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Sunday May 10th - The 6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Noel Derbyshire who is our Priest in charge during the vacancy. This is his first Sunday in the parish (so he begs forgiveness for any radical and unexplained differences!). He will be in the parish usually three days a week and was here last Tuesday and Wednesday. He asks that you should not hesitate to contact him (details above) especially on pastoral concerns.

And do **PLEASE WEAR NAME TAGS!**

Today's Programme

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion and J. Team

Sentence: Without having seen Christ you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.

1 Peter 1: 8

Collect: Almighty God, you teach us in your word that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with all our heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 98 (at 9.30 in place of the Gloria)

Lesson Acts 10: 44-48

Epistle 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel John 15: 9-17

Hymns

8.00

Introit 317 At the name of Jesus (tune Camberwell)
Offertory Lift high the cross (on separate sheet)
Dismissal 451 God is working his purpose out

9.30

Introit 317 At the name of Jesus
Following the Psalm *Psalm 151* With a hoot and a toot
Gradual 237 Father, hear the prayer we offer
Offertory Lift high the cross (on separate sheet)
Dismissal 451 God is working his purpose out

Prayers

In the midst of the world's troubles, your love is there:

Encouraging warring factions to seek reconciliation in the Middle East.

Standing beside those who provide a safe place for the homeless;

Advocating for drug companies to provide low-cost drugs in countries without resources;

Exposing and confronting corrupt and powerful leaders;

Befriending the despised and those who are unable to find regular work;

Working through non-governmental agencies like the Red Cross, World Vision, Habitat for Humanity and Christian World Service.

Drawing attention to the poorest and those at risk. We think of *the people of Nepal and all who seek to relieve them in their distress.*

We pledge ourselves to abide in your love, O God, a love that brings change for good.

Give us your powerful love, O God.

In the midst of those who suffer, your love is there:

Where men and women, boys and girls, are sick or face an uphill struggle we especially remember Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda and Jack Hutchinson.

Beside those who have a life threatening illness;
Bringing reality to those who will not accept their lost mobility;
Giving patience to those who are caregivers for persons with
dementia;
Sustaining those who are overwhelmed by anxiety or fear;
Comforting those who have suffered loss (*time of silent
reflection*).

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a love that brings change for good.***

Give us your powerful love, O God.

At the heart of your church, your love is there:

Befriending those calling to mind those who live in Inga Road,
Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue, who lead and
teach in the local congregation;

Challenging persons who are apathetic and narrow-minded;

Singing through choirs and groups and happy congregations;

Giving vision to those who bring denominations and faith groups
closer together;

Inspiring us to give for the needs of people in other communities
and countries.

***We pledge ourselves to abide in your love, O God,
a love that brings change for good.***

Give us your powerful love, O God.

At the heart of each one of us, your love is there:

Bringing faith when we feel lonely;

Sustaining us in the tough places of life;

Challenging us when we are content with second best;

Encouraging us when we are reluctant to risk and adventure;

Encouraging us to share our troubles;

Reminding us to be gentle with ourselves;

Reaching out to those we love;

Bringing peace when we feel afraid.

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a love that brings change for good.***

Next Sunday – May 17th the 7th Sunday of Easter

Lesson – Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Epistle - 1 John 5: 9-13

Gospel - John 17: 6-19

8.00am – Mary will advise.

9.30am – Short service – Consultation meeting.

A letter of thanks from Joyce

Thank you everyone for such a lovely service and lunch on Sunday. We felt very supported and again were thankful for the 10 years we have lived here.

The gifts were great. I got some vouchers, a cosy dressing gown and John got warm blue pyjamas. Our big gift was airfares to Wellington, two nights accommodation and tickets to the World of Wearable Arts in September. The flowers are splendid and the food was so generous. John loved his certificate.

We are staying in the vicarage for a few weeks. There is a custom to not worship at a parish you have just left so that a new person feels free to use their skills and ideas. We will visit other churches on Sundays as a rule.

With love, Joyce.

Tuesday 12	Selwyn Centre 9.30am to 12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea.
Wednesday 13	10am Holy Communion. Morning tea and Bible Study.
Thursday 14	Ascension Day 10am Mainly Music. Music, movement, reading, toys and morning tea. \$3.00 a family.
Sunday 17	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.

This Week –

**Archdeacon John Blundell has sent information
re the consultation on May 17th 9.30.**

Much of the discussion is working in small groups answering questions about the parish such as:

Who are you?

What are you doing now?

What do you see for the parish in the future?

There are three people to be elected as nominators. Those nominated need to have been on the parish Roll for 6 months.

Plan to attend to contribute your ideas and to listen to others.

Methodist and Anglican Covenant

Sunday 17th May 7pm

Pitt St Methodist Church

Led by Synod Superintendent The Revd Marilyn Welch

Preacher Bishop Ross Bay.

Habitat for Humanity Nepal Response to the earthquake on ANZAC weekend.

Hundreds of kiwis have been to homes in Nepal with Habitat for Humanity over the last five years. When the quake struck on ANZAC weekend, many of them were concerned for the safety of the families they had housed. Habitat NZ construction consultant Grahame Roberts was on the ground in Nepal at the time of the quake and has now confirmed all the kiwi-built homes are intact and all families unhurt. Habitat NZ urgently seeks donations to its disaster response fund to provide shelter kits and ongoing support to Nepali families: please go to www.habitat.org.nz/donate. Alternatively, if you might like to join 200 kiwis in Nepal to build 100 homes in early November, please contact CEO Claire Szabo on 021 161 2969 for more information.

A poem for Joyce and John by Aimee Oswald

Joyce and John

here at the church,

the trees that surround, are where the birds perch,

they sing joyous hymns,

and the old folks stand, on their creaky limbs,

chanting with the priest,

and then it's all over and it's morning tea,

and there's bread to take that's made with yeast,

after biscuits and tea,

and a chat with the other church goes, it is finally time to flee.

