

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS ST. PAUL'S BY THE SEA AUGUST 2015

MEET THE VESTRY

We elect them every year, we know they meet every month, and we can find out what they do at these meetings by reading their minutes on the notice-board. But who are they? We thought it was time to introduce them, to find out a bit more about them.

Standing: Gaylene Hotchkiss, Karen Stubbs, Jack Weir, Megan Bowden, Tania Manuel, Priscilla Philip, Patrick Jackson, and Graeme Thomas.

Seated: Mary Griffiths, Tex Riley, and Pam Martin.

First, how many are there? The short answer is eleven. We start by choosing two churchwardens: one appointed by the vicar; the other elected by the parishioners. The two elected synod representatives are ex-officio members of the vestry. Other members are elected by parishioners. We have also seven elected members. From this group the vestry appoints a secretary and treasurer.



We now introduce them, alphabetically by surname:

Megan Bowden is a retired school principal. She is currently a mentor/facilitator in the National Aspiring Principals Programme, and is Seasons Coordinator for North Shore and Hibiscus Coast. She has lived in this area for 38 years: 12 years in Milford and the past 26 years in Forrest Hill. Before that she lived in Ashburton, Christchurch, Dunedin, Whangarei, Dargaville, and Milton Keynes in the UK where she spent one year on a Commonwealth Teacher Exchange. She has been a parishioner at St Paul's for 25 years and a Vestry member for the last 15 years. She has served as a Sunday school leader (1983-89), and vestry secretary. She is currently the parish treasurer, an organist, intercessor, and runs the Mainly Music programme. She has a wonderful Pug dog named Monty (whom we hope to meet on Pet Sunday later in the year).

What do you like most about St Paul's?

The family feeling, knowing that parishioners will willingly come to my aid if ever I need help.

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces?

Increasing our number of parishioners across all age groups, and maintaining a presence in the Milford community.

Mary Griffiths has been a parishioner at St Paul's for 28 years where she is the parish secretary. She has been a member of the Vestry for 25 years and a synod representative for the same period. She served as vicar's warden for 9 years. Mary runs the Selwyn Centre on Tuesday mornings for the older people in the parish and district. They meet for fun, friendship and fellowship. She spends a lot of time with her family: two married children Catherine & Tim and Matthew & Terrena, and grandchildren Emily and Thomas. One of her special loves is attending the ballet.

What do you like most about St Paul's?

How grateful parishioners are for everything you do for them.

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces?

Making our presence known in the community for the works we do.

Gaylene Hotchkiss is a school administration software trainer who has lived in Milford for 40 years (before that in South Auckland and England) and been a parishioner at St Paul's for 34 years. She can't quite remember how long she has been on the Vestry but thinks it must be about 12 years. She is married with two adult children.

What do you like most about St Paul's?

Friendly people and the fellowship

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces? Roll growth

Patrick Jackson, a retired librarian, is the vestry secretary. Born in India to missionary parents, he arrived in New Zealand in 1960. He has lived in different parts of the country including Auckland, Hamilton and New Plymouth. He has lived in Milford and been a parishioner since 1993. He has been on the Vestry for most of that time. Patrick helps in many ways, most notably as the regular server at 9.30. He has a sister in Whangarei and brother in Germany.

What do you like most about St Paul's? A very friendly congregation.

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces?

Need to attract young people who can do the heavy jobs.

Tania Manuel is a programme coordinator at the University of Auckland. Originally from South Africa she and her husband Ricky came to New Zealand 13 years ago. They have two daughters, Emma and Camrin, and Cuddles the dog. They moved to Albany three years ago but have been parishioners at St Paul's for ten years. This is her second year on the Vestry. Tania is on the reading roster and assists in other ways when required and when possible.

What do you like most about St Paul's?

The simplicity and relaxed environment and children friendly.

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces?

The amount of people attending the church services.

Pam Martin, a retired dressmaker, also spent 20 years as a clerical worker at the Auckland and North Shore Hospitals. Born in Auckland and raised in Kohimarama, she moved to the North Shore when she married. They have two sons and 'along the way we also adopted two girls'. After 33 years in Milford they moved to Albany 15 years ago but remained parishioners here. Pam has been a parishioner for 48 years and Vestry member for 20-25 years. She is the People's Warden but has served as Vicar's Warden in the past. She has been a parish visitor, helps in the Op Shop and serves morning tea after the 9.30 service.

What do you like most about St Paul's?

The people – their friendliness.

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces? Bringing in younger people.

Priscilla Philip is a personal assistant at the Southern Cross Health Society. Originally from India she migrated to New Zealand 13 years ago. She and husband Uday and daughter Sinead moved to Milford from West Auckland over three years ago and she has been a parishioner at St Paul's since then. This is her first year on the Vestry and she helps in other ways such as reading a lesson in church.

What do you like most about St Paul's? Family oriented

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces? Attracting youth

Tex Riley is retired. He used to own a florist's shop. He has lived in Devonport for 30 years and has been a parishioner at St Paul's for nine years. He has been on the Vestry for the past eight years.

What do you like most about St Paul's?

A friendly church family made up of different nationalities.

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces?

Congregational growth with more families and youth activities.

Karen Stubbs is a lawyer. She grew up in Castor Bay and then lived Milford, Takapuna and Sunnynook before moving to Campbells Bay 25 years ago. She went to All Hallows as a child and taught Sunday School there until she returned to St Pauls about 25 years ago. She has been a member of the Vestry for about four years. She looks after the Sunday school and collects bread for distribution on Mondays. Her son Nicholas recently graduated BA with a double major in Psychology and Criminology and a minor in French. He is now doing an Honours year.

What do you like most about St Paul's?

The style of service. People who care.

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces?

Keeping our younger people and growing numbers generally.

Graeme Thomas is a retired university administrator. He has lived in Devonport for 30 years and has been a parishioner at St Paul's for six years. A member of the Vestry for five years he currently serves as the Vicar's Warden.

What do you like most about St Paul's?

A friendly relaxed, hospitable church with a social conscience

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces?

Attracting more people, especially young families.

Jack Weir is a retired human resources manager. Originally from Northern Ireland he has lived in New Zealand since 1972 when he married Jo in St Mark's, Basin Reserve in Wellington that year. They have two sons. Moving to Auckland they lived in Birkdale for 24 years before shifting to Milford 13 years ago. Jack has been a parishioner for 12 years and a member of the Vestry for the past six years. He is always willing to help in any way he can with 'anything that is needed and I have the ability to do'. We know that covers a host of things.

What do you like most about St Paul's?

The friendliness of the parishioners and the friendships I have made.

Also the spiritual support freely given.

Name one challenge that St Paul's faces?

Encouraging new and young people to join our congregation.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism - 21 June 2015: Emily Sally Wood, daughter of Clare and David

Funeral - 5 June 2015: Ian Andrew McLaren

August 2015

Tuesday 11	Selwyn Centre 9.30am -12.00. Join us for sharing, friendship, fun, puzzles and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 12	10.00am Holy Communion. Oil for healing. Morning tea.
Thursday 13	10.00am Mainly Music . Cost \$3.00 per family.
Sunday 16	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team.
Tuesday 18	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Come and join a very supportive group. Cost \$3.00
Wednesday 19	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea..
Thursday 20	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.
Sunday 23	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team.
Tuesday 25	Selwyn centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, excellent morning teas, quizzes, fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting at Mary's.
Wednesday 26	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 27	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.
Sunday 30	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team.
September Tuesday 1	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12noon. Warm, friendly and meet new people. Nice morning tea. Cost \$3.00..
Wednesday 2	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea..
Thursday 3	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.
3rd to 5th Diocesan Synod	Please pray for Noel, Megan and Mary who will be attending the Synod on behalf of the Parish.
Sunday 6	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team

REAL ESTATE AND A REAL BLESSING

The St Paul's Church complex is right in the heart of Milford, within walking distance of the shops and on the same road as the local school. It occupies a prime site, with high visibility and good accessibility. There are four main buildings: the church, the hall (which used to be the church), the opportunity shop and, above it 'Schoolies' after-school care, and the vicarage. It's an extremely busy place. There is something happening every day of the week.

Worship is at the heart of our parish life. Without that we would have no need for buildings. Of course we use the church for services and related activities on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays and occasionally other days. One of the local Korean churches also uses the church for services and other activities on Sunday afternoons.

The parish hall has many regular users. Our Selwyn Centre, a group for older (but young at heart) people who use it on Tuesdays. Mainly Music is held on Thursdays. The Stroke Foundation meet in the Selwyn Lounge on Tuesday afternoons. Dancing classes are held in the hall on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Soccer 4 Tots use the hall on Saturday mornings.

Next door our opportunity shop does a roaring trade six days a week, mornings and afternoons. Upstairs, Brook runs a programme, 'Schoolies', that cares for children before and after school, from as early as 7.30am until 5.00pm

Even the vicarage is occupied even though there is no vicar. A local family is renting the house for the next few months while their own home is being renovated and extended.

It's fair to say then that these buildings, this valuable piece of real estate, are being used to the fullest extent possible. The vestry has a number of obligations: to ensure that adequate provision is made for the conduct of worship and related activities, to maintain the buildings, and to meet health and safety requirements. On top of that we believe we have an obligation to serve the wider community by sharing these facilities on a business-like basis, and to get a fair return for this.

Speaking of maintenance, much voluntary work goes into basic housekeeping but we employ a cleaner, Ethan and his Grandad. We have a contractor to mow our lawns. They serve us well.

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

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

During August we are following the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land through the wilderness. Moses is one of the key figures in this story.

Using the first few chapters of Exodus, answer these questions

- 1. How long did the Israelites stay in Egypt?**
- 2. How did the Egyptians treat the Israelites while Joseph lived?**
- 3. What happened to the Israelites in Egypt?**
- 4. After Joseph, a new King of Egypt arose. What did he think about the Israelites?**
- 5. How did the King treat the Israelites cruelly?**
- 6. What did the King order to keep them from growing in number?**
- 7. What did one Israelite mother do with her little baby boy?**
- 8. Who found the baby floating in the river?**
- 9. What did she do with the baby?**
- 10. What was the name of this baby boy?**
- 11. What land did Moses go to after he grew up?**
- 12. How long was Moses in the land where he grew up?**
- 13. What work was Moses doing at that time?**
- 14. On what mountain did Moses see a wonderful sight?**
- 15. What did Moses see on this mountain?**
- 16. What spoke to Moses from the burning bush?**
- 17. What did God tell Moses to do?**
- 18. Who helped Moses in this work?**
- 19. Who would not allow the Israelites to go out of Egypt?**
- 20. What happened that made Pharaoh and the Egyptians let the Israelites go?**
- 21. How were the Israelites led out of Egypt?**

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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

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 Megan Bowden 410 5117

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