

# THE MOORING POST

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

## Meaningful work – it's good for the soul

In the past, Sunday was treated as a special day. New Zealand in particular, was well known as a nation whose shops and places of entertainment were shut on Sundays. And the specialness of Sunday was highlighted by the unwritten rules about not working or mowing the lawns, not speaking loudly and attending worship with the family before having a roast dinner. Furthermore the special quality of Sunday seemed to imply that God was rather more interested in what happened on that day than the rest of the week.

Today this view can be accidentally reinforced if all we do at church is preach, pray, talk and sing about 'spiritual things' rather than engage with the cut and thrust of work - the place where most Christians spend the majority of their waking hours. We can imply that we live in two worlds - the Sunday world of fellowship, emotion and pretty songs and the Monday to Saturday world of work, practical reality and financial necessity.

And yet scripture makes it clear that God is interested in the whole of our lives - not just in what we do on Sundays. In fact in the book of Genesis, God is described as labouring for six days and then resting. God is portrayed as a master craftsman who lays the foundation of the world. He then structures and fills it with plants and creatures - all products of his own handiwork. Work is intrinsic to God's nature.

God then fashions humankind in his own image. As a result, deep within our humanity, is a desire to work just as God did. We were appointed as stewards to God's creation, to cultivate, create and construct.

So the Christian view of work is rooted in the character of God and the way he made us in his image. As a result we are all called to work - whether paid, unpaid, part time, fulltime or any time in between. That is our vocation and our calling.

And having a low rate of unemployment is not only good for the economy, it's also good for the soul of the nation because in meaningful work we find fulfilment as workers made in God's image.

And this is not just about the

traditional 'helping professions' such as Christian ministry, teaching, medicine and social work. I would also include business, management, engineering, accounting, law, manufacturing, farming and a host of other vocations.

The question is how do we go about fulfilling our vocation as workers made in God's image? I would suggest that any task we undertake, we do as an expression of our service to God and others. We offer the best we can and ask for God's help to improve and develop our work. Sunday may still be an important day for us, but every day can be an opportunity to contribute to the lives of others through a sense of vocation in our work.

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

## Gala Variety Concert Saturday 28 June Christ's College Auditorium, Rolleston Ave

Drinks and nibbles from 6.45pm – concert begins at 7.30pm  
Adults \$30, Students \$20, four or more tickets \$25 each  
Tickets available at the St Barnabas Office, 8 Tui St, Medbury School, Ballantynes in the Re:START Mall or book online at [www.stbarnabas.org.nz](http://www.stbarnabas.org.nz)

All supporters of St Barnabas are warmly invited to this major fundraising event for 2014. With dancers, soloists, choirs, a band, ensembles, and an auction at the intermission, it will be a wonderful night! So come along with a group of family and friends. All proceeds will go to the buildings Trust.

*'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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## Anzac Service

## Men's Dinner

## 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. Becky George 357 1363

**Fridayzone:** Christian after-school club for Primary School children. Fridays 3.30 – 5.30pm.  
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Contact Lynda Davies on 351 7064

**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.

## ALPHA LIFE:

### *A place where questions are welcomed*

There's already a buzz and excitement about the Alpha LIFE Course coming up in July. Both my wife Kim and I went on a course just like this around twelve years ago with our big questions about faith, purpose and meaning. Thankfully we didn't get any pat answers but really got our teeth into these key questions with a fun bunch of people. I loved the way that no questions were too difficult. Since then we have facilitated a number of courses, seen many lives transformed and made great friends in the process! We can't wait to kick off with an amazing introductory banquet on Wednesday 23 July!



So what is an 'Alpha LIFE Course'? It's just the ticket for anyone asking the big curly questions of life and anyone new (or not so new to St B's) even those wanting to refresh their faith. It's about the meaning we give our lives. Is there an ultimate meaning to life? And if there is, can we know it and experience it? That sort of thing. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. We don't assume any background knowledge of or belief in Christianity and everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family and work mates to get a taste of who we are as a church, present the basics of Christianity and introduce someone to Jesus — this is a life-changing course. So start thinking about who you might bring and pop the question! After all, asking someone to church doesn't need to be awkward!

What's the format? This course is a relaxed and low-key way for you and your friends to ask the tricky questions and also to consider some of ours over a yummy dinner followed by a brief presentation on one aspect of the theme of meaning. This is followed by coffee and discussion groups. People rave about the food, the music, the inspiring stories, the great hosts and enjoy having time to chat in a relaxed setting. The course runs for between 7 and 10 weeks with around 50 people attending. You don't have to come for the whole term — just pop along for the banquet and see what you think. No pressure. If you decide it's not your thing, that's all good — no obligations. Why not join us and come along for the ride!

Rev. Sam Knight

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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 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 Income:** Vestry received a positive report from the Finance Team on the parish finances for the year to the end of April. Income from automatic payments is 8.2% above budget although cash and periodical giving is down. Expenses are being contained well, running at 6.5% below budget. Operating profit stands at \$4,612 compared to a budgeted loss of \$5,907. This is very pleasing and Vestry is grateful to all parishioners who offer financial support to the ministry and mission of the parish.

**Secretary for 15 Tui St Body Corp:** Vestry was made aware that the current secretary of the Body Corp has resigned and there is the need to appoint another person. This is especially important given the need to progress repairs to this property and without a Secretary this will not happen. Rev Mark was invited to invite a suitable person to undertake this role.

**Gala Variety Concert:** The Vicar gave a progress report on this major fundraising event. It will be held at Christ's College

auditorium. About 14 performers and groups have agreed to participate and there will be an auction at the intermission. Medbury have been very generous in supporting the parish with advice, graphic design support and the involvement of Pip McCabe from the PTA and Chrissie Badger from the music department.

**Outreach Fund:** Vestry continues to research agencies or ministries that we might support using the Parish Outreach Fund. The Curtain Bank is being supported by having a drop-off bin located in the Admin Block foyer for those who want to donate their unused curtains. The Vicar and Wardens are also investigating the Te Mapua Trust and Fresh Perspectives which are agencies supporting young people and parents respectively. Vestry received a report from the Christians Against Poverty organization who offer support to those in debt with budget advice and help train those who are unemployed so they can find jobs.

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We would love to feature your stories, thoughts, and community-focused initiatives. If you want to contribute to the Mooring Post, contact Rev. Mark for more information [mark@stbarnabas.org.nz](mailto:mark@stbarnabas.org.nz)

July articles due by  
**Friday 11 June**

## THE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT *puts the fun into fundraising!*

It's great to see a group working together for a common purpose. That's what it was like at Crockford's Bridge Club on Riccarton Rd recently when the second St Barnabas Bridge Tournament fundraiser took place. It was organised by a group of St Barnabas women - Toni Hill, Sally Keddell, Julie Zorhab, Robin Gopperth and a number of others who all worked hard to put on a very successful day.

Interest was high with a number of extra people turning up on the day to take players to over 100. Players came from as far afield as Geraldine and Ohoka.

I arrived just before lunch time to give information about our fundraising and St Barnabas and to say grace. A light lunch was then served to competitors. There was a great mood as people enjoyed the wine, food and refreshments. I managed to meet many people who had been at last year's tournament but there were quite a number of

new players as well.

The Tournament raised over \$2,000 for the buildings fund and perfectly fulfilled the Fundraising Team's goal - to have fun and fellowship while raising funds for parish buildings. Special thanks to Craig Shannahan, the Tournament Director.

The next big fundraising event is the Christchurch Marathon. About 20 parishioners will run or walk the race. About \$4,000 - \$5,000 is expected to be raised through sponsorship. The year's major fundraising event, the Gala Variety Concert, will be held on 28 June in the Christ's College auditorium.

*Rev. Mark Chamberlain*



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## CRISIS AND IDENTITY *Rediscovering Church*

At the beginning of this year Jessie and I had the enormous privilege of spending three months living and studying in the UK. We stayed in a little village outside Oxford called Cuddesdon, at a college called Ripon College. I studied there, at Oxford University and CMS. My focus was on how churches can respond to the changes in culture and society.

A big part of my study was about what we should do when faced with earth shattering events. This was poignant because in Christchurch we have no shortage of those at the moment! The diocese is being remapped, parishes disappearing here, others merged there, and new parishes emerging everywhere!

However, if we are honest with ourselves, we might find that we did not need an earthquake for these changes to occur in our diocese. As money gets tight and congregations get smaller, many dioceses are

considering a "remapping". This leaves us with the realization that the church will be very different in the future. So the question is, what does Christ want the future to look like? This is the unsettling challenge our beloved church faces and our choices will contribute to our future.

In the UK I learnt that when we are faced with a challenge like this one, we are given a choice. We can either choose to ignore the challenge and continue as if everything is fine. This choice means we retrench further into patterns of behaviour that may have created the crisis in the first place.

However there is another choice. This is the choice to rediscover our identity in Christ. This is a choice to go back to Scripture and our stories, and find out what it really means for us to be followers of Christ, and what it really means for us to be the Church.



This choice brings new life and new opportunities. However, this choice is scary because it means having to give up what we used to have - there is huge loss and grief involved. But Christ makes a trustworthy promise to us, "Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

*Jethro Day*

## What's Coming Up?

### Young Adults' Camp

The parish's young adults are going on retreat to Hanmer for the weekend. Guest speakers are Matt and Belinda Stott. Contact Sam Knight (the Curate) for details and to register.

FRIDAY **6**  
JUNE

### Rainbow Promises

All children and families are welcome to this afternoon of family craft, food, faith and fun in the St Barnabas Hall.  
\$5 per family - includes dinner.  
Register now with Angela Brown [brown\\_holmwood@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brown_holmwood@xtra.co.nz)

SATURDAY **7**  
JUNE

### Lifestreams' Anniversary

The Lifestreams congregation celebrates its 10th Anniversary on this day - Pentecost Sunday. We will give thanks to God for the blessings of the past and look for inspiration for the future.

SUNDAY **8**  
JUNE

### Patronal Party

Everyone is invited to our annual St Barnabas Party! Bring drink and food to share and think about contributing to the entertainment with a poem, song, dance, skit or anything that will bring a smile!

SATURDAY **14**  
JUNE

### Confirmation Sunday

We welcome Bishop Victoria to preach and confirm candidates as they make a public declaration of faith. The service will combine the 9am and 10.30 services and will begin at 10am. Followed by morning tea.

SUNDAY **22**  
JUNE

### Gala Variety Concert

All parishioners are invited to this major fundraising event for the year. Ticket sales from parish office, Medbury, Ballantynes or the St Barnabas website. Bring a group of family and friends.

SATURDAY **28**  
JUNE

## Mission Gladiator for Global Poverty?

Isaac Heap is a young lad with a big vision. He's only nine but wants to help people out of poverty in some of the poorest countries in the world. He was baptized in 2011 and, along with his mum and grandmother, attends Lifestreams. Isaac's concern for other people springs from his faith and his natural sympathy for the downtrodden. He says "It's just inside you. That's just the way it is."

Becoming a vet is another passion Isaac has - while also specialising in exotic stuff! But right now his favourite activity is to be outside with his books re-enacting Roman battles. He says "I like re-enacting what happens."

This young gladiator against poverty first got involved in relief work two years ago when he helped to bore a new well in a village in Africa. This was a project organized by the aid agency *Samaritan's Purse*. "Back then I was into African stuff and people were deprived of water. Clean water

makes a difference. I want to do another one this year."

So where does this motivation to help others and fight poverty come from? "Because I sort of feel for those people who will never have the same opportunities that we have. You just see their need and you want to just go there! It's hard to explain." Isaac said.



When asked about his dreams for the future Isaac replied "I'm not sure. My heart is to be a vet, and also to travel to villages in third world countries and see how people live there. I'm used to here in this city with cars and lots of stuff. I feel really sad when I see people in poverty. I just sort of can't stand it. People can't seem to change it and their kids are stuck in the same cycle."

Isaac also has some great ideas about how to get the message about fighting poverty out to others. He thinks it's simple. "Well if you can just make them look through your eyes. If they have a heart you can make them feel." He's a young man with bags of empathy - what a great starting point!

St Barnabas has a strong commitment to justice and reaching out to those in need. Isaac lives out this commitment in practical ways. The question is, how can we join him in his fight against poverty?

*Rev. Sam Knight*



## 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 4 June at 10.15am.  
Coffee morning at Joyce Edmundson's home,  
Town House 78, Diana Isaac Village  
All welcome, shared transport  
Leader: Yvonne Cummins 358 2153

### In Betweens' Group

Tuesday 17 June in the hall  
Speakers: Robert and Regina Smedley on  
setting up small business projects in Malawi  
Sales table, all welcome  
Leader: Pam Chapman 322 9409

## You're Invited to our Parish Party



At 4.30pm on Saturday 14 June we are planning a 'Parish Party' where we gather as a parish family, enjoy good food and great entertainment! Bring your own drink and food to share. It will be in the form of a 'Cafe Night' – so pencil the date in and plan to join us!

We're also looking for individuals and groups to offer an item of entertainment so if you read poetry, sing, dance or act please let Patsy Wardell (351 6046) know and you can join the line up!

Let's give thanks for our fantastic parish family – we have much to be grateful for. But don't forget to invite others who may wish to join us – there's always room for one more!

## THE MARSDEN COMMEMORATIONS

*Why all the fuss? Does it really matter that much?*

Yes it does! There are arguably three pivotal points in our development as a nation and as one people of Aotearoa New Zealand. First there is the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840 which formalised the partnership for our future together as Maori and Pakeha, the people already in this land and the incoming tide of European settlers.

The second is the catastrophic event of Gallipoli in 1915 and our wider involvement in The Great War, which we now increasingly look back upon as a significant catalyst in our emergence as an independent nation.

The third is less recognised, unmarked as the others by a public holiday, yet also deserving an honoured niche in our historic memory. That is the arrival in the Bay of Islands in 1814 of Samuel Marsden with the gospel of Jesus Christ, at the invitation and under the protection of northern Maori chief, Ruatara.

Prior to this there had been frequent European contacts with New Zealand in the form of whalers, sealers, explorers and traders. But they came and they went. They pursued their business and moved on. They were here to make money, not to settle permanently alongside the tangata whenua. But Marsden brought with him lay missionaries to establish a permanent Christian presence and witness in Aotearoa. They came to live - and die - here for the sake of the gospel, and were soon followed by further CMS missionaries and families.

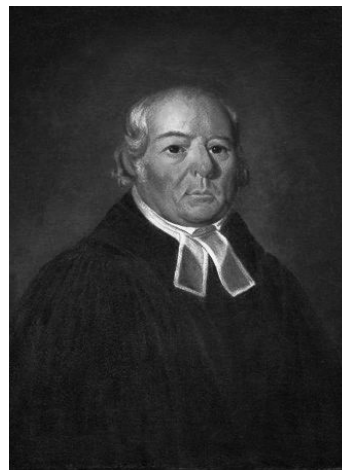
This initiative of Samuel Marsden 200 years ago is highly significant for us as a nation and as a Church.

As a nation, it saw the birth of what would become an increasing commitment by Europeans to make this distant land their new home. 100 years after this slender beginning, and sharpened by costly participation in a ghastly war on the other side of the world, we realised we had become a nation with our own unique identity and destiny. Who we are today, then, had its origins in the Bay of Islands in 1814. And those earliest roots of what would become our nationhood were both unashamedly Christian and, in anticipation of the Treaty to settle this for all time, an intertwining partnership of Maori and Pakeha.



For us as a Church, the initiative of Samuel Marsden and Ruatara is a continuing healthy reminder that the good news of Jesus Christ and the difference Christian faith can make to a land and its peoples does not come about just by chance or osmosis. It is the outcome of deliberate steps taken by people of faith to actively share that gospel with others. Some 200 years on, and now living in a vastly changed world, such initiatives are still required, not least here where it all began.

+ Brian Carrell



## PARISHIONER INTERVIEW

*Avid gardener Alison Ayling shares her journey and her vision for the Church*

**When did your journey with St Barnabas begin?** When we bought our house in 1957 opposite the church. My husband Ron was a solo General Practitioner on call 24/7. The telephone ruled our lives and we were church attendees when possible. However over time we gradually became more involved in parish activities.

### What have been some of the most rewarding activities you've been involved in at St Barnabas?

For many years I've been part of the Sanctuary Guild which has included managing the Altar Flower roster. Naturally this has involved arranging flowers in church and coordinating flowers for weddings and Japanese blessings. I have also been involved in church garden visits and several other rosters over the years. I've also found that weekly or fortnightly contact with

people involved in a worthwhile cause is always very rewarding. And finally it has been a real highlight to host a visiting speaker when I have been asked – this has happened a number of times. Overall I find that belonging to the St Barnabas church community has been most rewarding.

**Where do you see St Barnabas heading in the future?** I hope that St Barnabas continues to provide leadership in our community as we face many challenges with loyalty, enthusiasm and by extending pastoral care. We also need to continue responding to the huge needs and hardships in the community caused by the earthquakes.

It's important that the many excellent youth programmes we offer continue to grow and cater for all ages. And finally we need to

bring families together in a happy, nurturing atmosphere through Lifestreams, Antioch and in other ways.



## Church Repair Inches Closer

On Wednesday 30 April a meeting was called by CPT and the Bishop to convey important information to parishes regarding the progress of repairs to their earthquake damaged buildings. Before Christmas, CPT concluded negotiations with our insurers and a \$122 million global settlement was agreed to. Of that figure, \$33.4 million has been set aside for the repair of damaged Diocesan buildings, including St Barnabas' church, hall and admin buildings.

CPT affirmed that the repair of St Barnabas, Hall and Admin would be covered by the insurance proceeds. However there are a number of costs that the parish will be required to meet. These costs include Enforced Betterment (such as egress and fire protection required by Council), Elective Betterment (improvements the parish chooses to make), Strengthening (in our case our desire to strengthen the church to 67% of the new building standard),

Policy Excess (in our case it is 1% of repair cost) and Interest.

The next step is for members of the Parish EQ response team to meet with CPT representatives to discuss and agree to the exact scope of work for St Barnabas and the timing of the repairs on Church, Hall and Admin buildings. The meeting will take place this month.

We hope that the \$922,000 now accumulated in the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust will ensure that the St Barnabas project can get underway as quickly as possible.

We are also being called by the Bishop to consider ways in which we can support other parishes who have financial challenges and new parishes yet to be established in new sub-divisions.

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