

**MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS
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JOYCE'S FAREWELL WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE



JOYCE, JOHN, MIRIAM AND JOANNE

Farewell Service for Joyce

Many parishioners and invited guests filled the church on 03 May to bid farewell to Joyce and celebrate her 10 years of ministry in Milford. As usual she had put together a 'special' service with significant hymns and wise words about those past years and the future, both for her and John and also for our parish. At the end of the service there was a ceremony where she handed back the *keys of office* to Vestry members – bible, a vessel of water, prayer book, bread and wine.

Following the service we remained in church for a formal farewell. Jack Weir spoke of the huge contribution John had made to parish life, despite being retired, and presented him with a Certificate of Merit for garage sale management. Megan Bowden then spoke about the many things Joyce had introduced to our parish – mainly music, Selwyn Centre, Youth Coordinator, Christingle services, St Francis Day services, travelling crosses, to name a few – and gave thanks for her wonderful preaching that made the bible come alive and be meaningful, often accompanied by amazing props and visuals and the little extras like seeds and bulbs that we took home. Megan also acknowledged Joyce's calm approach, her wisdom and wise counsel, her generosity of time, and the constant welcome into the vicarage. The children presented John with pyjamas, and Joyce with a dressing gown. On behalf of the parish Pam Martin presented Joyce with flowers and a *package* to the Wearable Arts Festival in Wellington (airfares, accommodation, a dinner tickets at the Festival).

And then, in true Milford style, we enjoyed a huge lunch, with delicious food provided by parishioners.

FROM THE CLERGY

Dear Parishioners,

My job is largely that of keeping things going, but that doesn't mean we're driving in second gear! There is sometimes a tendency for parishes to take a break or slow down a little during a vacancy. But what mandate do we have for that? Parish life carries on in its many forms of activity and outreach. The round of worship continues and one feature of the next two months is the number of special Sundays. (Take a look at the Calendar in this issue). At this stage of its life, it is natural for a parish to focus on the **past** (giving thank for an effective ministry) and at the same time turn to the **future**. But we in fact are primarily called to serve Christ in the **present**.

Please remember that although I live outside the parish (in Howick, in fact) I can easily be contacted by phone or email. I'm over here normally on three days a week.

Best wishes
Noel Derbyshire
Priest-in-charge

OUR CITY MISSIONER HONOURED

Diane Robertson, Auckland City Missioner for the past 17 years, was honoured in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list. She becomes a Dame of the New Zealand Order of Merit. She is well-known as a tireless advocate for the disadvantaged in society. We can be proud of her work in particular and that of the Auckland City Mission in general. It is one of the Anglican Church's major social service agencies, and one that receives regular support from our parish. Keep watching for details of our Orange Sunday, an annual opportunity to support the City Mission.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

The process of appointing a new Vicar is a carefully staged one. The Anglican Church is not a congregational church and so the process involves both parish and diocese. Here's a summary of the early stages in the process:

Future Directions Consultation (May 17) involves parishioners in identifying strengths and weaknesses and then in setting priorities for the future.

Parish elects three Nominators

(Megan Bowden, Mary Griffiths, and Graeme Thomas) to work with the Archdeacon (John Blundell) and Diocesan Nominators (Dawn Jones and Bob Hornburg) in making a nomination (this includes consideration of applicants, conducting interviews etc.

A Parish Profile is prepared.

Bishop invites expressions of interest from clergy within the Diocese and throughout New Zealand. A copy of the Parish Profile is sent to them together with an invitation to make a formal application. This is followed up by a short list, interviews, etc leading up to a nomination being made to the Bishop. In most cases a priest in another position is required to give 3 months' notice.

THE FUTURE DIRECTIONS CONSULTATION

At the consultation on May 17, parishioners were invited to consider a number of questions relating to St Paul's. The 21 adults and 9 children worked in three adult groups and one children's group to discuss and answer the following questions. Here are the responses:

Question 1

What do we value most about your church?

- Spiritual family
- Openness to accept diversity of different nationalities
- Warmth to outsiders
- Helpfulness and sharing
- Reasonable informality and relaxed – sense of humour
- Pastoral care
- Welcoming especially of children
- Outreach – Selwyn Centre, mainly music, op shop, J Team
- Flexible ministry and opportunity to worship
- Communion Service / strengthen faith
- Children = J Team / Sunday School / Singing / Garage Sales & Fair / presents at Christmas time / making food – Stir up Sunday, chocolate eggs, Christmas puddings / Christingle

Question 2

What happens here now?

- 2 services on Sunday, Wednesday and retirement villages
- Special services – St Francis, Christingle
- Pastoral visiting
- Volunteer hospital chaplaincy and chapel services
- Selwyn Centre, mainly music, Bible study, op shop
- Community use of hall – soccer, stroke club, seasons, dance, AA
- City Mission – toys, food, clothing, garage sale surplus
- Joint services with Catholic & Baptist
- J Team - celebrating people's birthdays
- Planting a memorial garden

Question 3

What needs attention?

- Youth group leader
- Congregation growth - more families attending
- Publicity
- Vicarage maintenance
- Environmental and sustainability
- Front garden, parking, foyer
- Children = laser force, sleepover, Bible work, alternative nights not just Fridays, singing, craft
- One service on a Sunday – alternate old and new service
- Music – choir – kids choir
- Kids part of the service – sit and learn
- After church J Team
- More upbeat music

- Continue current activities

Question 4

How do we relate and serve the local community?

- Children = donate money, food and toys to City Mission – mainly music – services in rest homes – Seasons Programme – Diocesan youth activities
- Op shop – garage sales – local market days
- Hospital chapel services and volunteer chaplains
- Selwyn Centre open to non-church people
- Making church facilities available to groups – doors are open to the public
- Shared meals with neighbours and at Christmas time

Question 5

What are 5 priorities for mission and ministry in the next 5 years?

- Growth of congregation
- Modernise music and hymns – live music with band
- More involvement in overseas countries with poverty and disasters
- Status quo – continue with current programmes
- Youth Group Leader
- Open to new ideas
- Maintenance of plant, equipment and grounds
- Look for opportunities to extend
- Children = youth group back / to keep coming even when we are teenagers

Question 6

What quality, skills and attributes are we looking for in a new leader?

- Sense of humour
- Long term position
- Lots of energy, young at heart, new ideas
- Respect what is already happening here
- Musical ability in both old and new
- Modern outlook IT skills and communication
- Good leadership and a listener
- Children = creativity, kind and caring, respectful, preaching aimed at children and youth-good stories, humour, good at public speaking, sporty-make use of beach and Lake Pupuke
- Follow on from our current minister
- Young at heart – age is not important
- Total commitment to us
- We would like a couple to share in the ministry.

June - 2015

Sunday 7	Te Pouhere Sunday.
Tuesday 9	Selwyn Centre 9.30–12.00. Friendship, sharing, morning tea, scrabble \$3.00.
Wednesday 10	10am Holy Communion. Morning tea.
Thursday 11	10am mainly music. Music, fun, morning tea toys. \$3.00 a family.
Sunday 14	10 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Tuesday 16	Selwyn Centre 9.30-12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 17	10am Holy Communion. Morning tea.
Thursday 18	10am mainly music. Music, movement, reading, toys and morning tea. \$3.00 a family.
Sunday 21	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Focus on children; Baptism.
Tuesday 23	Selwyn Centre 9.30-12.00. Come and join us for friendship, fun, scrabble, morning tea and great conversation. Vestry meeting 7.30pm at Mary's.
Wednesday 24	10am Holy Communion. Morning Tea.
Thursday 25	Mainly music \$3.00 a family. Music, toys, morning tea, books and friendship.
Sunday 28	St Peter and St Paul Apostles. Patronal Festival. One service at 9.30am followed by a shared lunch.
Tuesday 30	Selwyn Centre 9.30–12.00. Friendship, sharing, morning tea. Cost \$3.00.

COMING UP:

July 5 Refugee Sunday

**July 12 Sea Sunday (Those who go down to the sea in Ships:
Music and the Sea at 9.30)**

July 19 Bible Sunday

**July 26 Social Services Sunday. Auckland City Mission. The
One Can-Two Can appeal. Please check notice board for
information. And food parcel List.**

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

FOR OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS

People in the Bible
New Testament

J N M X L H D L N N N N N B L N
T D E A M Z N O N H N J P T K P
K S R L T T N J R X O A R G A H
Z U V P I T K Z R E U J D H M M
W S T E L Z H R Q L H Z T K C R
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Q E E N E H P E T S T R G R A H
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Barabbas
Barnabas
Caesar
Dorcas
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Herod
James
Jesus

John
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Matthew
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Peter
Pilate
Stephen
Titus

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Worship every Sunday:

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 Eucharist (NZPB)

9.30 J Team – Karen Stubbs – 410 8089

Weekday Communion -10am - Every Wednesday at St. Paul's

Baptism, Marriage, Funerals - By arrangement with the Priest in charge.

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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.

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