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VICAR ST. PAUL'S MILFORD  
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Dear Parishioners,

Over 10 years ago I spent my first night at St. Paul's vicarage with our two cats while John stayed in Whangarei to check on the cleaning of the house we were leaving. I felt at home; especially when a meal, milk and bread were dropped off by members of vestry. What a difference such kindness makes. The first service was a blur and I hung on tight to visiting Northern friends. I wonder how you felt as you first met us. Three Sunday services and two churches eased me into the parish community. There was an Opportunity shop to find, Retirement villages to visit, Fellowship to attend, a small Wednesday communion and the nearby hospital. At first I found the New World so small, later I appreciated being able to flit through.

I loved having the church open each day, was frustrated at having the front of the hall used for storage and longed to offer some ministry to the younger people in Milford for so many walked past each day. Mainly music was born, at both churches. The helpers and John and I waited patiently for the small beginnings to thrive into two vibrant groups where parents and grandparents felt welcome. I had imagined a coffee bar as a waiting spot for the pre and post school procession and All Hallows as a cafe church.

A new outreach for older people at the Selwyn centre and building programmes helped new events to happen. Courageously and diplomatically the Opportunity Shop shifted to be near the church and the complex of the memorial garden and the herb garden made a cheerful walk to the afterschool centre and the attractive shop. A smart kitchen and pizza oven have been a blessing for hospitality. Some days one can sit in the foyer and observe a stream of people moving in and out of the complex. We got used to the lack of privacy.

None of this happens without kind, peaceable, tolerant and imaginative parishioners. I recall the life and work of many who have died. What dedicated parishioners have built this church! My worst moment was my first Christmas Eve service at All Hallows. The church was over full when I arrived and the organising group asked me for the carol booklets. No one had told me about those. We used instead two different hymn

books, giving out two hymn numbers each time and of course these books had different words. I was mortified; the congregation were most amused. I had been hoping to impress the worshippers.

Thank you for the openness to different church decor for the seasons, for the generosity and pastoral care given to John and I. What wonderful outings we have had, parish meals and services. I have been honoured to have been here. Honoured to be part of weddings, baptisms, celebrations, funerals and garage sales!

My head tells me it is time to retire; my heart has regrets.

How generous parishioners have been with our mission giving this year, over \$340 has been given to the Lenten appeal. You will be interested to know that Nicholas will be capped with a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Psychology and Criminology and a minor in French on the 12th of May. He is now doing an Honour's year. We are very proud of his achievements.

May God bless you all, especially as you consult together for a new leader. We will be in the vicarage for a while as John recovers and we find housing so we will be around. We will worship elsewhere on Sundays. Invite us back sometimes.

### **Prayer of Hope**

**Jesus, we stand amazed at the quality of your friendship:**

**you are loyal and constant in your relationship with us,  
you are compassionate and caring in our time of need,  
you offer prayer and action so that thought and deed  
become one.**

**Jesus, we worship and adore you for your unreserved offering of yourself to each one of us as individuals, and to your Church – your community of friendship.**

**The Mary Sumner lecture** will take place in St. Mary's Holy Trinity Cathedral, 3pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The worldwide President, Mrs Lynn Temby will speak. There will be High Tea. People may stay to Choral Evensong at 5pm. R.S.V.P to Margaret, 521 1229.

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

### May - 2015

<b>Tuesday 5</b>	Selwyn Centre. 9.30am – 11.30. Then lunch. \$5.00 for a delicious meal. 10.00 Park Lane Holy Communion. 7.30pm Seasons Committee.
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	10am Holy Communion. Oil for healing. Morning tea and Bible Study.
<b>Thursday 7</b>	10am mainly music. Music, fun, morning tea toys. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Sunday 10</b>	Easter 6. Services 8am and 9.30am. Noel's first Sunday services.
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am to 12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea.
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	10am Holy Communion. Morning tea and Bible Study.
<b>Thursday 14</b>	Ascension Day 10am mainly music. Music, movement, reading, toys and morning tea. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Sunday 17</b>	Sunday after Ascension. Holy Communion 8am. 9.30am short service and the future consultation. All are invited to join in including young people. Facilitator Archdeacon John Blundell.
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am- 12.00. Come and join us for friendship, fun, scrabble, morning tea and great conversation.
<b>Wednesday 20</b>	10am Holy Communion. Morning Tea and Bible Study.
<b>Thursday 21</b>	Mainly music \$3.00 a family. Music, toys, morning tea, books and friendship.
<b>Sunday 24</b>	<b>Pentecost.</b> Please wear red. Services 8am and 9.30am. Hospital Chapel service 11am.
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. Friendship, sharing, morning tea, scrabble \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting in the church.
<b>Wednesday 27</b>	10am Holy Communion. Morning Tea and Bible Study.
<b>Thursday 28</b>	Mainly music \$3.00 a family. Music, toys, morning tea, books and friendship.
<b>Sunday 31</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday.</b> Services at 8am and 9.30am.
<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday.</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	St Peter and St Paul Apostles. Patronal Festival.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7pm  
Pitt St Methodist Church  
Led by Synod Superintendent The Rev'd Marilyn Welch  
Preacher Bishop Ross Bay.

## Article by Noel Derbyshire

I begin my ministry here in early May. I look forward to working with you and for you over the next few months. I know that you have been well served by Joyce for a decade and, like you, I wish John and Joyce well in their retirement. The process of nominating a new vicar takes several months and it is important that it should not be rushed. While this process continues it is my job to ensure that adequate ministry is provided. I look forward to becoming part of this community, at least for a time. Although I would not claim to have had a close relationship with St Paul's I have been here on a couple of occasions and enjoyed doing so.



Two obvious differences between my ministry and that of a vicar in this place is that I will not be living here and I will not be working full-time. Having said that I want you to know that I will respond to pastoral calls as soon as I can and will endeavour to maintain parish life. Apart from Sundays I expect to be here every Wednesday and another day each week, often a Tuesday. Although I live in Howick, in the 'Far East', I can obviously be contacted by phone or email. Details appear elsewhere.

Now a little about myself. But be warned: I will want to find out more about you too! And please do wear name tags: that will help me a lot.

I was born and brought up in the South Island (which means I support the Highlanders). I started life in Central Otago but was brought up in Port Chalmers. I went to Otago Boys High School and later to the University of Otago where I graduated BCom. I also qualified as an accountant and worked for the Inland Revenue Department for seven years. I was then accepted for ordination by Bishop (later Archbishop) Johnston and proceeded to St John's College for three years. In 1968 I married Judith (who very conveniently lived immediately across

the road from the college) and we moved south (very south) where I was ordained three weeks later. I served as an assistant curate in Invercargill and then over the next few years as vicar in Riverton, Mosgiel and Gore.

We lived in Papua New Guinea for four exciting years. I went as a priest who happened also to be an accountant and became the first Provincial Secretary of the Church when it became autonomous. Later on (1984-92) I spent nine years as General Secretary of the NZ Anglican Board of Missions, based in Wellington. The board was responsible for the overseas mission work of the church and this meant that I travelled widely overseas building up links and visiting New Zealand missionaries.

I then spent over six years (1993-99) as Vicar of the large parish of St Andrew's in the beautiful Waikato town of Cambridge. This was a thriving parish which meant that there was a formidable workload. The parish spearheaded the establishment of a sister city relationship with the French town of Le Quesnoy which continues to this day. (I'll tell you all about it later!) However, all good things come to an end as in 1999 I accepted Bishop John Paterson's invitation to move to Auckland as the Bishop's Executive Chaplain, a job in which I remained until 2011, although in a part-time capacity for five years. I had the honour of being Archdeacon of Manukau for a number of years and Vicar-General during the transition between Bishops John and Ross.

A few years ago I took up the study of History through Massey University and graduated BA (Hons) and MA. Very recently (like last week!) I graduated PhD. My thesis examined the life of the Anglican Church in NZ since 1945.

Judith and I have lived in Howick since we moved to Auckland. We normally worship at All Saints (unless I'm somewhere else). Judith worked for many years at parish and diocesan levels as a coordinator for the Seasons programme. We have three adult sons and daughters (living in Pokeno, Beachlands and Melbourne) and eight grandchildren who bring us great joy. We enjoy travel when the opportunities arise. We spent three months in Europe in 2013 when I served as a locum priest in the beautiful university city of Heidelberg. 2014 took us to

Tasmania and later this year we are off on a cruise around the NZ coast and then to Australia. I'm keenly interested in the sea and ships and was chaplain to the RNZNVR in Wellington for several years. I'm into family history and am a member of U3A (University of the Third Age). I'm a reluctant gardener but an ardent coffee drinker.

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

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