

ANZAC Day Service Renewed Through Participation of Children



Arna - aged 6 | Junior



Brooke - aged 7 | Intermediate



Natalie - aged 8 | Senior

Breaking with tradition, St Barnabas commemorated ANZAC day with a parade from in front of the church along Fendalton Road, Tui Street and between the buildings into the hall. A record-breaking attendance of 175 persons crammed in including about 60 children from the Parish, Fendalton School, St Barnabas Guides and Brownies along with their parents and friends. In previous years a formal service including Holy Communion had been providing the needs of an ever decreasing congregation.

This year, at the instigation of Christine Fokkens, the school and other groups in the area were contacted with an invitation to participate through a colouring competition for children. Few people had been aware that St Barnabas Church was built as a Memorial to those men of Fendalton whose lives were lost in WWI and subsequently in WWII. As a lasting Memorial their names are recorded on oak panels in the church where flags of the NZ Armed Forces are laid up. This annual commemoration therefore is intended for the wider community and not only parishioners.

During the service the St Barnabas Choir led the singing of hymns including the Anthem 'In Flanders Fields'. The Vicar presented a talk for children and a lesson was read by Christine Fokkens. The ANZAC address was given by Squadron Leader (Ret'd) Rob Angelo before the names of those who served were read out by John Drennan and Frieda Looser. Poppies were laid, The Ode given and Last Post and Reveille played by Adrien Borrie on the trumpet.

Many stayed afterwards for an enjoyable morning tea with ANZAC biscuits. It is certain that ANZAC Day in Fendalton will continue to be commemorated both to remember those who fell in times of war as well as to rededicate ourselves to the cause of peace in the world.

Rev. Philip Robinson



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THE MOORING POST

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

Balancing Energy and Structure

In spite of individual stories of insurance and housing frustrations, questions over the leadership of council and problems of what to do with red zoned land, our city has shown tremendous resilience 27 months after the big shake of February 2011. The fears of population decline and dramatically reduced economic activity have simply not transpired. According to The Press, local economic growth is currently tracking at 7.5% and many businesses are recovering well with new initiatives springing up. Christchurch has proved to be a tremendously resilient city.

This got me thinking about the relationship between structure and energy. Clearly much of the infrastructure of our city was broken or destroyed but the energy of the people of Christchurch has not been extinguished. If you have structure but no energy you only have a shell, but energy without structure can

result in danger, frustration and eventually dissipation. It's clear that you need both.

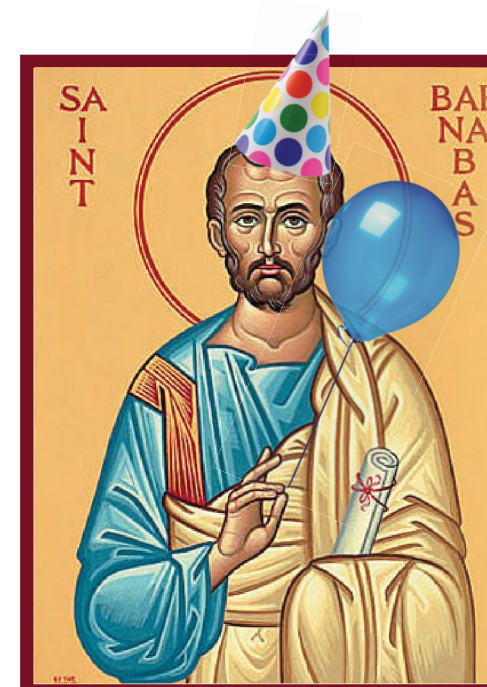
At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Spirit which is the powerful presence and energy of God working within and among us. The Spirit filled the early church with power, wisdom, courage and the impetus for mission. The same Spirit fills us today. However the incipient church soon needed to organize itself and provide shape to this early movement – for example they developed a leadership structure with a group dedicated to the pastoral care of those in need.

In our personal lives we need both energy and structure. And people seem to sit on different points on the spectrum thriving on one more than the other. I myself am happy with the structure and rhythm of my week – prayer, worship, staff meetings, time with Pip and family, Vestry, meeting

people, writing, planning etc. But I'm also aware of my need to be energized by the Spirit of God. My life would become a vacuous shell if it weren't for God the Holy Spirit filling and enlivening me.

Our parish itself needs to be aware of both energy and structure. We need to discern the energy of the Spirit and follow the Spirit's lead. We need to covet the wisdom and transforming power of the Spirit. But we also need to have some great structures that enable us to work together well, communicate, be accountable and be clear about the way we respond to the energy and leading of the Spirit. May God empower us in this Pentecost season with a fresh measure of his Spirit and give us wisdom to structure well the life of St Barnabas.

Rev. Mark Chamberlain



Fendalton Parish Patronal Festival Party

Saturday 15 June, 4.30pm – 7.30pm
St Barnabas Hall

Everyone is welcome to this wonderful party for all the family – to meet others and enjoy fellowship together! Please bring a plate with food to share, something to drink, a sense of humour and a spouse, children or friend. Coffee and Tea provided.

To make it a party, we need group and individual items – skits, singing, instrumental, poetry – any entertainment item at all. If you would like to help organize this fun event please contact Patsy Wardell on 351 6046.


'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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ST BARNABAS' TRUST UPDATE

The St Barnabas Fendalton Trust continues to work hard to raise our target funding of \$1,000,000. So far 24 individuals have given between 0 and \$100, 31 between \$101 and \$500, 25 between \$501 and \$1000, 17 between \$1001 and \$5,000, 5 between \$5,001 and \$10,000 and 2 over \$20,000. This comes to a total of \$198,310. Added to this are grants from Philanthropic Trusts which total \$256,169 and fundraising of \$84,174. This comes to a grand total of \$538,653. Further funds have come in since these figures were compiled. The Trust is very grateful for all gifts whether large or small – thanks to all who have contributed!

The funds raised are for repair and maintenance work on our buildings that are not covered by our insurance policy. Costs will include the excess on our policy, a sprinkler system for the church, accessibility improvements for the church and strengthening of the church, hall and admin building. We are also undertaking maintenance to all our buildings at this time because it makes economic sense and because it's important to ensure that our buildings are weather-tight so that the buildings will not suffer from subsequent damage.

It is important that the parish takes responsibility for its buildings and is ready to pay the repair and maintenance bills when they begin coming in. Our hope is that in the near future all our buildings will be repaired and strengthened and work well for us as we continue to develop our ministry and have our buildings available for community use. This is part of our Christian mandate to be good stewards of the facilities that previous generations have given us. At this critical time in our history we need to 'step up,' take responsibility and contribute to the mission of God in our community in this way.

If you would like more information about the Trust and the difference your donation can make, please call in to the parish office and ask for a brochure or phone 351 7064. We are also happy to visit anyone who would like to discuss any aspect of the Trust's work personally.



Project manager
Nessa Ryan Anderson

Staff & Vestry Planning Day

Communication underpins all of society – without it there is no meaning. From our day-to-day interactions with one another, to our spoken and unspoken construction of identity communication is fundamental. Communication is the chief way in which we learn to experience our environment. But how carefully do we think about our communication as church? Not just as 'a' church, but as the collective church which is the bride of Christ.

Traditional definitions suggest that communication is 'the establishment of common ground in terms of

shared understanding'. If that's the case, what are we doing to establish common ground with people outside of our faith communities?

This was what guest speaker Mike Crudge asked the Staff and Vestry to consider at a recent planning day. His current PhD research into how we engage (or not) with those outside church, incorporates traditional communication theories. Through close, qualitative interviews, Mike identified nine key perceptions of 'church' from an outsider's perspective, such as, "The Church is not a spiritual place" and "Free,

independent thinkers don't need the Church".

Addressing perceptions such as these, he argues, should inform how we do local mission. We need to understand the communicative environment in which we operate, so that we may reduce the impact of these negative perceptions and further share Jesus' love.

Although we wanted to hear more from Mike, the rest of the morning considered planning aspects for the rest of the year. This included staffing, transitioning back into the church, and outreach.

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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 7 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

Parish Fair: Convenor Don Mackenzie gave Vestry an update of the fair. He reported that more entertainment and a greater variety of stalls were being planned this time including food stalls, second hand clothing and hand-made articles. All the facilities are booked and Don is approaching Holly Lea as a 'fall back' option. There are a good number of people who have agreed to convene stalls.

Outreach Fund: A motion passed at the AGM requires the Vicar and Wardens to investigate the development of partnerships with parishes in need on the east side of the city. The 'Outreach Fund' that Vestry has established can then be used to help others directly or fund partnerships that would help their local mission. The Vicar and Wardens will be undertaking this investigation in the coming months.

Diocesan Restructuring: Vestry heard a brief report from Synod Reps on the recent Synod which was devoted to discussions about the draft proposals presented by the Diocesan Structural Review Group. It was noted that the Vicar is meeting with the Vicars of our neighbouring parishes for discussions and a joint prayer meeting on Sunday 19 May at 2pm.

Recent Purchases: Vestry approved the purchase of a hand-held microphone for use in interviewing and 'roaming' situations. This will improve flexibility and enable better engagement at our gatherings and worship services. A new lightweight white board has also been purchased for the Dorothy Cooper room. This is an important teaching tool and will be much safer than the old white board.

Earthquake Repairs: A number of reports between CPT, project managers RCP and the parish were received and reviewed. RCP is making progress using its 'Ten Step Process' for the repair and strengthening of church, hall and admin building.

REGISTER

Baptisms

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

April

28 Jerome Alexander Campbell

May

12 Benjamin Alexander Latimer

Funerals

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

May

14 James (Jim) David Caldwell



"Blog unto others as you would have them blog unto you. Spam not, lest ye be spammed! Though I surf through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no virus..."

Deadline for July issue:
Friday 14 June

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Support the Parish Fair Saturday 12 October, 2013

Planning for the Parish Fair is well underway. We aim to make this a community fun day, as well as a successful fundraiser for the parish. There will be an increased number of food stalls and there will be entertainment throughout the day.

Convenors of stalls are working to get their teams together. If you want to be involved in a stall please let Don Mackenzie (351 9247), Corinne (348 7822) or Ruth know (354 1428) or Marg Bennett (351 6174) who is the convenor of the plants stall. Contact her now about plants and potting sessions.

Robyn Gopperth (351 8097) is Convenor of the Deli Stall, and is already making use of seasonal produce. Others might like to help her on that. Donations of sugar would be appreciated. Small clean jars with labels removed can be left at the Parish office.

Jude Mackenzie (351 9247) is Convenor of the Craft Stall. Lots of scope here for ideas and items. Keep Saturday mornings free for working bees.

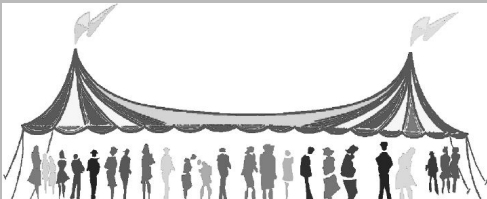
Ruth Harwood (354 1428) is already filling her house with items for the Kitchen Stall. She is happy to accept more items immediately. Please leave at the Parish Office.

Convenors are needed for the Bookstall, Clothing Stall and an overall leader for the Food Court. Please let Don (351 9247) know if you can help in this way.

Watch for the shipping container on site soon, and save all your white elephant and other contributions until then. Once on site the container will be open each Saturday morning.

This Fair will be a great community day, and we hope to raise a significant amount of money for our Trust. Please consider what you personally can do to help us make this a very successful project. We need your help.

Corinne Haines



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June Programme:

- 6 'Life and Times'
Wayne Hann
- 13 'Story Telling'
Adrienne Robinson
- 20 'Living in a Retirement Village'
Cath and Lindsay Stowell
- 27 'Sing a long'
Mark Chamberlain

BREAKFAST & MODERN SLAVERY

“After this morning, you will no longer be able to say you didn’t know.”

That was one of the first things Daniel Walker said to a group of men gathered for breakfast on a Saturday in late April. He was using the words of William Wilberforce, the great Christian campaigner against slavery.

Slavery seems a long way from us today. It seems to be a problem Wilberforce and others fought and overcame some time ago. We seem to be enjoying the fruits of their labour in the modern world.

This is why Daniel’s comment, that there are more people in slavery now than ever before, was quite disconcerting. And the particular sort of slavery he was bringing to our attention was particularly horrific: sex trafficking. The kidnapping or selling into involuntary prostitution of real people - sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, down to an abhorrently young age – horrifying!

But think about what we did that morning. Daniel has been fighting this particularly insidious form of slavery for some years, as an undercover investigator working for a range of organisations, seeking to free those trapped in this slavery and to prosecute and shut

down those who profit from it. He now works for an organisation called Nvader, based in Christchurch, who continues this work. His work hasn’t been easy, and his presentation gave us a glimpse of the significant toll it has taken on him and his loved ones.

As Daniel reminded us that morning, the gospel of Jesus Christ sets people free. Jesus provocatively reminds us we are all slaves in our own ways, but that he came to break the chains (John 8:34-36). How fitting it is, then, that those whom Jesus has set free should be involved in helping to end the slavery of those caught up in the horrors of sex trafficking. For more information on Nvader and Daniel Walker’s story, go to www.nvader.org.

Rev. Chris Spark



Daniel Walker with Rev. Chris Spark

What’s Coming Up?

Sermon Series from Galatians
This exciting series, called ‘Paul’s Gospel Truth’, runs through June with preachers Philip Robinson, Jenny Wilkins, Chris Spark and Dr Richard Neville.

SUNDAY **9**
JUNE

Prof. Andrew Bradstock
Prof Bradstock is a visiting Public Issues Theologian and will be speaking at Cashmere Hills Presbyterian Church on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 June. Further details from the office

FRIDAY **14**
JUNE

Patronal Party
Dust off your party gear and come on down to the St Barnabas Hall for a fun evening of entertainment.
Bring a friend, a skit, a bottle of wine, and be ready for a great time. From 4.30pm – 5.30pm

SATURDAY **15**
JUNE

Dinners for Eight
This fellowship programme begins on Friday 21 or Saturday 22 June. It runs each month for four weeks concluding with a final dinner on Saturday 19 October.

FRIDAY **21**
JUNE

Living the Life
Graeme Mitchell, who is the manager of Archer Memorial Home and who led a recent mission to Fiji, will be our guest speaker at Living the Life at 5pm.

SUNDAY **30**
JUNE

Ali Harper
Come to the first of the Winter Concerts at the St Barnabas Hall at 2.30pm to hear Ali who is an international singer and entertainer. Tickets \$20 available soon through the office.

SUNDAY **14**
JULY

Introducing Carl Cotham from the 8am congregation

How did you come to join St Barnabas?
I have always believed in God, but very rarely attended church – only on occasions with the children growing up. On 4 September 2010, during the first earthquake, like so many people, I was scared and needed answers. I knew then that the place I needed to be was at church.

I went to church the week after the ‘quake, and have continued to go every week since. I have got the answers I was looking for. Being part of the church has changed my life for the better. Choosing a church to attend was easy for me because I am interested in historical buildings, and St Barnabas is all of that. Sorry, but I don’t like the look of the new modern churches!

What do you like to do in your leisure time?
I like woodworking and metalworking. I love to cook for family and friends and I enjoy camping, fishing and hunting.

What does Jesus Christ mean to you?
He is someone I can talk to and pray to. Things in life don’t always go smoothly so I get comfort from this.

Have you a favourite hymn or song that you enjoy?
I like ‘Jerusalem’ because it is a strong song and I find that most people have a similar view to mine. Everyone gives it one hundred percent when singing it!

What are your greatest concerns?
Whether my children and grandchildren can survive in today’s economy, having jobs, buying a house and keeping strong in their relationships.



Lisa and Carl Cotham



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Afternoon Group

Wednesday 5 June @ 2pm in the Tui Room
Speaker: Mr Ron Van Til of Artisan at Rangiora Bakery

Coming event: Wednesday 3 July at 12 noon
Annual Luncheon at the Chateau on the Park at 11.45am. Two course meal plus tea or coffee - \$27.50

Leader: Yvonne Cummins 358 2153

In Betweens' Group

Tuesday 18 June @ 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Speaker: Linda Hanchard on Fostering Children.
Linda and her husband Ian, have been fostering children for 26 years under the auspices of 2 different agencies. They have a remarkable story of caring and love and the many challenges involved in fostering.

Sales Table and Book Exchange

Leader: Mary Mills 358 2230

THE REASON FOR GOD: BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SCEPTICISM

Book review by Bishop Brian Carrell

Writing out of a North American context, Keller addresses the 'great gulf today between ... liberalism and conservatism', both in politics and religion. What he has to say applies equally to contemporary NZ issues in both church and state, not least our global Anglican dilemmas. He identifies the polarising forces on both sides that constantly grab media headlines by distorting the deficiencies of the other while ignoring their strengths. To the public eye it is a contest between Progressives and Fundamentalists, as though the issue was as simple and as bald as that. Apples and pears.

This is an admirable and most readable book for the keen observer of human struggles who likes to be stirred to ponder the big issues of life, who appreciates writers with the ability to present such tortuous matters in an even-handed and fair-minded way. Keller enables us to straddle the polarities of the issues that too often tease us and threaten to divide, and out of his practical ministry as a Presbyterian pastor in Manhattan NY seeks out what both liberals and conservatives have positively to contribute towards a faith that is both true to Jesus Christ and fit for our world.

He extols the value of sincere scepticism in asking the 'hard questions' concerning faith and life as strengthening us to face the tragedies that are sure to come our way over the years. At the same time he challenges doubters and dissenters to revisit those very beliefs that

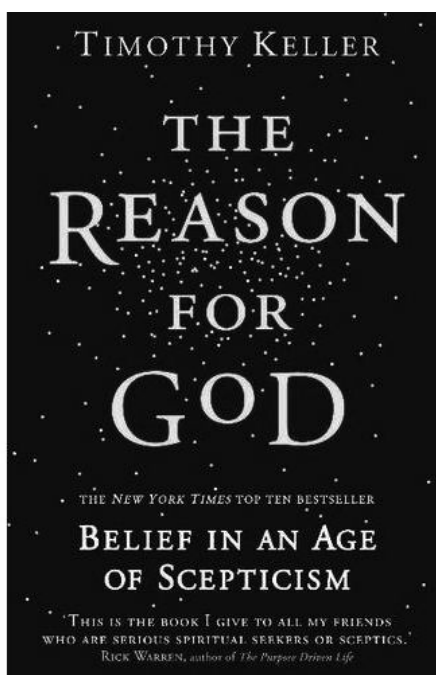
conservatives hold dear yet which they discredit. He invites what he terms 'respectful dialogue' out of which all may emerge both stronger in faith but humbler in spirit. He names some of the popular 'doubts' over core Christian beliefs and acknowledges the grounds for questioning the traditional presentation of these. But he also asks: On what greater grounds do we justify unbelief? Are these grounds any more substantial than the reasons of those who believe? May there not be cultural grounds that predispose some to scepticism as others are led to belief?

Much of this 300 page book is a detailed examination of 'the seven biggest objections and doubts about Christianity', drawing on his pastoral experience with New Yorkers off the street who over many years raised these very concerns with him. Keller then looks at seven reasons underpinning Christian belief in God that need equal consideration.

As a side bonus unintentionally provided by the author, we are also given a helpful insight into the American state of mind that too often beggars both their political and religious life (one should add, with profound contemporary echoes in our own NZ context), whether one's natural sympathies lie with the Progressive or the Conservative way of thinking. Keller suggests that many of the troubles faced by Church and State in the US today have their roots in the assumptions shared by both sets of advocates that make 'individual freedom and personal happiness the ultimate value rather than God and the common good'. (Think: US Gun Laws amendment.) Which 'good' most deeply motivates us?



Author Tim Keller



ANGLICANS ON THE EMMAUS ROAD

The Emmaus road story is unique to Luke. The Anglican New Testament scholar, NT Wright in 'The Resurrection of the Son of God' (p647) describes Luke 24 as a 'small masterpiece, designed as a closing scene for a large scale work of art'. The twin journey, to and from Emmaus highlights three key elements essential for Anglican Christians: Word, Sacrament and Witness. Such a threefold cord is not easily broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12) and builds strength for discipleship.

On the road to Emmaus Jesus unfolds the meaning of the prophecies of Scripture concerning the Messiah. The disciples' hearts 'burn within' yet they remain blind to the truth. Later the host at the meal breaks the bread, then the word takes root in the heart, the eyes are opened and faith is born. It is possible to state it thus: Word without sacrament remains blind; sacrament devoid of word is empty. This creative relationship between word and sacrament is important for Anglicans and is reflected in

our liturgical life and Prayer Book. Of course there are different emphases. For example, some give prominence to word (evangelical), others sacrament (catholic) while others seek a middle way and stress the complementary nature of the relationship. The key thing is to remain companions on the road rather than hiving off or going separate ways or defining ourselves over against one another.

However the journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus is not a one-way ticket - it's a return ticket. The two disciples go back to Jerusalem and tell the story. Jesus appears and sends them out in mission in the power of the Spirit. Anglicans cannot be without this vital charismatic stream to enliven and empower worship and mission. This makes for a generous Anglicanism that cherishes a rich sacramental and liturgical life, is infused with a love of the Scriptures and open to God's mission in the world. The three things are a unity - Word (hearing), Sacrament (seeing) and Witness

(sharing). The Emmaus Road story is a journey into the very heart of the gospel (word and sacrament), and from that heart it is a return journey into the very heart of the world. The Anglican Church has ever been a Church of word, sacrament and witness and these three vital elements are carried in its soul and given expression in diverse but complementary ways. As long as Anglicans remain committed to the whole 22 kilometres of the journey (the Jerusalem/Emmaus return ticket) and do not try to take shortcuts, the Church will be faithful to the gospel.

Stephen Pickard,
Assistant Bishop
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Canberra &
Goulburn



Liz Meyer - New Staff Member

Hi! My name is Elizabeth Meyer, but you can call me Liz... or Lizzy... or even Elizabeth if you prefer. I have recently been appointed as the new Lifestreams Music Coordinator at St Barnabas. For those that don't know, this involves leading an amazing group of musicians in the Lifestreams band, as well as preparing and organising everything musical for the 10.30am Sunday service.

I am new to Christchurch this year but my hometown is everyone's favourite place to visit, Invercargill. (It's not actually that bad!!) I was not born and bred there however and am originally from the North Island. I come from a family of six - Mum (Fiona), Dad (Grant) and three sisters, two of whom are now married. When I was four my family moved down south to be closer to family, before we ended up living in Indonesia for a couple of years! Invercargill somehow became our hometown once we returned to New Zealand and I did enjoy my schooling years there.

Over the last four years I have spent my time studying at the University of Otago. In May I graduated with a Bachelor of

Music (Hons) and that was very exciting! I really value my time spent at University, having met lots of wonderful people, learnt valuable skills and made great long-lasting friendships. Among these is my fiancé, Nigel Yeoh. Nigel, born and bred in Christchurch, is in his sixth and final year of a medical degree, working at Christchurch Hospital. We are getting married at the end of this year, back home, and we both cannot wait to be Mr and Mrs. Exciting times ahead!! I am looking forward to getting to know the church community more, who have all been very warm and welcoming thus far, as well as imparting my passion for music onto the Lifestreams Band.

Liz Meyer



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