

THE MOORING POST

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

Taking it on Trust

The St Barnabas Vicarage is undergoing EQC repairs right now and it struck me how much we rely on trust to get things done. We trust the builder to complete the agreed scope of work. We trust that the quality will be good. We trust the tradesmen when we leave them to lock up. We trust people all the time – teachers – pilots - doctors. Often we see no certificates, no guarantees and no track record, but we still continue to trust. In spite of its irrationality, trust is essential for life.

You can trust yourself – like Nik Wallenda who walked across the Grand Canyon without a safety harness this week. You can trust institutions – like World Vision, the courts or hospitals. And you can trust people – like John Kirwan who in a recent poll was voted the most trustworthy New Zealander. Trust is assurance. Trust is faith. Trust is the confidence that someone is going to come through for you and back up

what they say.

Jairus was just one of the many people in the New Testament who reached out to Jesus for help. He was a man of status and authority. As ruler of a synagogue he was part of the religious establishment but came to Jesus and begged him to help his little girl who was dying. In spite of the risk, Jairus disregarded his pride and fear and threw himself at Jesus' feet and asked for his daughter's healing. At some level he trusted that Jesus would be able to help.

Jairus' trust was greatly tested when Jesus stopped to heal another person on the way. Such was the delay that some people came saying that his little girl had died. Jairus must have been distraught - he'd pleaded, he'd waited, he'd agonized but now it seemed too late.

However Jesus addressed him in a curious way. He said 'Do not fear, only believe' and went in to where the girl was. With a straightforward

command he said 'Little girl, get up.' She got up, walked around and had something to eat. Imagine the joyful reunion!

Jairus' trust in Jesus turned out to be well founded. He took a risk, threw himself before him and hung on! In Biblical terms, trusting is about dependant love and obedience and not just intellectual agreement. Mostly the religious leaders don't discover it. Certainly family ties aren't enough to create it. Evil spiritual powers know its basis but oppose it. The disciples move towards it, yet often fail to grasp it.

However those like Jairus, who knew their need and clung to Jesus in spite of evidence to the contrary, were rewarded. They experienced life change – transformation – the power of God. The message of Christianity is simple; put your trust in Jesus Christ – he is credible, compassionate and reliable. Take him on trust!

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

Rainbow Promises Presents: 'Who Cares?'

Saturday 13 July 2013, 3.30 - 5.30pm
St Barnabas Hall

An afternoon of family craft food, faith and fun!

Gold coin donation includes meal
Enquires to Angela Brown on 351 4332
or email brown_holmwood@xtra.co.nz

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 20 July beginning at 8am
St Barnabas Hall

Come and join us – bring a friend and enjoy an excellent breakfast and a stimulating speaker! Speaker Rev. Craig Dixon - his topic will be 'The Cathedral Past, Present and Future.' Enquiries to Philip Robinson on 351 8213. Tickets \$15 from Parish Office - drop in or phone 351 7064

'The Mooring Post' is a phrase from p479 in A New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa. Christ is described

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Holmwood my kind of people **Harcourts**

Rosee attends Lifestreams and Antioch, and is currently living her relational ministry in New Brighton. Please keep her in your prayers as she finds suitable flatmates and begins this amazing effort.

Michael Cropp

Questions People Ask 2013

Last year's successful sermon series 'Questions People Ask' will be repeated, with new questions, this year. The series begins on Sunday 11 August and will engage with the topic of 'Faith' – asking the questions 'Is faith worth finding?' (11 August), 'Is faith worth having?' (18 August) and 'Is faith worth keeping?' (1 September).

The first sermon will consider the value, advantage and need of faith in

Christ, and what it means to become a Christian. The second sermon will ask if faith in God is worth having, and if so what are good disciplines to keep our faith vital? The final sermon will deal with doubt as a key aspect of spiritual growth and help us understand more about doubt and how to grow through doubt.

Pencil the dates in now and begin thinking and praying about bringing a friend. The sermons and worship

services will be 'visitor friendly' and so this will be a great opportunity to invite a guest to experience worship and the warmth and liveliness of our Christian family.



DANGEROUS IDEAS: FOSTERING COMMUNITY

Community is one of those funny things – we all live in it, we all yearn for it and yet it is so lacking in our city. We treat our houses as properties – a geographic location, and we favour our individuality over our shared identity. But there are some people who are actively working to change the way in which we live as community.

Meet Rosee, 22, a woman of formidable intelligence and humour, with a yearning for social justice. Recently, Rosee has been given the opportunity to live in New Brighton rent-free – the sole proviso being that she grow and foster the community there.

Balancing a cup of tea on one knee, and her guitar on the other, Rosee describes herself as a "Christian young adult who wants to do something worthwhile in the world." Community ministry is something she feels called to. "I don't get the words... the booming voice from God. But, I'm not freaking out; God is making it easy. It's in these series of repetitions and repeated patterns that I feel called to relational-based ministry."

Rosee plans to do this by "getting to know the street. So far, I've met half a dozen but in the coming weeks I'm going to do a whole lot of baking and really spend some time getting to know others and letting them know who I am. I want them to know that my house really is open."

So, what does that mean for you – the humble reader? How can you foster your community? Rosee says that we need to make ourselves vulnerable: vulnerable to be known, to be helped, and to help. It is essential that we be honest, open, and truthful because then others will be, too. As we form connections by sharing stories and being real, doors (physical and otherwise) will be opened. Further, we need to encourage young people to step out of the mould – we need to teach, model, and enable them to engage with their own community. Loving their neighbour, and their neighbour's neighbour, too.



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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.
Sunday 14 July – All Age service
5.00pm 1st & 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

8.45am 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

Pastoral Care and Outreach: Kofe Havea gave a report to Vestry which covered the caring ministries of the parish. She reported that the numbers of people willing to offer volunteer time to pastoral care is dropping and there is a need to look to younger people to take up the challenge. There was some discussion about undertaking a survey of parishioners to determine the kind of needs they had with respect to housing, earthquake and insurance issues.

Parish Finances: Vestry received the Finance Team report and learned that there had been a lift in giving in March. The result before 'specials' was a year to date surplus of \$1,818 compared with a budget deficit of \$2,119.

Stewardship Programme: Maurice Walker briefed Vestry on the Stewardship programme that is being planned. It will launched on Sunday 25 August and culminate with a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 22 September. The team will be visiting parishioners who are not currently involved in Stewardship and they will be encouraged to begin supporting the vision of the parish. A printed brochure will be produced to highlight parish ministries and show the ways we are developing our vision and reaching out to the community.

New Employees: Vestry were informed that the two new parish employees – Simone Davies as Wafer Room Cleaner and Liz Meyer as Lifestreams Music Coordinator – were settling in well and working hard for the parish. Job Descriptions and Employment Agreements had been signed.

Community Van: The Vicar informed Vestry that the City Council had approved a grant to the parish for \$40,000 for a community van which would be available to the parish as well as other community groups. It would be parked on parish property and used for CAMEO, our youth ministry and in any other ways that would promote our mission.

REGISTER

Baptisms

The parish welcomes into the family of the Church through Baptism:

May

26 Deacon Lance Ash
26 Bruno Nicholas Ash
26 Frederick Jack Owens

June

23 Samuel John Armitage Baird
23 Joshua James David Gaunson

Funerals

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

May

23 Joan Marie Wylie

June

4 Anne Constance Field
14 Gerard Wilfrid Hunt



"Wireless communication is nothing new. I've been praying for 75 years!"

Deadline for August issue:

Friday 12 July

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Parish Fair – Help Needed Saturday 12 October, 2013

The Fair Committee has had several meetings, and planning for the fair is well underway. Most stalls have been allocated conveners, and groups are working hard, sewing, potting plants, making jams, washing and sorting kitchenware and collecting items for the White Elephant stall. We have had offers of entertainment from members of Polytech Jazz School. Our St Barnabas clown, Ben Truman is planning exciting activities for the children, including a Bouncy Castle. We have several new stalls this year.

Can you help making wooden items for the Woodcraft stall?

Do you have any unwanted gifts in your bottom drawer (hand cream, body lotion, handkerchiefs, writing paper) that could be passed to our 'Re-gift' stall.

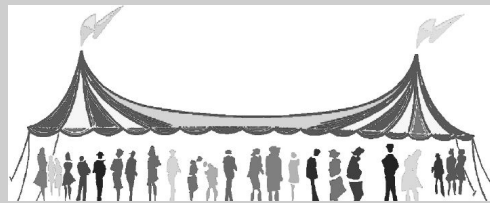
We will shortly have a container on site, and will be opening this each Saturday morning. Please start sorting out your cupboards and garage in readiness for the

container's arrival.

We are still looking for convenors for the Clothing Stall, the Food Court, Compost sales and the Amusement Area. We are keen to hear from people who might like to help on stalls, provide electrical services on the day, help with the set up on the Friday and early, on the day, help with the collection of trestle tables from other organisations in our area, help with clean up after the fair.

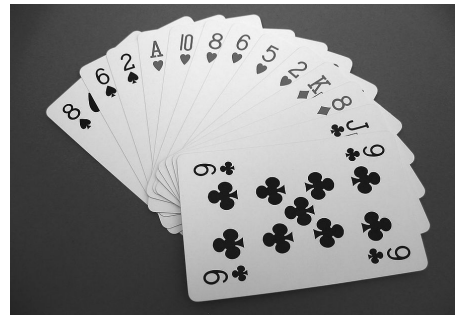
There is a job for everyone – so please ring Don Mackenzie on 351 9247 if you can help with any of these activities.

Corinne Haines



Bridge Tournament

This fundraiser is to be held on Thursday 18 July in the St Barnabas Hall at 10.30am with tea and coffee being served from 10am. Tickets are \$25 and the money raised is going to the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust for the restoration of the church. There will be lunch by our wonderful St Barnabas team, raffles and lots of fun.



Please telephone Julie 355 3731, Sally 351 7557 or Toni 351 9737. RSVP by Monday 15 July for catering purposes.

PROFESSIONAL, AFFORDABLE COUNSELLING FOR ALL

Established in 1996 in response to need in the community, Petersgate Counselling Centre has grown to become one of the busiest counselling agencies in Christchurch, with a team of more than 20 counsellors seeing more than 1,000 clients per year. Fees are set by a sliding scale based on household income with clients who are eligible to receive government funding assisted to apply. The fee structure is made possible by the generous financial and other support Petersgate receives from a number of community organisations and individuals including contributing churches, Rotary and Lions clubs, the Christchurch City Council and the Community Trust.

As part of the Earthquake Recovery Counselling Service network, Petersgate is able to provide free counselling for earthquake-related issues and has received a grant to enable the provision of free counselling to young people (ages 10-19) suffering from earthquake-related stress until June 2013.

Counselling is provided for a wide range of life issues including stress, anxiety and depression, relationships, grief and trauma as well as motivation, career development and personal growth. Petersgate's counsellors have many years of experience and bring

a rich variety of counselling qualifications and styles including Person-Centred, Cognitive Behavioural (CBT), Solution-Focussed, Narrative, Acceptance and Commitment, Interactive Drawing, Imago and Gestalt therapies, and this variety enables counsellors to be matched with clients' preferences and needs.

With a commitment to respect and look after the needs of everyone regardless of creed, culture or socio-economic background, Petersgate offers an affordable, professional counselling service to individuals, couples and in some cases families at its comfortable, easily accessible and recently renovated premises at 29 Yaldhurst Road. Evening sessions are available on weeknights with the exception of Friday, bus stops are within easy walking distance and there is ample car and bicycle parking available on site.



St Barnabas supports Petersgate and Dr Andrea Caldwell from Lifestreams is on the Board.

What's Coming Up?

St Thomas' Patronal Festival Lunch

12.30pm at the Chateau on the Park, \$27.50. If you would like to come and join the group please phone the Parish Office.

SUNDAY **7**
JULY

Creative Family Fun

Bring the family along to an afternoon of family craft, food, faith and fun! 3.30 – 5.30pm including meal at St Barnabas Hall. Gold Coin donation – contact Angela Brown on 351 4332 for more information

SATURDAY **13**
JULY

Ali Harper Concert

Come to the first of the Winter Concerts at the St Barnabas Hall at 2pm (note change of time) to hear Ali who is an international singer and entertainer. Tickets \$20 available soon through the office.

SUNDAY **14**
JULY

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join together at 8am for an excellent breakfast and a stimulating speaker! Speaker is Rev. Craig Dixon speaking on 'The Cathedral: Past, Present and Future.'

SATURDAY **20**
JULY

Liz Braggins' Concert

Come and enjoy our second event in the Winter Concert Series - the sultry and soul singer Liz Braggins – 2.30pm in the hall. Tickets \$20 available soon through the office.

SATURDAY **3**
AUGUST

Bible Sunday

The special focus for this Sunday is the Bible (surprisingly!). There will be a display showing different Bibles, old family Bibles, Bible study notes and other Bible reading aids.

SUNDAY **4**
AUGUST

On Being Random

The idea of randomness has gained a lot of traction in our secular world. The very fact that you exist, rather than someone else, is probably a random bit of luck, they say - or misfortune, if you're of a melancholic disposition!

Of-course this is not a Christian view. A God who knows the number of hairs on your head is a God of love who knows exactly who is walking this earth - which bit of it and when.

'Random!' has become a popular retort to someone who's just contributed to a conversation in a completely unrelated way.

Well – being randomly kind is fabulous. A total stranger recently was just that, to me. I was waiting at the Papanui Road lights, when I man on a bike tapped on my driver's window.

'Excuse me, did you realise you have a flat tyre at the back left?' He took one look at my weary, downcast face, and continued: "If you'd like to pull over up there in a minute, I'll change it for you."

My friend Nicola and I exchanged incredulous expressions. As we drove across the road, I said "He

must be a Christian." I was only half-joking. It is possible, of-course, to be an unselfish, kind person without having a belief system based on God. Nicola replied, "Obviously."

The man got down and dirty for us. He crawled under the car, studied the undercarriage design, found all the tools, and completed the job. He totally messed up his clothes which his wife had washed the day earlier. Then he told me where I could drive to, to get the tyre fixed totally free of charge - Tony's Tyre Service, Lincoln Rd!

His email address revealed that he worked for Alpha, and is indeed a committed believer. What a loving inspiration to us all!

Liesl Johnstone





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Afternoon Group

Wednesday 3 July
Annual Luncheon, 11.45am
Chateau on the Park

Two course meal, plus tea / coffee - \$27.50
If transport required please phone Yvonne

Leader: Yvonne Cummins 358 2153

In Betweens' Group

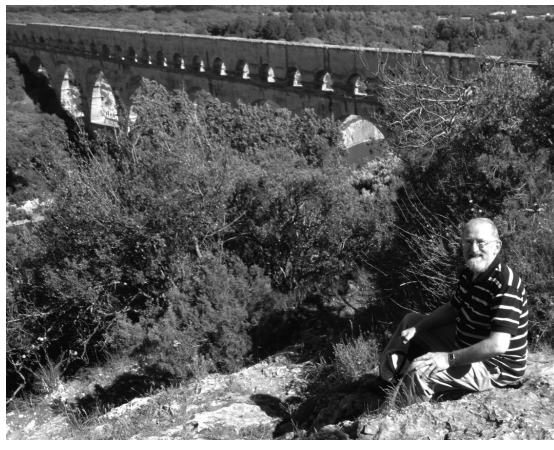
Tuesday 16 July @ 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Speaker: Mr Reg Garters

'Reflections on a Joyful Journey'
Reg will share his experiences as a CEO, author, entertainer, impersonator, lay minister and family man.
A warm welcome to husbands and friends to also share Reg's journey.

Leader: Mary Mills 358 2230

Welcome Back Denis!

This month we welcome back our organist Denis Guyan from his overseas trip. As you can see by the picture, Denis saw some great sights! He also played on some of the most famous organs in Europe, saw some wonderful cathedrals and enjoyed many recitals. We particularly thank organists Mervyn Blanchard (9am service) and Hayden Hill (5pm Evensong with the Choir) for playing for the parish in Denis' absence.



A SAINTLY CELEBRATION

Our patron saint, Barnabas, is known as the encourager. Despite the bleak, cold and gray afternoon, it seemed few needed encouragement to gather together as over 100 parishioners filled the hall for our Patronal Festival.

It was an evening of great conversation, strengthening relationships, incredible food and some outstanding entertainment.

The evening started with a few icebreakers and warm up games that got people mixing between congregations and ages. A game of clumps was played with the children (and a few older imposters). Dinner was next where we were treated to some incredible creations. The quality and quantity was remarkable with enough left over to cater for the Lifestreams lunch the next day. I know I wasn't the only one keen to have a second helping of the homemade focaccia.

However, the focus and high point of the evening was the entertainment. It began with Adrienne Robinson showing her prowess as a storyteller, telling us about the first pair of shoes. It was told for the children, but as I gazed around the adults were just as enthralled.

Our very own Masterchefs were the next on stage with Pip Chamberlain, Leisel Johnstone and Christine Fokkens creating a sponge cake with their hands behind their backs. Thankfully Matt Chamberlain, Rex Johnstone and Sarah Sparks supplied some arms and comic chaos ensued.



The Masterchef Challenge

The next item was unforgettable (though many of us wish we could erase the images from our memory). Four hairy-chested Persian 'beauties' arrived on stage and danced about. The niqab's were a useful disguise, protecting faces and shame. Though to ease our nightmares, I think Mark should perhaps preach on Deut 22:5 in the near future.

The vestry showed the congregation that they were in touch with the modern generation with a short skit about the Bookface, Yourspace, iTube and the phone-pod. It was then time for the Chamberlain's to take the stage with a musical number. I had thought they might show off some ceroc, but what we got was much better, with Mark appearing in a 1980s outfit complete with singlet and mullet. The person sitting next to me was very impressed with the vicar's biceps. Mark then launched into a rendition of Uptown Girl as Pip danced.

Yvonne Byrne shared a few fantastic limericks that she had penned after a Cursillo weekend, before handing over to the staff team with Mark showing his creative talent once more, having written a song with a verse for each of the staff members.

The evening ended with a great interactive song by the In-Betweeners about nine lovely ladies locked in the bathrooms. It had us all in stitches and wowed by the acting talent of the parish.

Now, in the words of Adrienne, "Snip, snap, snout. This story's out."

Ben Truman

'MISSION' – IN YOUR BACKYARD

However hard you look, you won't find the word 'Mission' in the Bible... anywhere. I challenge you to try.

Yet 'mission' remains a staple word in the diet of most Christians. The idea of mission excites us. We know that God is active in restoring his people and his creation. We know that God has a role for us to play in that process. That's energising and exciting, right? But 'mission' is too often equated with sharing faith across cultures, weird food and squat toilets. Mission can become the responsibility of churches on the other side of world, or the other side of town. The word 'mission' should excite us, but it should also challenge us.

Mission is never primarily about what someone else is doing somewhere else. Mission needs to be real and tangible - where we are, right here, right now. What can God do through our own church and our

own lives? When Jesus says "Go and make disciples of all nations", that means our next door neighbour and those in the Fendalton community. We can't ignore Jesus' words, "When I was a stranger you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me... I was in prison and you came to visit me." You don't have to go overseas to find people in these categories. They are often not far from our doorstep. Yes we can be excited about mission overseas, but we should be more engaged in local mission.

Tessa and I are heading to Northern Uganda as mission partners with CMS New Zealand. Although Uganda will be a massive change for us geographically and culturally, our mission mindset remains the same. We know that God is at work in Uganda just as he is in Christchurch, and that he will find a place for us in that work. In Northern Uganda and in St. Barnabas Fendalton, we will

pray the same prayer. "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven."

Nick Laing

Nick and Tessa are new Mission Partners with Antioch, St. Barnabas. They are about to leave for Uganda to become part of the local community. Nick will work as a doctor in a mission hospital. Tessa will partner with local churches in social justice work.



The Mish: Food for the Hungry

The Mish was founded in 2006 by a group of wonderful young people from St Tim's church. Their intention was twofold: to collect leftover food from inner city cafes to give to those in need at the Christchurch City Mission Night Shelter; and also to challenge cafes on their practice of throwing away leftover food. At its peak, these goals were achieved to a spectacular degree with around thirty cafes involved, over forty volunteers, and three people each morning biking around the city collecting hundreds of dollars worth of donated food.

After a year long hiatus, due to the 2011 Earthquake, The Mish was re-launched in February 2012 thanks to some enthusiastic young people from the Social Exposure program. Though on a much more modest scale, sixteen months later, The Mish is still going strong with nine cafes and fourteen volunteers collecting weekly, Tuesday to Friday. Most of the volunteers are young people in their twenties keen to help in their local

communities. Amongst our numbers are a nurse, engineering students and a lawyer.

The men at the shelter are always grateful for the food we bring in – which can range from filled rolls and cakes to large containers of Caesar salad - and some are often keen to stop for a chat. It's always humbling to hear their stories. We only hope that God's love is shown in what we do.

Nathan Bennett

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