

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

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**OUR VICAR-ELECT
THE REVD. GRANT ROBERTSON**

We asked our Vicar-elect to write something about himself to share with parishioners. He has obliged and we are grateful. Obviously he has strong links with the North Shore. At this stage we are uncertain as to his arrival but there is a possibility that he will be with us in November. We will keep you posted!

I was asked to provide you with some information about myself as a way of introduction. In reading this I hope that it is the start of us making connections. I am always amazed by how the two degrees of separation theory seems to work.

I was born in Waihi, and apart from five years living in Moerewa, I spent the rest of my childhood in Waihi. I left Waihi and moved to Akoranga Drive to take up study with the hope of being a Customs Officer. With some encouragement from my accounting lecturer I moved into the world of accountancy, and eventually qualified as a Chartered Accountant.

After a number of years working in accountancy I began to get a sense that there was more to life than numbers. I joined Lifeline as a telephone counsellor and was a volunteer there for over 20 years. It was while I was on a Lifeline retreat that I heard the call to be a priest. I had been living in Milford (Brook Street) for a number of years and moved from Milford to St John's Theological College.

Leaving theological college, I joined the Parish of Takapuna as a curate. While serving as a curate, I remember coming to St Paul's to take a midweek service for Joyce many years ago. Most of my time at Takapuna was based at St Michael's and All Angels in Bayswater. I have very fond memories of the time spent in Bayswater. I am really looking forward to working once again with the Reverend Hilary Leith.

The next stage of ministry found me joining St Martin's at St Chad's (Mt Roskill, Sandringham), initially as a Priest Developer. The St Martin's congregation (from Mt Roskill) had to move to St Chad's, Sandringham (St Chad's had already been closed for some time), due to the development of the South Western motorway that required the land where the church was currently situated.

My appointment was to have been for two years. The idea was that during the two years we would explore other possible ministry options, such as local shared ministry. Other ministry options developed, churches from other denominations joined us, we started up *Seasons* thanks to a bequest, and various other groups found a home at St Martin's. I have now been at St Martin's for nine and a half years. Building and strengthening relationships is a significant part of what ministry is about. I will find it very hard leaving this place.

I am the youngest of four children. My eldest brother was killed in a car accident when he was 17. My brother and his wife live now on the city side of Mt Eden Road, while my sister and her husband live in Ardmore. My father died a number of years ago and mum continues to live in Waihi. Dad's family (there were nine brothers and sisters) were all originally from Northcote. Grandma (known as Robbie) received a Queens Service Medal for her work to the community and Aunty Margaret received the same award a few years ago.

One of the unasked questions (well at least to me anyway) is often, "is he married and does he have any children?" I have been married (now divorced) and I currently live with a child substitute basset hound called Busby. He is about a year and a half, and no I don't carry a photo of him in my wallet!

For most of life I have been a bit of a collector (as opposed to being a hoarder). In my spare time I love restoring old wooden furniture. Most of the items I brought over the years have come from the Takapuna market, Trade Me, fairs, or antique/second hand shops. I believe in recycling.

As a family, we are fortunate to have a holiday place at Ohui, a 20 minute drive from Whangamata. This is my 'happy place' that I go too when I need a break. I am a keen gardener, and end up spending a lot of my time at Ohui, in the garden.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you. I hope the connections are already starting to be made...

SET IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Throughout September our Church focuses on the South Pacific. On September 1 we commemorate the 'Builders of our Church' – those who were responsible for its foundation and subsequent development. (In fact we celebrated this on August 30, the nearest Sunday). September 20, 1871 was one of our church's darkest days. Bishop John Coleridge Patteson, the first Bishop of Melanesia, was murdered on the island of Nukapu 'at the hands of people for whom he would gladly have given his life'. We will learn more about him on September 20. On 2 September we commemorate the martyrs of New Guinea, those missionaries who lost their lives at the hands of Japanese soldiers in 1942 during the Second World War. On 7 September the church commemorates other martyrs of the Church in the South Pacific. We will remember both groups on September 6.

The Anglican Church in NZ (through the Anglican Missions Board) relates to three churches in the South Pacific:

The **Diocese of Polynesia**, an integral part of our own Church, hence its name: 'The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, **and Polynesia**'. Its work is centred in Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa but in fact covers a vast area of the Pacific Ocean, including a large number of independent nations.

The **Church of Melanesia**, founded by Bishop Selwyn, and an important part of our church from its beginnings, hence 'Mission Bay' in Auckland, its original headquarters. Melanesia includes the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. It became an autonomous province in 1975 and now has eight dioceses.

The **Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea**, originally part of the Australian church but now one of our church's mission partners, was established in 1891 and became an autonomous province in 1977. It has five dioceses.

NORTH SHORE

North of the Harbour Bridge are twelve Anglican parishes of varying age and size. We have in our parish a number of people who have connections with parishes other than Milford. Although Anglican worship and pastoral care has been provided since the 1860s most of the growth took place after the Auckland Harbour Bridge opened in 1960. A North Shore parish based at **Devonport** was established in 1856. A second parish at **Northcote** began in 1884. **Takapuna** was included in Devonport until 1884 when it became part of the new Northcote parish but in 1911 it became a separate parish. The North Shore was served by these three parishes until the 1920s when there was a period of expansion: in 1924 **Birkenhead** was carved out of Northcote, and Stanley Bay and Bayswater from Devonport. Thus the number of parishes doubled. However, the latter two did not survive: Bayswater amalgamated with Takapuna in 1937 and Stanley Bay reverted to Devonport in 1948. The Takapuna parish extended all the way up the East Coast Bays until 1953 when an **East Coast Bays** parish was established. In the same year, the old Helensville parish was divided and a new **Orewa** parish was set up. That brought the number of parishes to six: Devonport, Takapuna, Northcote, Birkenhead, East Coast Bays, and Orewa.

Population growth resulting from the bridge opening led to the division of Northcote when **Glenfield** was formed in 1966. Growth in the 1970s led to **Milford** being separated from Takapuna in 1971; the division of East Coast Bays between **Campbells Bay** and **Torbay** in 1973; and the separation of **Birkdale-Beachhaven** from Birkenhead in 1973. More recently, **Albany-Greenhithe** was separated from Glenfield in 1992. In 2006, **Whangaparaoa Peninsula** was separated from Hibiscus Coast (originally Orewa) to become an independent parish. Thus in 150 years the number of parish units reached a total of twelve.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

A series of questions about the building in which we worship.

1. Table where the priest consecrates the bread and wine. A _ _ _ _
2. The Cross above it and C _ _ _ _ _ on it.
3. A baby becomes a member of the church when B _ _ _ _ _
4. Where 3 takes place: the F _ _ _
5. The seats the people sit on: the P _ _ _
6. The stand used by those who speak: the L _ _ _ _ _
7. The area where smaller services are held: the C _ _ _ _ _
8. The area in which the 4 are placed: the N _ _ _
9. The area in which 1 is placed: the S _ _ _ _ _
10. The instrument played in church: the O _ _ _ _
11. The name given to the songs we sing: H _ _ _ _
12. The service we use: H _ _ _ C _ _ _ _ _
13. Another name for it? The E _ _ _ _ _
14. The title given to the permanent priest: the V _ _ _ _
15. The title given to the leader of our church: the B _ _ _ _ _
16. The large church where 14 is based: C _ _ _ _ _
17. What colour is the small light that hangs over 1 and 8: R _ _
18. We use four colours in church for the priest's vestments:
R _ _ ; G _ _ _ _ ; W _ _ _ _ ; and V _ _ _ _ .
19. The full name of our Church building: _____
20. The person mentioned in 20 used to be called S _ _ _ (Acts 7:58)
21. He used to be a T _ _ _ _ _ (see Acts 18:3)
22. He travelled all round a big ancient empire: R _ _ _ _
23. He sailed on the M _ _ _ _ _ Sea.
24. What year was the foundation stone of our church laid (have a look outside) _ _ _ _ (Actual date: _____)

September 2015

Tuesday 1	10.00am Holy Communion at Park Lane retirement village. Selwyn Centre 9.30am -12.00. Join us for sharing, friendship, fun, puzzles and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 2	10.00am Holy Communion. Ministry of Healing. Morning tea.
Thursday 3	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family. Diocesan Synod
Friday 4	Diocesan Synod
Saturday 5	Diocesan Synod
Sunday 6	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team.
Tuesday 8	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Come and join a very supportive group. Cost \$3.00
Wednesday 9	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 10	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.
Sunday 13	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team.
Tuesday 15	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, excellent morning teas, games. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 16	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 17	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.
Sunday 20	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team.
Tuesday 22	Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12noon. Warm, friendly and meet new people. Nice morning tea. Cost \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting at Mary's.
Wednesday 23	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea..
Thursday 24	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.
Sunday 27	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team
Tuesday 29	Selwyn Centre 9.30am -12.00. Join us for sharing, friendship, fun, puzzles and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 30	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

13 August Donald Ormond Cordes
31 August Jean Parker

St. Paul's 10 Otakau Road, Milford

Office email: stpaulsmilford@xtra.co.nz

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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 , House blessings and visiting contact
Priest in charge.

Clergy: Priest in charge The Revd Noel Derbyshire

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People's Warden Pam Martin 414 4223

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(Office hours in the interregnum. Mary will be in the office Tuesday – Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoon.

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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