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Prayer - 'Trivial' or 'Dangerous'?

Well known atheist Richard Dawkins became an unlikely supporter of the Church of England during the week over an issue of free speech. A media company screening cinema ads had scuppered a proposal by the Church of England to use the Lord's Prayer in a 60 second advert before the soon-to-be released Star Wars movie. Advertising executives said that all faiths should be denied air time because they carried 'the risk of upsetting or offending audiences.'

However Dawkins said that 'I... strongly object to suppressing the ads on the grounds that they might 'offend' people. If anybody is 'offended' by something so trivial as a prayer, they deserve to be offended.' So why the fuss about the Lord's Prayer? Is it trivial? Is prayer in general trivial? Or is Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby right when he recently described prayer as 'dangerous.' As it was millions of viewers saw the ad on Youtube and elsewhere because of the controversy. It cleverly directs viewers to a new Church of England website entitled justpray.uk. So what is prayer and why would the Church of England pay thousands of pounds to make an advert about prayer and launch a

new website promoting prayer?

Prayer can sound either stuffy or earnest or boring but more people are praying out there than you might imagine. A recent Church of England survey revealed that only one in seven people would never resort to prayer in the face of problems in their lives, the community or the world. Surprisingly young people were more likely to pray than those in their late 50s and 60s.

Prayer is an enduring and very basic human instinct. It begins with a longing that there is more to life than we currently experience. It's a longing for life to be different. It's a crying out in sorrow or in pain. Prayer is the fundamental cry of the human heart. The Psalmist put it well; 'Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble. Come near and rescue me; redeem me because of my foes.' Psalm 69:17-18. Prayer acknowledges that all is not well in us or in our circumstances or the world and so we reach out to God for help.

In describing prayer as 'dangerous' Justin Welby said "If we want to see things changed, it starts with

prayer. It starts with a new spirit of prayer, using all the traditions, ancient and modern. When it comes, it will be linked to what has gone before, but it will look different – because it is a new renewal for new times. God's created community is perfectly designed for its time and place. It almost always comes from below. It comes from Christians seeking Christ."

Prayer matters because prayer changes things. Prayer changes us and prayer changes our church, community and world. When we pray we partner with God whose Spirit is always at work in the world. Prayer will enable our parish to grow and thrive in these challenging days.

We need to make room for prayer personally as well as in the wider life of our parish. If we don't pray we're no different from a social agency or an interest group. Prayer is the cry of the human heart but it's also the cry of God's people together. So prayer is far from trivial - it is the means by which the dangerous goodness of God is unleashed into the world.

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

Christingle Service

Christingle means 'Christ Light'

A Christmas Service especially for children celebrating the light that Jesus brings into the world

Thursday 24 December @ 4pm in the Marquee

Children are invited to dress up as angels, shepherds, wisemen, Mary or Joseph!

Children, parents, grandparents and caregivers all welcome!

Preparing for Christmas - an Advent Calendar

Find enclosed an Advent Calendar to read and use as a way of preparing for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth - why not give it away to a friend as a way to spread the hope-filled message of God's love for the world.

'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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Christmas Across the World

Christmas in China

Christmas is not a public holiday yet in China. However, this unfortunate fact does not hinder the enthusiastic celebration of people, especially younger generations, at Christmas Time. Christmas trees and all sorts of decorations can be seen in every corner during the season along with the promotions. Christmas cards, gifts, greetings, and text messages are exchanged extensively.

On Christmas Eve, all Christian churches, Catholic or Protestant, are packed with people attending the special choral service or midnight Mass. Many people have to stand in the aisles or even in the church yard for the service as the number of people is too huge to be accommodated in the church building. Some revelry may last overnight!



Elliot Luo

A Nigerian Christmas

Christmas is a season every Christian family in Nigeria looks forward to celebrating. It is a special time for family reunions where everyone is expected to travel to their respective hometowns or villages between 20 and 24 December to celebrate with family - relatives, cousins, nephews nieces etc. These family members in the villages expect blissful celebrations, lots of Christmas gifts as their family members return home from the big cities in Nigeria.

On Christmas day, a special meal is prepared after the morning church service to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ with lots of drink and gaiety. In some families, domestic animals like goats, sheep, cows, chickens are specially prepared to barbeque and other local meals for special merriment as most of these families host many visitors and guests on Christmas day.

Goodwill wishes in the form of seasonal greetings messages, cards, gifts, food items, etc are exchanged by families, friends and well-wishers. Christmas day is respected by all Christians in Nigeria including the Nigerian government, as it is always declared as a holiday for all public and private sector workers. In addition, during the Christmas period, radio stations, television stations and Christian homes play a lot of Christmas music which fills the whole environment with a spirit of renewed joy and hope for even the hopeless because the Messiah is born into the world!



Obinna and Wendy Akaa

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.

Origin of the Advent Calendar

The origin of the Advent Calendar can be traced back to the 19th century. Religious families made a chalk line for every day in December until Christmas Eve. The first known Advent Calendar which was made by handwork is from the year 1851.

Other early styles were the Advent clock or the Advent candle - a candle for each of the 24 days until Christmas, like today's Advent Wreath. In religious families little pictures were hung up on the wall - one for each day in December. Another tradition was to paint chalk strokes on the door, one per day until Christmas Eve.

In 1902 a Christian Bookshop in Hamburg published a Christmas Clock which was very similar to that published in 1922 by the St. Johannis printing company. In 1904 an Advent Calendar was inserted in the newspaper "Neues Tagblatt Stuttgart" as a gift for the readers.

In contrast to the above another

version says that the first printed specimen was made in 1908 by a Swabian parishioner Gerhard Lang. When he was a child his mother made him an Advent Calendar with 24 "Wibbele" (little candies) which were stuck on cardboard. Later Lang of the printing office of Reichhold & Lang produced little coloured pictures which could be affixed on a cardboard sheet on every day in December. This was the first printed Advent Calendar, although without windows to open. Published in 1908 this Calendar was named "Christmas-Calendar" or "Munich

Christmas-Calendar".

At the beginning of the 20th century Lang produced the first Advent Calendars with little doors to open. At the same time the Sankt Johannis Printing Company began producing religious Advent Calendars, with Bible verses instead of pictures behind the doors.

The Advent Calendar started a triumphal march around the globe. However, Lang had to close his company in the 1930's. By that time he had produced about 30 different designs.



Real Hope Behind Peeled-Back Glamour

Christmas carols don't always make sense. Think about these words; "Sleigh bells ring; are you listening? In the lane snow is glistening, a beautiful sight we're happy tonight, walking in a winter wonderland." For us, the days are getting longer, the sun is getting hotter. But in the northern hemisphere Christmas is in the middle of winter; it is dark, it is cold and into this, the Light of the World is born. Symbolism easily lost at the height of the kiwi BBQ season! Although, like this song, we can give the winter Christmas a magical quality. The snow is glistening, children build snowmen and throw snowballs, and in this glittering snow, the magic of Christmas happens.

Perhaps we need to peel back the glamour added to Christmas to see what is underneath. In the middle of winter, a farmer might be wondering if he has enough feed

for the winter, a single mother may be worrying if she can pay the next power bill, a homeless person may be wondering if they will make another night. Into this chaos the Light of the World is born!

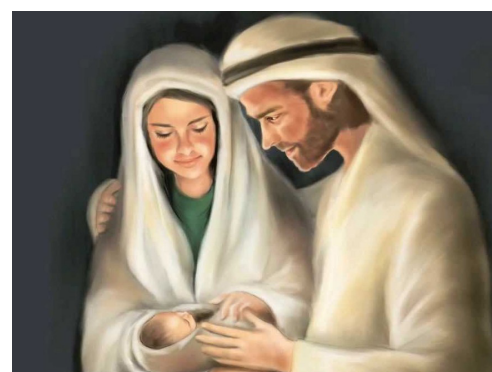
Peel back the glamour added to Mary. She is about 12 years old, she has no rights other than those given by her husband, she's lucky she hasn't been stoned to death for being pregnant. This is the person the world says is worth nothing, and that God says can be everything. She can raise His Son.

Peel back the glamour of the shepherds. They were despised by society, considered thieves and lowly beings. If the gospel was written today it might say something like 'an angel appeared to a group of car thieves.'

Peel back the glamour and we find the real hope. Because this Christ Child is the Jesus that would

reach out to every person, it didn't matter how old they were, how much money they had, whether they were healthy or sick, what ethnicity they were. Perhaps this Christmas we could practice peeling back the glamour, and the chaos, to find the hope of the Christ Child. After all, this child - born in poverty, to an unwedded mother, surrounded by undesirables - is the child that would change the world so completely that the effects are still felt today; but more about that at Easter!

Sage Burke



'The Mish' - Feeding The Hungry On Bikes

Bike enthusiast and St Barnabas parishoner Innes Johnstone volunteered with 'The Mish' as a high schooler back in 2006. Today, a qualified architectural designer with an ongoing willingness to serve people in difficult circumstances, he regularly joins a team of cyclists, picking up cafe food for the City Mission Night Shelter.

Five days a week, rain, hail or shine, several volunteers meet at 7am and bike into the CBD, stopping at inner-city cafes to fill their backpacks with donated left-over food that would otherwise be discarded.

It was student Kate Day who came up with the idea of 'The Mish' after a friend who worked in a restaurant commented about the huge amount of food that was wasted. She gathered up some Canterbury University students as the first volunteers.

Although the programme shut down on the morning of the 2011 earthquake, it was Nathan Bennett who helped enable its continuance

after February 2012. This was done via Anglican Advocacy's 'Social Exposure' project which helped with the re-launch, post-quakes.

Initially, volunteers were university students. However, recently helpers have included a surfer from California, exchange students from Singapore and the US, accountants, nurses, small business owners, bankers, local students and an Anglican Priest. Late last year, a second run north of the CBD began, trailing through Merivale, Papanui and St Albans.

With the advent of new facilities and a Day Programme at the City

Mission, 'The Mish' has perhaps taken on new significance. The gathered food now feeds men as they work the City Mission garden, learn computer skills, or update their CVs. "It's great to be able to provide and bless these men with cafe-standard food for their lunch break, rather than just bread," Innes adds.

The Mission's Manager of Social Services, Gray Crawford, says his men are hugely appreciative of the great food brought to them by the volunteers, and all enabled by Christchurch's generous cafe staff.

Nathan Bennett has personally "always seen The Mish as something really worthwhile," and everyone involved is incredibly grateful for the culinary donations readily made by cafes and restaurants. He's always happy to hear from potential volunteers for either run, and particularly for volunteers to visit the northern cafes.

For contact and route-map information or to volunteer, visit www.themish.org.nz.



Restart dates for 2016

Selwyn Centre	Monday 11 Jan
CAMEO	Thursday 28 Jan
St B's Play Group	Wednesday 10 Feb
English for Refugees	Thursday 11 Feb
Youth Group	Friday 12 Feb
Fridayzone	Friday 12 Feb
Mainly Music	Friday 12 Feb
Antioch	Sunday 14 Feb
Kidzone	Sunday 14 Feb

Please contact the Parish Office for details of the start dates of other groups

Celebrating Hélène Wray's Mainly Music Ministry

It is with sadness and joy that we say farewell to Hélène Wray as the upfront music presenter and encouraging team member at Mainly Music for the last two years. Hélène's love for children has led her to explore Primary Teacher Training in 2016.

Hélène has brought vibrancy, passion and creativity to the position, energetically relating as one young mum to our participating mums and caregivers. Hélène's love for children shines through her friendly smile, welcoming songs and dancing. It is not uncommon to see 3 children on her knee during the sessions!

Hélène has deepened her faith journey while ministering in this Christian Outreach. While attending Mainly Music with her own two children at St Barnabas, Hélène did an Alpha Course and has encouraged other Mainly Music Mums to do the same. Although Hélène is leaving her Friday ministry, she will still be part of the St Barnabas family.

Prayerful love and thanks Hélène for her gifts shared with us at Mainly Music. May God Bless you in your new adventures!

Angela Brown – Children and Family Worker



Youth Group Studies Jesus' Parables

Throughout this year our awesome young people have been exploring a variety of interesting topics at Friday night youth group and term four has been no exception! This term the youth groups' study series has featured an emphasis on delving into the parables of Jesus.

A number of parables were highlighted and then grouped together in thematic manner to help us really sink our teeth into them. For example, in our first study of the term, the parables of the collector of pearls and the treasure of great value discovered in a field were brought together so that we could

explore the concept of the Kingdom of Heaven in greater depth.

Following that we studied what we coined the 'parables of loss and redemption' which included the famous account of the lost sheep and the return of the prodigal son. This study was particularly interesting as we compared the way Jesus' listeners, the Pharisees and 'sinners,' may have responded to his teaching.

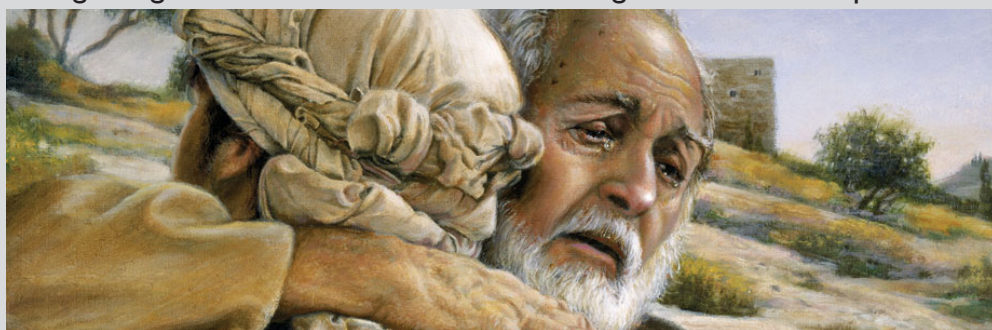
Other studies we undertook included a closer look at the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant in Matthew 18 which we used as a way of introducing the topic of God's love and forgiveness. We also spent some



time grappling with the parables about prayer in Luke 11 and 18. This was quite challenging and we used it as a way of segueing into a Holy Spirit and prayer evening where we spent time simply worshipping God together.

However the term wasn't just Bible study! We also heard testimonies, had a BBQ, got involved in an environmental restoration project, kick started our mentoring programme, fired off fireworks, and enjoyed praying regularly with each other. All in all it was a great final term for 2015!

Rev Harry Newton



Join a Lenten Study Group in February 2016

Years ago I was talking with a Catholic friend about the gift of the lectionary and daily office. On any given day as she read the scriptures and prayed, millions of other Christians were doing the same. She found that, even if she was travelling, knowing others were studying the same passage as her was incredibly encouraging and uplifting. It gave her a sense that she wasn't 'doing it alone' but was connected to the wider family of Christ.

This year over 120 people from our parish joined together to study the Gospel of John as a part of the "Gratitude and Grace" Lenten study series. On top of that, over 3,000 people throughout New Zealand also took part! Since then I've heard a number of people say how much they enjoyed the Lenten study series because they knew that others beyond their own small group were doing the same thing. Like my Catholic friend this gave them a sense of belonging and connection with the wider church.

In 2016 there is a new Lenten study series available for anyone interested in being involved in studying the scriptures in the lead up to Easter. "Stewardship: Lent Through Mark" is the fourth instalment of the extremely popular Lenten study series co-authored by the Rev Dr Peter Carrell. The study book includes extra content and questions to give leaders more scope to plan sessions according to the needs of their group.

If you're interested in doing the Lenten study series talk with your small group leader or, if you don't yet belong to

a group, leave your name with Marion in the office or talk to me and I can steer you in the right direction. Remember, Lent starts early in 2016 (Ash Wednesday is 10 February) so make sure you get in soon with expressions of interest to join a small group for Lent and to purchase a study booklet for \$6. There will be a Pre-Lent Gathering with the Rev Dr Peter Carrell on Wed 3 February and studies will begin the following week.

Rev Harry Newton

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Suggestions for a less commercial Christmas

These suggestions may help you reduce the expectations and stress of Christmas, unleash some creativity, and allow time for reflection. Hopefully, they spark ideas of your own !

Relaxation and mindfulness

- Arrange some family activity time, such as playing tennis, bike riding, backyard soccer, board games, dancing, minigolf, canoeing.
- Plan time-out. Have some quiet time on your own or chill out with a friend. An added bonus could be to visit the beach or a park, to enjoy sunshine and fresh air.
- Be a good neighbour: be observant and help out people when you can. Offer a smile, open the shop door for someone, let a car into traffic, help mums with prams, pay someone's parking meter, pick up litter ...or other random acts of kindness.
- Show patience at this busy time of year.
- Share your gratitude and appreciation with others. At the Christmas meal, you could ask each person to share one thing they are grateful for or appreciate from their year. Family members might like to make certificates of appreciation, naming the person and what action or quality is admired.

Gift-giving

- Purchase your gifts more mindfully. Avoid buying poor quality items and cheap stocking fillers that will break easily or be thrown away to landfill. Find out what living conditions are like in the place/country where a product is made. Support local businesses and craftspeople.
- Be inspired to make presents. Check out internet sites or library books for ideas for presents you could build, print, design, saw, glue, sew, bake, cut, or create! E.g. a calendar with photos you've taken; homemade biscuits or jam; a homemade family video.
- Give presents of your time, such as a voucher saying you will play six 1-hour sessions of Xbox/computer games with your kids. Or that you'll wash the car, mow the lawns, give driving lessons, teach computer skills and how to download apps....
- Give 'DIY or kitset gifts' that extend the fun of the gift by allowing the recipient to assemble it. You might even like to help them make it!

You could go one step further and make up your own DIY gifts. Put together most of the items required and include a set of instructions. E.g. in a large jar, layer all the (dry) baking ingredients needed to make your favourite chocolate brownie; sellotape the recipe to the outside. Or supply a diagram of a planter box with pre-cut timber, bolts/screws, vegetable seedlings, a bag of soil and a trowel.

- Adopt different ideas for gift-giving. Suggest different approaches, such as: everyone pools their money to buy one gift per family member; set a budget, so everyone knows the maximum they can spend on each other; or each family member picks one name out of a hat and only needs to make/get a present for that person.

You could even forego gifts and make a positive difference to the planet: find out what each person's favourite country or cause is and make a donation to a related charity on their behalf.

"Every time you spend money, you are casting a vote for the kind of world you want." - Anna Lappe



Association of Anglican Women

Aim: To unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the Church. To promote, safeguard and nurture Christian family life

In Betweens

Tuesday 15 December from 5.30pm-7pm
St Barnabas Church Hall
Drinks and Nibbles

Please bring your spouse or partner

Tickets \$10 available at the door

Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie 351 5179

Hymns of Praise

All welcome to the AAW Sunday Hymns of Praise

Sunday 7 February at 5pm in the Hall
We will hear from members of the two AAW groups

about their choice of hymn and pray for the 2016 leaders.

Followed by a light meal.

HELP REBUILD LIVES

St Barnabas is Supporting Christian World Service 70th Christmas Appeal CWS is the international aid and development agency of Protestant Churches of New Zealand. Established in 1945 to help in war-torn Europe, CWS works through 20 partners on the ground in areas of acute need, helping communities survive disaster and overcome poverty. The Christmas Appeal funds this vital work, so much in tune with Christ's gospel of peace with justice.

CWS gets no government funding and is totally dependent on what it can raise from donations to support its projects.

This year's appeal focuses on the plight of refugees, which was to the fore 70 years ago and has been very much on our minds this year, and on communities recovering from the disasters which create refugees. UNHCR figures show that there are now nearly 60 million refugees world-wide. One in every 122 persons on the planet is a refugee, internally displaced or seeking asylum. All have fled from disaster.

These problems can seem too vast for us to make any impact on them. However working through its partners in areas most affected, CWS can make an effective grass-



roots response, for example by providing education and child protection in refugee camps through an ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance member. Through Advent, as we light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love, and on Christmas Day, when we light the Christ candle, we shall hear of five examples of such action in Gaza, Nicaragua, South India, Vanuatu and Uganda.

We can be part of this response by donating to the Appeal. Please give generously. We have won a reputation for generous giving in the past. Please help us keep it.

Information leaflets, which include a Freepost envelope, are available in the pew sheets and the Hall vestibule, and extra information from the office. Please make sure you mention the Parish of Fendalton so that your donation can be credited to our parish total. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Marie Catanach

Messy Church Alternative Church for all the Family!

Come and find out why

'Jesus is the Reason for the Season'

St Barnabas Playgroup, Fridayzone, Mainly Music, Church and Community families all welcome!

Faith, Fun, Friendship, Family Craft and a Meal

Saturday 5 December 3pm – 5pm
St Barnabas Hall – 8 Tui St Fendalton
\$5 per family



Church Repair Progress Report

Over the last 4 months the Works Committee has reviewed repair documentation put forward by CPT. The Structural Engineers had developed a new strategy for the stone walls, gable ends and tower that we were asked to approve. The repair strategy involves a component of strengthening of the building which the Parish had requested. Discussion was focussed on what was repair work and what was strengthening.

Earlier this month the committee met with Structural Engineers Aurecon and Win Clarke their peer reviewer. They explained the repair strategy in detail and justified how they had come to their conclusions about what was strengthening and what was repair work. The committee was satisfied with the explanations.

There has also been discussion around repair of the floor, fire protection methods, heating system, electrical system

and the audio visual system. These items will be worked through in the coming months. Many of these decisions need the input of a wide range of people and need to be considered in the context of a heritage building needing to be used in a contemporary way.

The next step is for the Engineers to work through their detail design and finish their calculations. A building consent will then be applied for. At the same time the project will be given to three building contractors for pricing. Once a winning building contractor has been selected and the building consent issued we will be able to begin work.

We look forward to starting construction in 2016. This will be a very exciting project for the Parish. We will begin to see the rewards for all the fundraising effort.

Chris Wilson – Chairman of the Works Committee

Go Tell it on a Mountain!

The 2015 Common Life Missions Conference was held in King's College, Auckland, over 4 days in early October. This conference, run by the Anglican Missions Board, brought together nearly 500 people from throughout Oceania and beyond. There were delegates from Africa, Asia, North America, the United Kingdom and Oceania, including our brothers and sisters in Fiji, Samoa and Tonga. We had the opportunity to represent both St Barnabas and Christchurch at this conference.



Members from the 3 Tikanga Church (Maori, Polynesia and Pakeha) were welcomed to King's College by a traditional powhiri on Day 1. We were then able to welcome our overseas guests in a similar fashion including the main keynote speaker for the week, Rev Dr Christopher Wright, International Ministries Director of Langham Partnership.

This 4 day conference was an opportunity to network with people from other parishes, share stories over meals and also worship together through song and prayer. In this we were reminded that mission is all about Jesus and that it is an important part of our Christian DNA. We learnt that we need to be faithful, available and teachable ("FAT") Christians in order to do mission well. Doing mission wherever faith meets unbelief – so

not just overseas, but in our own backyard too.

Church growth is in the hands of us all - the clergy just do the maintenance! This means, at St Barnabas, we need to release the fear and build up the culture of inviting others along to services and events. If we are able to talk about what has been accomplished through Jesus Christ, then God will help us to accomplish the rest.

As Paul writes, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Rom 10:15) We are all messengers of Christ and we ought to put on our Gospel running shoes everyday and go tell it on a mountain!

Nigel and Elizabeth Yeoh

CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other!

Final gatherings for the Year – all welcome

The December gatherings are as follows;

- 3 December:** A special outing
- 10 December:** Christmas Quiz with Eleanor Horne
- 17 December:** Christmas theme with activities and a special afternoon tea. Wear something Christmassy!

Next year CAMEO begins on Thursday 28 January.



'MISSION REVEALED' - AN AFTERNOON WITH MIKE HAWKE

Church Support Officer for Anglican Missions

Discover in an entertaining way how personal and community mission can be extended so we really are 'Following Jesus and Extending God's Love.'

- What is our role in local and overseas mission?
- What is being done now?
- How can we participate?
- Sing, pray and learn

Date: Saturday 12 March, 2016

Time: 1pm – 5pm

Venue: The Community of the Sacred Name

Please register your interest to Revd. Pauline Stewart. Places will be limited so all involved can actively participate in what should be an enjoyable, reflective and spiritually meaningful event.

This is an initiative by the Parish Overseas Missions Team; Kofe Havea, Nigel Yeoh, Pauline Stewart and May Carrell



What's Coming Up?

December '15 – February '16

CWS Appeal

Please give generously to the Christian World Service appeal this Advent. Envelopes are available at all services. Donations will help relieve the needs of refugees around the world.

SUNDAY **29**
NOVEMBER

Ecumenical

Lessons and Carols

This popular annual event for churches in our area will be held at 5pm at Christ the King Catholic Church in Greers Road.

SUNDAY **6**
DECEMBER

Christmas Hamper Appeal

This is the last day for donations for the Aranui Christmas Hamper Appeal. The food will be taken over to the Aranui-Wainoni parish and hampers full of Christmas food will be made up for less well-off families.

WEDNESDAY **9**
DECEMBER

Vestry-Staff Christmas Party

Vestry will work through an hour of business from 5.30pm and the party will begin at 6.30pm with spouses and children invited. This is an opportunity for Vestry to thank our hard working staff for a great year!

WEDNESDAY **9**
DECEMBER

Christmas Home Communion

Those unable to attend Christmas services but would like to receive communion contact Kofe on 351 7064 or email kofe@stbarnabas.org.nz. Wed 23 Dec will also be a Home Communion day.

WEDNESDAY **9**
DECEMBER

Carol Singing

Meet at the St Barnabas car park at 6pm to pool transport or join us at 6.15pm at St Winifreds, 7pm at Fendalton Retirement Village and 7.45pm at Holly Lea. Come and spread the spirit of Christmas! All welcome.

TUESDAY **22**
DECEMBER

AGM Reports

All ministry leaders are asked to write their reports for the AGM booklet by this date. If possible please submit to Marion by email. These reports are of great encouragement to all the parish.

FRIDAY **29**
JANUARY

Youth Leaders Retreat

Youth Leaders will be attending a retreat to learn and grow together. All undertake a 'Strengths Finder' course designed to identify and celebrate our unique and God-given strengths for ministry and mission. See Harry Newton.

FRIDAY **29**
JANUARY

Launch of Lent Series

All parishioners invited to attend the launch of the 2016 Lent Series entitled 'Stewardship; through Lent with Mark.' Rev Dr Peter Carrell will be our guest speaker. Come to learn more and register to join a group. Study books \$6 from the office.

WEDNESDAY **3**
FEBRUARY

AAW Sunday

We celebrate this special Sunday with a service of Hymns of Praise in the Hall at 5pm. Hymns will be specially chosen by AAW members who will speak briefly on why their choice has significance. Light meal to follow.

SUNDAY **7**
FEBRUARY

Community Fun Day and Parish Picnic

A free, fun-filled day for all the family. 12 noon – 3pm on the Church lawn. Bring a picnic and enjoy the day! Live music, food, bouncy castle, old style running races and the annual 'tug 'o war'!

SUNDAY **21**
FEBRUARY

Parish AGM

2016 AGM will be in the Hall beginning @ 7pm. Agenda will include reports, finances and election of officers. Let's celebrate what God is doing among us and seek God's will for the future.

WEDNESDAY **2**
MARCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

ST BARNABAS (in the hall)

- 8.00am Eucharist, followed by breakfast (Tui Room)
- 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, 3rd & 5th 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

ALSO OFFERED...

Home Communion:
Each 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month.

Communion is also provided at Fendalton Retirement Village fortnightly and St Winifred's & Holly Lea monthly.

Vestry News

Building Update: Chris Wilson informed Vestry that the meeting with CPT, Aurecon and Peer Reviewer Win Clark went well. Members of the Works Team Chris Wilson, Graham Robinson, Don Mackenzie and the Vicar were present. Many more details around the methodology were revealed and members of the Works Team developed a greater level of trust that the repair/strengthening cost split between CPT and the parish is equitable. A schedule of developments to the interior of the church were received from the Church Interior Facilitation Group and were agreed.

Police Vetting: Vestry were informed that Corinne Haines has registered the Parish of Fendalton as an Approved Agency able to submit Police Vetting requests ourselves and the first person is in the process of being checked. Although this process, which used to be undertaken by the Diocese, has taken some time to set up, the parish can now be more responsive.

Resource Website: The Com munications Team proposed that a new website be set up to make resources developed by the parish available to other churches. The Advent Calendar produced by Megan Blakie has proved popular and other churches have asked to use it. This is one example of a range of resources that could be developed and made available.

Evangelism Plan for 2016: The Discipleship and Evangelism Team tabled a broad brush plan for 2016 which focussed on the Lent Study Groups in the first term followed by a month of Evangelism in August.

Finance: Maurice Walker informed Vestry that an ANZ liaison banker had been assigned to us thanks to the enquires of Marcus Read. Alistair Sheard is preparing a budget for 2016. Income to the end of October is tracking at \$392,977 which is 1.4% under the budget figure of \$398,290. Total expenditure is \$459,303 which is .65% over the budget figure of \$456,354. Unless there is a significant donation the parish will finish the year with a \$80,000 deficit.

REGISTER

FUNERALS

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of those who have died:

October

- 23 Peter McCormick
25 Yvonne Elizabeth Cummins

MARRIAGES

We extend our good wishes and prayers to those couples recently married:

October

- 24 Katie Louise Stills and Samuel Robert Fowler

November

- 7 Rachel Elizabeth Campbell and Samuel Bruce Stewart



Happy Christmas!

Article Deadline for
February Issue:
Friday 15 January

Christmas at St Barnabas

Come and join us this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Saviour

'And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.'

Luke 1:31-32

Christmas Home Communion

Wednesday 9 December and Wednesday 23 December

If you can't make it to worship but would like to receive communion this Christmas please call Kofe and she will make arrangements.

Children's Christmas Play

Sunday 13 December @ 10.30am in the hall

This is not a combined service this year – all welcome to this Lifestreams service

Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

Sunday 20 December @ 5pm and 7pm

5pm: Join us for a traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols telling the story of Christmas with the combined St Barnabas and Schola Cantorum choirs followed by light refreshments.

7pm: Antioch – an informal service of Lessons and Carols telling God's big story of redemption through the birth of our Saviour. Followed by supper.

Christingle Service

4pm Thursday 24th December: A special service for children and families reenacting the Christmas story where children come dressed up as angels, shepherds, wisemen, Mary or Joseph. A mixture of traditional and modern carols and all children will receive a Christingle.

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday 24th December

11.15pm: Traditional Midnight Service with candle-lights and choir in the marquee – begins with carol singing. Formal service begins at 11.30pm.

11pm: Antioch Midnight Service in the hall – contemporary with band beginning with supper at 11pm. Service itself begins at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Worship

Friday 25th December

8am, 9am and 10.15am in the marquee: traditional Communion services with carols

10am Lifestreams in the hall: Family Christmas Communion with carols, contemporary songs and children's talk. Children bring your Christmas presents!



Combined AAW Soiree

Christmas Drinks and Nibbles

Tuesday 15 December from
5.30pm - 7pm in the Parish Hall

An opportunity to get together before Christmas for drinks, nibbles and a festive mood. Husbands invited.

\$10 per person – at the door.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Come Carolling this Christmas

and help to share the spirit of Christmas!

Tuesday 22 December

Meet at the St Barnabas car park at 6.10 pm
or join up with us along the way.

6.15pm @ St Winifred's – St Winifred's Place

7pm @ Fendalton Retirement Village – Bryndwr Rd

7.30pm @ Holly Lea – Fendalton Rd

We have been invited to stay at Holly Lea for light refreshments following the singing.

All most welcome!

Children's Christmas Play

Sunday 13 December @ 10.30am

Everyone is invited to our annual Children's Christmas Play – this year it is entitled 'Say Yes to Jesus.' Please note that it is not a combined service this year. We'll also thank the teachers for another successful year and pray for the children who are 'graduating' to youth group.