn splendor he colours our lives with warmth and richness.

During the transition period ahead, there are a lot of tasks to be reorganized. After Easter there will be a sheet at the back of the church of what is needed. Please sign where you can help and vestry will allocate various responsibilities.

Thank you to those who have contributed to Easter flowers. If you wish to help with flowers contact Liz Douglas-Brown.

In April we will replace some of the sanctuary vessels. The insurance payment does not cover all costs. If you wish to donate a vessel let us know. We need 2 chalices and patens, a ewer for baptismal water, a bread box, a home and rest home communion set. Let Joyce or Mary know of your interest.

I keep pushing to the back of my mind that this is my last Easter here. Let's have an Easter Season that allows for the joy of our faith no matter what circumstances we are in. New life is our blessing.

With love Joyce.



PALM SUNDAY AT ST. PAUL'S

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

April – May - 2015

Sunday 5	Easter Day – Daylight Saving has finished.
Monday 6	Easter Monday – Op Shop is closed
Tuesday 7	Selwyn Centre. 9.30am – 11.30. Then Easter lunch. \$5.00 for a delicious meal. 10.00 Park Lane Holy Communion.
Wednesday 8	Holy Communion 10.00am. Morning Tea and Bible Study.
Thursday 9	No mainly music – holiday time. 7pm Setting up garage sale tables.
Friday 10	9.30am - Sorting clothes and goods for sale.
Saturday 11	8am Garage Sale.
Sunday 12	Easter Two – Low Sunday! Services 8am and 9.30am.
Tuesday 14	Selwyn Centre 9.30am- 12.00. Come and join us for friendship, fun, morning tea and great conversation. 10.30am Holy Communion Lady Allum.
Wednesday 15	Holy Communion. Morning Tea and Bible Study.
Thursday 16	No mainly music . School Holidays.
Sunday 19	Services at 8am and 9.30am..
Monday 20	School resumes.
Tuesday 21	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. Activities, good company and morning tea cost \$3.00 .
Wednesday 22	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning Tea, and Bible Study.
Thursday 23	Mainly music resumes 10.00am.
Saturday 25	Anzac Day 100 th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.
Sunday 26	Services at 8am and 9.30am. Easter 4. These will include Gallipoli reflections and prayers for peace.
Tuesday 28	Vestry meeting 7.30pm Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. Companionship, activities and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 29	10am Holy Communion. Morning Tea, and Bible Study.
Thursday 30	10.00am Mainly music for young families. Music, dance, song and food. \$3.00.
May	
Sunday 3	One service only followed by a short service of farewell to Joyce and John and lunch.
Tuesday 5	Holy Communion Park Lane.
Sunday 17	Parish Future Consultation. Mark your diary.

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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: Vicar Rev'd Joyce Marcon 486 1010 –or - 021 616 390

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Hon. Assist Priest Rev'd John Marcon 486 1010

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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

Vestry members:The Wardens, Treasurer, Synod Reps. Patrick Jackson, (vestry secretary) Gaylene Hotchkiss, Tania Manuel, Priscilla Phillips, Tex Riley, Karen Stubbs, Jack Weir.

Selwyn Centre: Tuesday - 9.30am – 12.00. Enquiries Mary Griffiths 486 0668

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