



# THE MOORING POST

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

## Euthanasia - My Right To Die?

The many benefits of advanced medical science have also caused increasing numbers of people to live to an advanced age with high levels of impairment and consequent suffering. As a result many predict that the euthanasia debate is the next big moral issue that our country will have to face and the pressure from other countries and from within our own is building. Just this month legislation in Canada allowed for people with incurable diseases, suffering acute mental and physical anguish, to end their lives with the assistance of a physician. Canada will join a small number of other countries like the Netherlands and Belgium where medically assisted euthanasia is legal.

In our own country there have been a string of attempts to legalise the practice of euthanasia. Michael Laws brought his 'Death with Dignity' Bill to Parliament in 1995 but it was voted down. Peter Brown's Bill of 2003 also failed, as did Maryann Street's 'End of Life Choice' Bill of 2012. Currently David Seymour's 'End of Life Choice' Bill is on the Members Ballot and so may come before Parliament at any time.

However as much as I have tremendous sympathy for those who suffer pain at the end of their lives, for a number of good reasons, I believe

it would be very unwise to begin allowing euthanasia to take place in New Zealand. This is in-line with a joint statement that nine Bishops of our Church made in February urging Parliament not to open the door to euthanasia.

Once a legal framework exists for physician assisted suicide, this would immediately change the way people think about dying and lead to the social acceptance of euthanasia. Instead of being limited to intractable conditions, it is likely that the practice would extend to other categories of treatable illnesses such as depression, dementia, severe disability or even severe deformity in the very young. Oversight committees monitoring applications for euthanasia may, in the end, decline very few cases. 'Death on demand' may become the norm.

Last week The Press ran an editorial identifying elder abuse as an increasingly significant problem in our society. The euthanasia laws may establish a framework whereby family members exert subtle pressure on their elders to 'do the right thing' and end their lives for the sake of the family and the estate. Similarly an aging person themselves might be driven toward ending their lives out of guilt, unwilling to be a 'burden' on their family. These unintended consequences

are already emerging in countries where euthanasia is being practiced. As assisted suicide legislation went to the House of Lords in the UK in 2014, former proponent of euthanasia Professor Theo Boer from the Netherlands, said "Don't make our mistake."

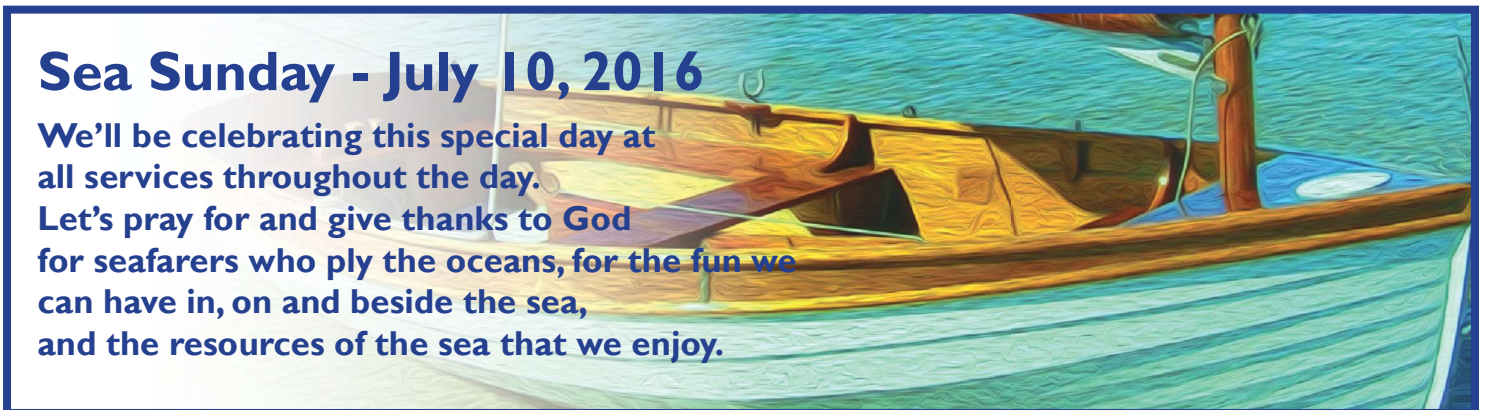
As Christians we could add further arguments against legalising assisted suicide. The Bible declares that we are made in the image of God and this is entirely independent of our age or health. This endows us with a dignity that applies equally to the very young or the very old - those in their prime and those who experience significant impairment. The sanctity of life imposes a limit beyond which we have no authority to transcend.

As Christians we are also called to support the sick and to relieve suffering. This accounts for the Christian origins of the hospice movement. Let us bend all our efforts to provide comfort and love for those who suffer at the end of their lives and lend our support to the advancement of palliative care. John Jefferson Davis wrote in 2004 "...we need to be offering the dying not a deadly poison but rather neighbourly love and the hope of eternal life."

*Rev. Mark Chamberlain*

## Sea Sunday - July 10, 2016

**We'll be celebrating this special day at all services throughout the day.  
 Let's pray for and give thanks to God for seafarers who ply the oceans, for the fun we can have in, on and beside the sea, and the resources of the sea that we enjoy.**




*'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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## Parishioner Interview With Mary Taylor

*A life filled with faith and music*

On a crisp and sunny Sunday afternoon recently, I sat down with Mary Taylor - one of our oldest parishioners - to chat about her life. She was born in Newcastle, New South Wales, on 26 March 1920. Her early years were spent on the family farm where she helped out by stacking the hay and milking the cows. Sundays were very important with the family attending the local Methodist church. Her mother played the organ on Sunday nights and, like many Methodists of that era, the family joining in singing the hymns.

Mary wanted to develop her singing talent but her mother would not allow this until she had attained a high level on the piano. She achieved this at the age of 15 and so began singing lessons. She sang regularly on radio broadcasts in both Australia and New Zealand for many years.

Mary's love of music led to another love. She met Jack Taylor through her music and they were married in 1943. Jack was an educator and in the early 1970's they both wanted a new challenge so they came to New Zealand. They first lived in Oamaru where Jack taught at Waitaki Boys High School and then moved to Christchurch where Jack gained a position at Medbury. It was through her association with schools that Mary became involved teaching music to young people.

Mary also used her musical talents with girls at Kingslea where she found that music cut through many barriers with the people she had contact with.



After a short time at St James, Lower Riccarton, they moved to St Barnabas. Her involvement included a period as leader of the Mother's Union and then the AAW. Worship at St Barnabas took on a new meaning with the way the church encompassed parishioners with insight and caring. This has continued with Mary particularly enjoying a well preached sermon! Sometimes she feels that the modern words in well known hymns are not always to her liking so she quietly puts in the original version!

At the end of our chat it was very obvious that Mary has a passion for music and a very strong faith. The following words stood out for me; "If you don't have faith you don't have love", "In times of doubt if your faith is strong, you can climb hills!" Thank you Mary for sharing your life and faith with our parish!

*Shirley-Anne Collins*

## 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.



# New Teaching Block for Medbury School

After several years of careful planning, Medbury School recently opened its new building for the senior classes.

The interior of the building is light and bright with a wonderful sense of space but still maintaining a traditional feel. A great deal of thought has gone into the colours, the style of desk, the lighting and heating. The lighting and heating is controlled by a master switch in the

Headmasters Study!

Every boy still has his own chair and desk in their classroom. Each teaching space can accommodate a maximum of 25 boys. In between each classroom are small 'break out' spaces, with large, glass sliding doors, where small groups of boys can work to develop the important skills of working collaboratively but also independently.

Each boy has his own locker

within their own classroom space. The Medbury values have been embossed onto the glass doors as a constant reminder. A lift has also been installed to allow easy movement of the technology equipment. The overall feeling when you walk into this building is a feeling of quietness but with a sense of learning being achieved.

The building is ideally designed to foster the innovative and creative new practices which Medbury is embracing to ensure that they are able to 'unlock every boy's potential.'

This building is the start of more development at Medbury which includes the remodelling of the older part of the senior block, a multi-media room and a Year 1 to 4 Art and Technology area.

*Shirley-Anne Collins*



## Golf Coach to the Rich and Famous

Rev David Wright shared his experiences at a recent 'Living the Life' service. On the fifth Sunday of May over 75 people were treated to an entertaining and passionate talk by the Revd David Wright of Queenstown on his initial vocation as a golf coach to the rich and famous. Among his first pupils were President Dwight Eisenhower and Frank Sinatra.

David outlined his early years in England, as the son of a man who spent his working life shovelling coal into a steel furnace. His father's greatest desire was to have his 3 sons educated so their life choices were wider than his own manual opportunities.

David chose a scholarship to an American university where he could learn how to play golf. His "boss" in a subsequent job was the world renowned golfer, Ben Hogan.

David's life as a golf coach enabled him to work with an amazing line-up of world famous people, many

of whom gave him unbelievably interesting mementos in partial payment for coaching: a signed boot from Ringo Starr, a plaque from the 1969 Apollo 11 spaceflight to the moon signed by Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, a signed driving licence with photo belonging to Catherine Hepburn, the captain's uniform worn by William Shatner in the Star Trek series, the black glove worn by Darth Vader in the early Star Wars movies and a guitar used by Paul McCartney. David displayed many mementos on the tables for people to view.

And then one evening in yet another top class hotel room, in yet another area, he felt called by God to read Mark Chapter 10, including "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." This led to many changes in David's life ...eventually leading to New Zealand and ordination recently as a

non stipendiary Anglican priest in the Dunedin Diocese.

David's closing message of "where we go for peace" in a fast moving world was challenging and thought provoking. He left his audience with a yearning for part two of his inspirational story.

Watch this space. We are working on signing David up for Part 2 of his inspiring journey next year!

*Rev Dr Pauline Stewart*





## 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.

### Daytime Group

Wednesday 6 July at 2pm

This month the meeting is taking place at Ngaio Marsh Retirement Village and the St Barnabas residents are being invited to join us. Members of In-betweens are also welcome. We will meet at the entrance of Ngaio Marsh at 2pm. Please let Madeleine know if you're attending for catering purposes. If you would like transport the St Barnabas van will be leaving from the church carpark at 1.45pm. Philip Robinson will give a short presentation about 'A Day in His Life.'

Leader: Madeleine Price – 354 4299

### In Betweens

Tuesday 19 July at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Retired High Court Judge Lester Chisholm is the guest speaker.

Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie – 351 5179



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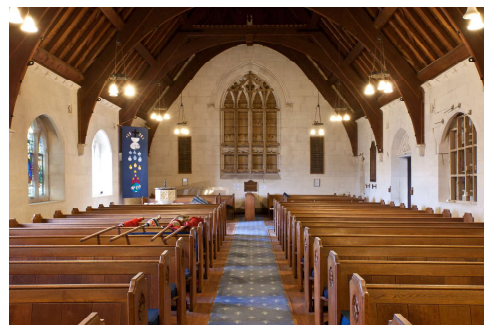
# Church Building Update

The Church Property Trustees (CPT) are in the final negotiations with a preferred contractor who will be undertaking the repair and betterment works on St Barnabas Church from about mid-July. The opening of the church is scheduled for the first half of 2017. The contract includes five main parts;

- Earthquake Repairs: CPT are funding all repairs from insurance monies held for this purpose, however repairs only include the cost of bringing the building back to its original state. Vestry has decided not to fully re-level the floor. The value of this work however will be held on our behalf and if it is not used for the floor it will be credited to the parish. The decision not to re-level the floor was supported by CPT and a number of heritage groups that were consulted.
- Strengthening: The parish is funding the costs of bringing the strength of the building from 34% to 67% of the New Building Standard for Importance Level 2 buildings. This is to ensure the building is 'future proofed' and that members of the public can be very confident in the building's safety.
- Fire Sprinklers: Funding for the fire sprinklers is covered by a grant which is now administered by Heritage New Zealand.
- Deferred Maintenance: This includes repairs to some stone work, roofing and spouting.
- Other Costs: This includes a contingency sum, provisional sums, professional fees, consent fees and contract works insurance costs. These are to be shared between CPT and the parish.

CPT funding and funds from the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust will be paying for the contract. However, there are further unknown expenses from the past that will have to be apportioned between CPT and the Parish, as well as possible variations to the contract that may be required as the project proceeds. Further betterment that the parish requires includes a new audio visual system, upgraded lighting, heating and possibly a new switchboard and storage facilities. A parish nominee will be project managing these items with the Works Team providing oversight.

Meanwhile off-site repairs to the stained glass windows are progressing. These are being managed and funded as a separate contract by CPT. Timing for the completion of the window contract could be later than the main contract although good progress is being made.



Funds are also needed for deferred maintenance and strengthening that may be required on the Hall and Administration Building. The earthquake repairs to these buildings will be funded by CPT.

Advice that work on the church is to begin in July is great news. We hope that this will provide a boost to our fundraising efforts. The total raised to date is approximately \$1.2 million but our target is \$1.6 million. We hope to have a special 'Site Blessings' service when the work begins.

Planning for the opening day is getting underway soon, as well as the development of a plan to decorate the interior of the church, decide on the service times and how we can make the most of welcoming the many visitors to our church in the months following the opening.

Don Mackenzie | Works Team



# Clergy and Laity Challenged to Cultivate the Inner Life of the Spirit

Anglican mystic Evelyn Underhill writes a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury William Lang in the 1930s that resonates with us today;

*"I desire very humbly to suggest with bishops assembled at Lambeth that the greatest and most necessary work they could do at the present time, for the spiritual renewal of the Anglican Church, would be to call the clergy as a whole, solemnly and insistently to a greater interiority and cultivation of the personal life of prayer...the real failures, difficulties and weaknesses of the Church are spiritual and can only be remedied by spiritual effort and sacrifice, and that her deepest need is a renewal, first in the clergy and through them in the laity; of the great Christian tradition of the inner life..."*

*More and more emphasis has been placed on the nurture and improvement of the intellect, and less and less, on that of the soul. I do not underrate*

*the importance of the intellectual side of religion. But all who do personal religious work know that the real hunger among the laity is not for halting attempts to reconcile theology and physical science, but for the deep things of the Spirit.*

*We look to the Church to give us an experience of God, mystery, holiness and prayer which...shall lift us to contact with the supernatural world and minister eternal life. We look to the clergy to help and direct our spiritual growth...*

*God is the interesting thing about religion, and people are hungry for God. But only a priest whose life is soaked in prayer, sacrifice, and love can, by his own spirit of adoring worship, help us to apprehend Him.*

*We ask the bishops to declare to the Church and especially its ministers, that the future of organized Christianity hinges not on the triumph of this or*

*that type of churchman's theology or doctrine, but on the interior spirit of poverty, chastity and obedience of the ordained. However difficult and apparently unrewarding, care for the interior spirit is the first duty of every priest. Divine renewal can only come through those whose roots are in the world of prayer."*



Evelyn Underhill

## Buying a Beach for the Nation

Men's Dinner speakers Dwayne Major and Adam Gard'ner told the story of their crowd-funded purchase of an Awaroa beach.

Nearly 50 men attended the very successful Men's Dinner recently. These are always popular occasions and the evening was rated one of the best. After drinks and fellowship, a first class meal, including dessert, was enjoyed.

The highlight of the evening was an address by Duane Major, a pastor at South West Baptist Church, and his brother-in-law, Adam Gard'ner. They spoke about the recent, well publicised purchase by the public, of the privately owned beach and bush property at Awaroa Inlet in Abel Tasman National Park. It was Duane and Adam's dream to secure the pristine beach for all New Zealanders.



and pledged from some 40,000 donors but as schools etc. counted as one, it is thought the total participants would be in the order of 250,000 New Zealanders.

An empowering video was shown of different aspects of the project journey, questions were answered and their presentation closed to loud applause.

Thanks go to Corinne and her capable catering team, for Marion's office assistance and for Wayne Hann's help.

Talks were held with the Government, DOC, banks, large companies and others. The media interest was intense and interviews with Dwayne and Adam contributed to a very strong interest in the project around the country.

It was a hard won initiative as there were private buyers interested including those from overseas. Duane needed to call on his strong faith at times when the going got tough. Over \$2,270,000 was raised

Peter Chapman | Men's Ministry

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## Can You Help Arrange Flowers?

Each week fresh flowers are arranged for church services in the hall. These flowers and greenery are provided by members of the Sanctuary Guild – thanks to all who are involved in this.

Over the past year several members have retired from this ministry. It would be wonderful if some new people stepped forward to help. It would involve doing an arrangement once a month. Serving God and the people of the parish in this way is very rewarding.

During the year some parishioners have given money for flowers to be arranged in memory of a loved one. This is a lovely way for our loved ones to be remembered and it gives members pleasure to be able to do this. Please give some thought about joining the Sanctuary Guild, you would be very welcome. Please contact the parish office.

Valerie Beckwith | Sanctuary Guild  
Flower Coordinator



## Young Southland Priest to Speak at 'Living the Life'

Following our very successful 'Living the Life' 5pm service in May we have another one coming up on Sunday 31 July. Don't miss another excellent opportunity to hear how God enriches lives.

Our speaker will be the Rev Aaron Douglas, a young priest from Southland. Aaron speaks with commitment and understanding of the challenges and joys of introducing young people to Christ and helping to sustain their commitment in their journey through life.

Based on his own interesting life's journey, Aaron's message has huge implications for our parish as we work to reach out to young people with the power and love of Christ.



## Fridayzone – Church for all the Family

Come join the Fridayzone families for food, fun, faith, family craft and a meal together on Friday afternoons. Fridayzone is more than a Christian after-school club – it's a fresh expression of church!

From 3pm – 5.30pm on Fridays, Fridayzone is a place where 20 – 30 children, young people and adults enjoy the inspiration of Messy Church each week.

Here's sampling of what happens - afternoon tea, ball games, board games, playdough, craft activities, soccer games, puzzles, book corner and a time of news and 'guess the message' for the week from a Bible theme or story.

The sit-down family meal includes dessert! Yummy! We would love you to join the Fridayzone community – just come on in!

Angela Brown | St Barnabas Children and Family Worker



## What's Coming Up?

### Messy Church

All children, families and young people are invited to this outreach event which includes food, fun, faith, family craft and a meal – 3:30pm St Barnabas Hall – \$5 per family.

SATURDAY **2**  
JULY

### St Thomas Day

All welcome to join the St Thomas' group at 5pm Evensong to celebrate St Thomas' day. This is followed by a light meal.

SUNDAY **3**  
JULY

### Youth Formal Dinner

Youth and their parents are invited to this special, catered night out. Dust off your glad rags - it's time to party! Enquiries to Youth Minister Harry Newton.

FRIDAY **8**  
JULY

### Men's Breakfast

All men welcome to come to breakfast at 8am in the hall. The guest speaker will be Richard Ballantyne speaking about his life in retail. Call the Parish Office to book your tickets.

SATURDAY **16**  
JULY

### Book Fair

Please support our Book Fair by donating books to the parish office and then coming to buy some more! Opens at 9am in the Parish Hall.

SATURDAY **23**  
JULY

### Elizabeth Braggins

Come and support the first of our Winter Concerts at 3.30pm in the parish Hall. Pianist and vocalist Elizabeth Braggins is absolutely outstanding – bring a friend – mulled wine served!

SATURDAY **30**  
JULY

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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  
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- 10.30am Lifestreams *Eucharist* with  
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2nd Sunday – *Choral Night Prayer*  
4th Sunday – *Eucharist*
- 7.00pm *Antioch* in the hall for students/  
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## MID-WEEK WORSHIP

- 8.30am Tuesday to Friday – *Morning Prayer*  
Wednesday – *Eucharist* all welcome  
in the Makora Room or Prayer  
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- 10.00am Thursdays – *Eucharist*  
1st Thursday – *Prayer and Healing*

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St Winifred's & Holly Lea monthly.

## Vestry News

**Health and Safety:** Don Mackenzie, Greg Brown and the Vicar are working on developing the policies, systems and processes required to comply with the new Health and Safety legislation. Weekly meetings are taking place to move this forward with urgency. The InterChurch Bureau have supplied a useful handbook that will form the basis of this work.

**Defibrillator:** Vestry agree to proceed with the purchase of this piece of equipment. We will be applying to the Harcourts Foundation for funding as well as continuing to seek donations. The total cost will be about \$3,500 and it will be mounted in the hall foyer.

**Parish Finances:** Finance Team chair Maurice Walker and Treasurer Alistair Sheard gave a substantially positive report of parish finances. Direct Credit giving for May was \$22,265 up from a budget figure of \$17,368. Total year to date giving stands at \$163,131 which is \$4,203 ahead of budget and a \$12,454 improvement over the same period last year. Overall the parish is still running a year to date deficit of \$8,129 however this is a big improvement on the budget deficit for this period of \$18,079. Expenses are being well contained.

**Legacies:** The Stewardship Team is in the process of developing a programme whereby Parishioners will be encouraged to consider making a bequest to the parish in their wills. This is a means by which future generations can benefit through the ministry of the church. It is hoped to build up a substantial capital sum so that the interest can be used for the ministry and mission of the parish.

**Parish Works Coordinator:** Don Mackenzie has been appointed the Works Coordinator for all Parish Betterment Works that will be undertaken during the repairs of the church. Work will include new heaters, improved lighting, audio-visual equipment, rearrangement of some pews, establishing a children's area, vestry cabinetry and possibly a new switchboard.

## REGISTER

### FUNERAL

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

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June

7 Rewa Joan Patterson

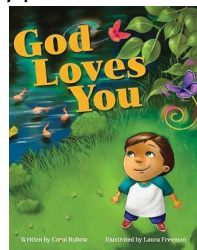
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**St Barnabas Repairs Soon to Begin**

## 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.