



THE MOORING POST

ANGLICAN PARISH OF FENDALTON – ST BARNABAS AND ST THOMAS
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia – Diocese of Christchurch

‘Foxes Have Holes, Birds Have Nests’ But What About Kiwis?

Recently we received advice from a university professor about the heating requirements of the repaired St Barnabas Church. He said that human comfort depended on a gradient of heat beginning with the feet at about 22 degrees Celsius, the legs at 20 and the upper body and head at about 18. We’ve all experienced the discomfort of having cold feet and legs sitting in a cold living room or hall - or church!

But spare a thought for the 300,000 kiwi families who put up with cold, damp and draughty homes this winter. The poor quality of our national housing stock is a disgrace and it’s in these cold homes that so many of our vulnerable children live. Research has highlighted that cold temperatures and high relative humidity significantly affects the health and well being of people especially children. Respiratory illnesses are prevalent in these homes and if there is overcrowding then meningococcal disease, rheumatic fever and tuberculosis are also a problem.

A related issue is of course the growing level of homelessness in New Zealand. This has been exacerbated in recent years by our lack of affordable housing. An international study published in 2013 ranked 8 New Zealand cities near the bottom in affordability of the 360 surveyed.

As a result, homelessness has

steadily increased in the last decade. One in every 100 New Zealanders was homeless at the latest census in 2013, compared with 1 in 120 in 2006, and 1 in 130 in 2001. Otago University researcher Dr Kate Amore said “If the homeless population were a hundred people, 70 are staying with extended family or friends in severely crowded houses, 20 are in a motel, boarding house or camping ground, and 10 are living on the street, in cars, or in other improvised dwellings. They all urgently need affordable housing.”

So as the government attempts to sort out the ‘supply side’ of affordable housing, what can we do to support families in our city who lack this most basic need? Well this year Christian not-for-profit organisation ‘Habitat for Humanity’ celebrates its 40th anniversary. In that time, throughout the world, they have built new, affordable and comfortable homes for 6.8 million people. Habitat don’t give away homes, but ask the prospective family to invest with ‘sweat equity’ - they contribute to the build with their time and effort. Habitat is active in New Zealand and deserves our support.

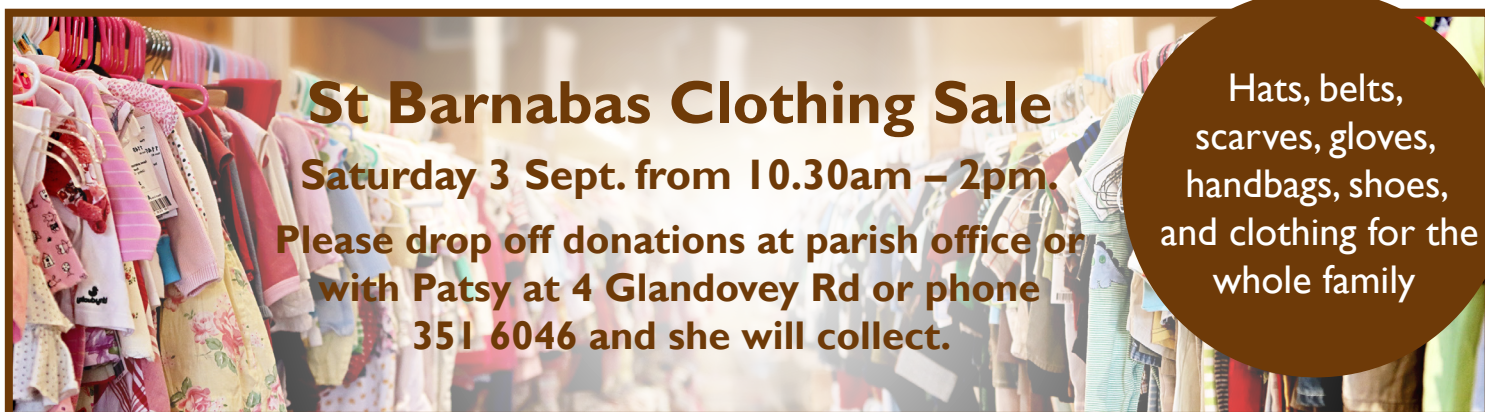
The Salvation Army is also involved in the social housing scene throughout the country. Other Christian organisations like VisionWest in

Auckland also hold significant housing stock for families struggling to move out of substandard accommodation into homes that are warm and secure. The Anglican Church has also had a long history of supporting the elderly with warm and secure accommodation. The Selwyn Foundation alone operates nine eldercare villages in the North Island and Anglican Living operates Bishopspark and Fitzgerald Retirement Villages in our city.

In our own parish I have heard of parishioners who have helped individuals and families into affordable houses. Discounted rent, low or no interest loans, and supporting adult children who have come home in order to save for a deposit are just some of the ways people are being helped into a warm home.

Jesus Christ was born into a refugee family, and in the days of his ministry said ‘Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’ However ever since then, those who have been touched by the love and humility of God in Christ, have sought to help those who don’t have adequate shelter. Let us do all in our power to support constructive government policy and private initiatives to meet this basic human need.

Rev. Mark Chamberlain



St Barnabas Clothing Sale

Saturday 3 Sept. from 10.30am – 2pm.

Please drop off donations at parish office or with Patsy at 4 Glandovey Rd or phone 351 6046 and she will collect.

Hats, belts, scarves, gloves, handbags, shoes, and clothing for the whole family

‘The Mooring Post’ is a phrase from p479 in A New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa. Christ is described as the single mooring post for many waka – Ko te Karaiti te pou herenga waka. Christ is the one who unites us.



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News from Rev John and Stephanie Day


Former Vicar of St Barnabas John Day begins a new role with the Archbishop of York

John Day is soon to begin a new ministry as 'Adviser in Mission Strategy and Church Revitalisation' with the Archbishop of York. He will also be the Archbishop's Assistant Chaplain. John will be working alongside the Archbishop across the northern dioceses of the Church of England and especially in York Diocese. He will be helping the Archbishop set up more evangelistic pilgrimages and missions and planting new churches and fresh expressions of church.

John has also been asked to lead the parish of St Chad's in York which overlooks the racecourse and the former Terry's chocolate factory site. Parish ministry will be for two days a week and the rest of his time will be working for the Archbishop. John and Stephanie will live in the St Chad's Vicarage.

John's last Sunday in Liverpool will be July 24 and he will be officially licensed by the Archbishop for his new roles on Monday, September 5. Stephanie said 'We've had a very happy 16 months in Liverpool. I begin some (very) part-time paid work with a Liverpool Theological College, St Mellitus, in September and will seek more work in York.'

All members of the expanding Day tribe are thriving. Three kids and spouses live in Wellington New Zealand. John-Luke has been offered a job



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Rev. John and Stephanie Day

with the New Zealand Law Commission, so they will be leaving Cambodia shortly. Kate is off for a few weeks to Bangladesh to research a book she is writing.

Hilary and Caleb have recently returned to NZ from the USA, where Caleb has just finished his masters at Notre Dame and now Hils has just started her postgrad course in Public Health at Victoria, Wellington. Caleb hopes to find temporary academic work while Hilary studies.

Jethro, Jessie and Frank are already in Wellington, where Jethro will be ordained priest in November.

Felicity and Tom are happily settled in Leicester, UK. Beth now goes to pre-school and Edek is climbing everywhere!

Rev John and Stephanie Day

Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas

Contact Harry Newton 027 342 2574

Youth Group: Christian youth community! Friday nights in the hall. 7 - 8.40pm for yrs 7 - 9 & 8.20-10pm for yrs 10-13

The Revs: Christian group for high school age young people. Meets on Sundays during Lifestreams at 10.30am.

Repairs to St Barnabas Finally Underway

Parishioners braved a cold easterly wind on the afternoon of the Site Blessing Service on Sunday 17 July. The Bishop led the service sprinkling the site with holy water. Sophie Smith, who regularly attends Lifestreams with her Mum Karen and brother Sam, was asked to carry the bowl of water while the Bishop used a branch of rosemary to sprinkle water both outside and inside St Barnabas.

She prayed "Gracious God, encircle this church building with your protection. May your holy angels watch over those who work on this site. May it be a safe place for all. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen."

Some followed her into the church to witness the beautiful interior of St Barnabas without the pews in place! The service concluded with Barry Brinson playing the wonderful hymn 'All People That on Earth do Dwell.'

On the day following the Site Blessing, contracting firm C Lund and Co moved on to the site setting up their site office and erecting the security fencing. The interior of the church began to be filled with scaffolding.

Foreman John Taggart has many years of experience working on restoring heritage buildings. He has just come from work on the Boy's High Building in the Arts Centre which took 2 ½ years. He said 'I feel great about working on St Barnabas. It's



C Lund & Co Foreman John Taggart

something you drive past everyday and people wonder what they're doing – well now we know! And we're going to bring it back to life and have the parish using it again. It's great to be part of that. The challenge will be keeping the fabric intact, bringing it up to as much strength as we can and making it look as if we've never been here."

Don Mackenzie is the Project Manager for the parish and will take part in the regular project meetings. Don will also be overseeing the parish's improvements which will include the installation of new heating, insulation, lighting and audio visual equipment. Corinne Haines will be the Financial Controller for funds expended by the parish. The Works Team, chaired by Chris Wilson, will provide oversight and prepare proposals that will then go to Vestry for approval.

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

Marriage Preparation: Depending on the Grace and Blessing of God

Few of us would consider undertaking a sailing expedition to the Pacific Islands without first obtaining navigational skills and appropriate maritime qualifications. Even fewer would set off with an inexperienced but enthusiastic skipper who brushed aside their lack of skills with the sincerely expressed view that 'love will see us through'.

While we may be amused by this illustration, all too often this is the prevailing attitude when it comes to embarking on one of life's most enjoyable but at times most challenging journey's, that is marriage

to our lifetime partner. Perhaps this is one reason why 43% of all marriages in New Zealand end in divorce.

What a joy and a privilege it has been therefore, for Kathryne and myself, to engage with young couples who have committed themselves to the five-week Alpha Marriage Preparation Course. Once completed, not only will the participants be better equipped to find 'true north' in their relationship, but also navigate many of the shoals and reefs that inevitably lie ahead.

The program has been prepared by Nicky and Sila Lee, who have been married for over 35 years and are on staff at Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London. It addresses Communication, Commitment, Resolving Conflict, Keeping Love Alive and Shared Goals and Values.

Through the use of DVD video presentation and accompanying work booklets, both Nicky and Sila lead the conversation which includes

interviews with couples from varying ethnicities and differing backgrounds. During the sessions our couples have the opportunity to 'break out' for short periods to discuss the topics raised and to engage with each other on the subject matter. We find they are usually very willing to provide feedback on their learning experiences.

There are also times of short prayer and Scripture reading that form part of the program, acknowledging that even the best of marriage relationships are ultimately dependent upon the grace and blessing of God for their success.

Brendan and Kathryne McNeill



Alpha Marriage Prep Couples



Association of Anglican Women

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Daytime Group

Wednesday 3 August at 2pm

We are travelling on the 'Lamb and Hayward' bus for afternoon tea at Loburn. The bus can take up to 20 passengers. We will have a few spare seats for interested inbetween members to join us. Leaving the St Barnabas car park at 1.30pm. Members are each invited to make a \$8 donation to the Red Cross.

Leader: Madeleine Price – 354 4299

In Betweens

Tuesday 16 August at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Our Speaker is from 'Bellyful', an organisation providing meals for families with newborn babies and families who are struggling with illness.

Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie – 351 5179



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Fabulous Tongan Time

The Tonga Mission Team report on their recent cross-cultural experiences supporting and learning from the Church in Tonga

A group of St Barnabas parishioners led by Kofe Havea and assisted by Rev Dr Pauline Stewart recently went on a mission to All Saints' Church in Tonga. The team included Greg Brown, Nigel Yeoh, Dave Peddie, Shirley-Anne Collins, Marjorie Smart, Rena Hamilton, Angela Moore, Tom Coulson and Evie Gilmour.

We arrived in Tonga to a very warm welcome – the people, the atmosphere and the feeling that the people of All Saints wanted to make sure we were to be part of them.

We knew that Sunday had begun when the church bells rang out at 4.22am! This was to be a day of worship and faith. Father Hame conducted the Eucharist in English, the first time he had done this and a great experience for us all. What an emotional service with powerful singing. Rev Pauline ably supported Father Hame and Kofe preached the sermon both in English and Tongan. St Barnabas presented the congregation with wafers and altar linen.

At 4pm we were back at All Saints for the Youth Service which again included very powerful singing. St Barnabas youth sang several songs superbly well and spoke about their experience of coming to God. This was very moving as they spoke clearly and sincerely from their hearts. This was a truly spiritual and enlightening day.

On the Monday we ventured to the work site where we were confronted with a huge number of long boards to be painted with primer - over 200 of them using 30 litres of primer! We were helped by a group of young men from the parish who lifted the heavy boards and painted. On the Tuesday Greg, Dave, Nigel and Rev Pauline learned the art of plastering completing a large number of walls.

Our week was filled with wonderful lunches supplied by the women of the parish. We also had the opportunity to dine out at some of the local eateries and we had a feast and cultural evening which included an impressive fire dance. We enjoyed an enlightening tour around Tongatapu where we saw Abel Tasman's landing place, Blow Holes and Ha'amonga 'a Maui trilliton. A major highlight was a day snorkelling at a local reef and visiting a nearby island.



Angela Moore enjoys Tongan feast

Our final night was again very emotional with great food, speeches, singing, photos being taken and gifts exchanged including the sports gear. We were ceremoniously farewelled, with the parishioners lining up and leading us off the church grounds for the last time - it brought tears to all our eyes!

This whole experience has opened our eyes to the way the people live. From the beginning we were welcomed and totally accepted. The people, the food, everything was embracing. The people have very little but they gave us so much and we gave them the best that we could give. We feel we achieved what we came for but it wasn't just about the painting but also the relationships that were formed with the parish and one another.

Thank you to Fronrunner Bush Inn for adding extra sporting equipment and to Pat Laban for the altar cloths.

Shirley-Anne Collins | Tonga Missions Team Member

A Christian Response to Debt and Indebtedness

Writing some very practical, sensible instructions to Christians in Rome, St Paul says, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another"

(Romans 13:8). In Luke's record of the Lord's Prayer we read, "And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us" (11:4). We also find in Luke Jesus teaching, "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return" (6:35).

A related text in Matthew's gospel is not so definite about expecting nothing in return from a loan, "Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you" (5:42).

What should be a Christian response to debt and indebtedness? These verses strongly recommend that Christians are neither in debt to others nor create indebtedness of

others. Avoidance of the former will involve frugality and avoidance of the latter will involve gifting rather than loaning.

Quite a bit of non-Scriptural money advice agrees with Romans 13:8, "Always pay cash. Never pay by credit card etc." Some of us live like that, being careful with our money, but then we take out a mortgage to buy a house to live in: does that mean we have disregarded St Paul's instruction? We have, and we know we will pay for doing so (i.e. pay all the interest involved), but we likely feel that within the present economic system we have no choice but to do this for the sake of family security.

So, a very important aspect of "a Christian response to Debt and Indebtedness" is to reflect on both our individual actions and on the collective system which presses us to

enter into debt in order to make our way through life.

If we take the words of Scripture on debt and indebtedness seriously we will ask whether the current economic order could be overthrown and replaced with a new order in keeping with Scripture's warning against taking on debt and encouragement to give rather than to loan.

Peter Carrell | Director of Theology House



Personal Reflections on the Site Blessing

Suzie Walker emailed the Vicar with the following thoughts following the Site Blessing of St Barnabas

I just thought I would email you a 'thank you' for yesterday's church blessing! I found it very moving and offer a couple of insights I would like to share with you.

Firstly, as we stood there in the cold, with the rustling of leaves, the cool wind and the dark cloudy sky, I was taken back to that cold, grey February Sunday morning when we sat outside the church, worshipping God, trying to make sense of what had happened in the Christchurch community, to our friends, homes (spiritual homes as well), businesses, schools - in fact the whole fabric of our lives. Most of us were in shock, in dread and grappling with hopelessness. Yesterday however, there we were worshipping God, thanking God for his amazing grace and faithfulness to us, filled with hope and comforting expectation. What a journey it has been!

Secondly, I was taken by the date of when 'All People That on Earth do Dwell' which we sang, was written. I think it was 1564! How moved I was that we were connecting with people from centuries ago, in different circumstances, but expressing similar thoughts and feelings. I have since read that when the Calvinists arrived in America in the 16th century, this was the first hymn they sang!

A huge thankyou to all who organised yesterday's service and afternoon tea. A wonderful coming together of our community, looking forward with hope and joy!

Love and prayers, Suzie Walker





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The Life and Music of Douglas Lilburn

The Daytime AAW invites all parishioners to their September meeting to hear Dr Philip Norman speak about one of New Zealand's leading composers - Douglas Lilburn. The meeting will be on Wednesday 7 September at 2pm in the St Barnabas Hall.

Philip Norman is himself a well known, award winning composer and author. He has a special interest in Douglas Lilburn who studied in Christchurch in the 1930s. Philip recently published a biography of Douglas Lilburn which received excellent reviews.

A warm welcome is extended to all St Barnabas parishioners and friends to join us for this exceptional opportunity to hear Philip talk about Douglas Lilburn.

Madeleine Price



St Barnabas on Social Media

During the repair of the church building, parishioners and supporters will be kept up to date with information through the St Barnabas Facebook page - www.facebook.com/St.Barnabas.NZ/.

All you have to do is 'Like' the St Barnabas Facebook Page and you will receive regular updates of progress.

The Vicar will also be blogging each week to share news of progress. He will be in touch with Site Manager John Taggart.

And to get the word out even more simply 'Like' the newsfeed and it will go to all your contacts - the news will be multiplied! All this is about having a presence in the community so that a whole range of people can see we're alive with God's love and the message of Jesus!



Helpers Needed for Mainly Music

Mainly Music is a very successful ministry that has been going for many years in the parish. It is an outreach seeking to engage with young parents and their children with the good news of Jesus and God's love for everyone.

The group meets at 10am on Friday mornings and is ably led by Olive Lawson and a wonderful team of people. A separate team prepares and serves morning tea for the children and their caregivers.

The group is currently looking for some more helpers. If you are committed to reaching the people of our community with the love of God, enjoy being with young children and parents and like music and socialising, please contact Olive on 021 067 6587. We're especially looking for young parents who might have older children but want to contribute to the mission of our parish.



What's Coming Up?

Denis Guyan - Organist

Come and support the second of our Winter Concerts at 2pm at St Paul's Papanui. The concert is called 'Rhapsody.' Tickets can be bought through the Parish Office.

SUNDAY **14**
AUGUST

Vicar on Leave

Rev Mark and Pip Chamberlain will be flying out for a three week trip to the Holy Land with a group lead by Rev Mike Hawke. Rev Mary Minson will be responsible in his absence.

SUNDAY **14**
AUGUST

Messy Church

All children, families and young people are invited to this outreach event which includes fun, faith, family craft and a meal - St Barnabas Hall - \$5 per family.

SATURDAY **27**
AUGUST

Clothing Sale

Hats, gloves, scarves, handbags, adults and children's clothing for sale in the parish hall from 9am. If you have any garments or accessories to donate place drop in to the parish office or call Patsy on 351 6046.

SATURDAY **3**
SEPTEMBER

Dr Philip Norman

All parishioners are invited to hear Dr Philip Norman speak about one of New Zealand's leading composers - Douglas Lilburn. 2pm in the hall. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY **7**
SEPTEMBER

Spring Flower Sunday

This annual service is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's creation and to offer some cheer and friendship to others. Posies will be made and delivered to people around the parish. If you can help please call Parish Office.

SUNDAY **11**
SEPTEMBER

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ST BARNABAS (in the hall)

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- 9.00am Sung Eucharist followed by
morning tea (Tui Room)
- 10.30am Lifestreams Eucharist with
children's & youth programmes
followed by morning tea.
For All Age services, check online
- 5.00pm 1st and 3rd Sundays – Evensong
2nd Sunday – Choral Night Prayer
4th Sunday – Eucharist
- 7.00pm Antioch in the hall for students/
young adults but all welcome

MID-WEEK WORSHIP

- 8.30am Tuesday to Friday – Morning Prayer
Wednesday – Eucharist all welcome
in the Makora Room or Prayer
Room at east end of hall.
- 10.00am Thursdays – Eucharist
1st Thursday – Prayer and Healing

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Vestry News

- **Health and Safety:** Don Mackenzie and the Vicar presented the new Health and Safety folder to Vestry. Parts of the folder include the Parish Health and Safety Policy, relevant forms and a place to file minutes of Health and Safety meetings etc. The Hazard Register has been completed which identifies all hazards on our site and the policies that we have adopted to mitigate them.
- **Refreshed Pew Sheet:** The Vicar reported that John Hammond of 'Beck and Caul' has agreed to help refresh and reformat the weekly parish pewsheets. This work will be carried out at a favourable rate and will also involve updating aspects of the pewsheets to reflect changes in our ministries and priorities. The staff will continue to contribute to the content of the pewsheets according to their ministry areas.
- **Ministry Team Goals Reviewed:** The goals set by the Ministry Teams earlier in the year were reviewed by Vestry. There is excellent progress being made throughout the parish in carrying forward our vision to 'Follow Jesus and extend God's love.'
- **Successful Funding Application:** The Vicar reported that the Rata Foundation had approved a \$10,000 grant towards the 24-7 Youth Work project at CBHS. This was a very pleasing result and will help the project remain financially viable. The Todd Foundation declined a 24-7 Youth Work application.
- **Tonga Missions Trip:** Vestry received a report from the Missions Team who went to Tonga during the last days of June and early July. The team did a lot of painting and plastering and was also involved in worship and pastoral care. A financial donation was also left with All Saints parish.
- **Financial Report:** Offertories and donations from parishioners has continued to improve this year. Direct Giving for the half year to June was \$197,648, \$10,573 over budget (5.6%) and a \$14,163 increase (7.7%) over last year.

REGISTER

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God the following child who has been baptised:

July

24 Amelia Louise Parr

A Prayer for the Church Repair

Lord God, when you call your servants to endeavour any great matter,

grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yields the true glory; through him who, for the finishing of your work, laid down his life for us, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Attributed to Sir Francis Drake (1540-1596)



Contributions to the Mooring Post:
Deadline for September Issue
Friday 12 August



**St Barnabas Mission
Trip to Tonga**



Children's Ministry at St. Barnabas

St Barnabas Playgroup: Creative play for pre-schoolers on Wednesdays from 9.15 – 11.30am in the hall.
Helen Wakefield 351 3595.

Mainly Music: Music and movement for pre-schoolers and their caregivers, Fridays 10 – 10.30am followed by morning tea. Olive Lawson 021 067 6587.

Fridayzone: Christian after-school club for Primary School children. Fridays 3 – 5.30pm.
Angela Brown 027 335 0105.

Kidzone: Creative Sunday School for children 5 – 13 yrs
Sundays 10.30am. Angela Brown 027 335 0105.