

Harry, Aimee and Josiah Newton



Sage and Jaz Burke



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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. Angela Brown 027 335 0105

Kidzone: Creative Sunday School for children 5 – 13 yrs Sundays 10.30am. Angela Brown 027 335 0105



THE MOORING POST

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

Integrity Of Belief And Action: Have You Got It?

For some weeks now Prime Minister John Key has been preparing to sign New Zealand up to the war against the so called 'Islamic State' by sending soldiers in an advisory and training capacity to Iraq. He argued that doing nothing was not an option and that we need to 'stand up' to those who have taken the lives of kiwis in terrorist events around the world. The basis of his argument is that we need to put our principles into action whatever the cost.

It's certainly true that the Islamic jihadists of IS are putting their beliefs into action. Jihad itself means 'to strive' or 'to struggle' and it can include the struggle against evil thoughts, the struggle to improve the community's quality of life and the struggle in war. In short jihad is the struggle against anything that stands in the way of Islam. The principle of jihad also includes the promise that those who die waging jihad will go directly to heaven. This is a potent mix of beliefs.

But it makes me wonder about

the ways in which our Christian faith is believed and lived out. Do we in fact act on our Christian beliefs? Do these beliefs make a practical difference to our lives? Or does our behavior betray other priorities that are inconsistent with Christian faith?

So what kinds of things should we expect from a life of faith in Christ? First of all, one would expect to see, over time, a gradual transformation of a person's character so that they exhibit the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Secondly I would expect to see a growing concern for social justice. If the love of God means anything, it means that God is not well pleased when people suffer, are denied basic rights, go hungry, thirsty, are abused or are deprived of opportunities of education and personal growth. Those who follow Christ will share that concern and want to do something practical about it.

Finally, I would expect to see those growing in faith to talk about it! That's right – to open their mouths and tell others what they have experienced of God; that there is a loving God, that God has done all things necessary to restore us to himself and that there is tremendous reason for hope and purpose in life. One word for the process of opening one's mouth is 'evangelism.' Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said recently 'Witness and evangelism are expressions of the overflow of the love and joy of the grace of God into our lives and the life of His whole Church and His Whole World.'

Behaviour inexorably flows from beliefs and we see this constantly being played out on the world stage. But what about our personal stage? Today many Christians suffer because they believe in Jesus - what cost are we prepared to pay for the integrity of our beliefs and actions?

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

Eggstremely Exciting Easter!

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'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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Seeing An Intimate Picture of Life

Recently retired Coroner Richard McElrea writes about his career.

I have recently finished my work as a Coroner, based in Christchurch. For the first 14 years I combined the work with private legal practice. Since 2007 it has been full time and has covered (on a shared basis) Canterbury, the West Coast, Otago and Southland

In 2009 on a private trip to England I attended an Evensong service in Westminster Abbey. The Dean's sermon put the Coroners' work in a Christian context. Doing justice to the deceased person, to family members and in a wider societal context put a special responsibility on Coroners. Principles of justice and fairness are of course at the foundation of our legal system. The Christian faith reinforces and helps in trying to achieve these outcomes.

In investigating death, Coroners see an intimate picture of life. Coroners are privy to medical, mental health and personal information of all kinds. The death may have occurred in hospital, in the community, in prison, in the workplace, on the roads, in the mountains, in the water.

It is the Coroner's job to record the factual information relevant to causes and circumstances of the death and to make recommendations as to prevention of death in like circumstances. This is one of the last legal processes of that person's life.

Working at the interface between life and death is a special privilege which can go to the heart of the human condition. Family members are often searching for answers. When those answers are provided, to the extent possible, the response and relief can be profound.

I was born and educated in Dunedin, that graceful city of the South. In my younger years, on most extended holiday breaks, my parents took us up dusty roads to Central Otago. St Peters' Anglican Church, Queenstown in the 1950's with the Reverend VA Bianchi was a special place. We also attended St John's Church, Roslyn in Dunedin then under the leadership of Canon WLS Harbour. The Anglican liturgy left a strong impression.

Most of my working life has been in the adopted province of Canterbury. I began attending St Barnabas after moving from Cashmere in 2006. Our three London-based grandchildren have been baptized at St Barnabas, the youngest on Christmas Day 2014, a joyful occasion. We are blessed with three adult sons, their charming wives, and their wonderful children.

I am grateful to Mark, Philip, and the team at St Barnabas for their ministry and leadership.



Richard McElrea

Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas

Contact Harry Newton on 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.

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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

8.30am Tuesday to Friday - Morning Prayer
Wednesday 8.45am: 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 Database: The new parish Curate Harry Newton will spearhead the establishment of the new parish database and seek to develop its potential. He will learn how to use it first and pass on his knowledge to other staff members and ministry leaders.

Fresh Perspective: Sage Burke, the parish's new Seminarian Intern, is to help the Vicar establish and coordinate the new community ministry known as 'Fresh Perspective'. Parishioners who feel they can help are being invited to become mentors to support parents of families under stress. Training will be held on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 March.

Community Fun Day: Vestry were informed that the organization for the Community Fun Day was not as advanced as it was in previous years but with the experience gained in the past it would 'come together on the day'. Community funding of \$1,500 has been received from the Red Cross which means we can move forward with confidence that the Fun Day will be a substantially free event for the whole community with only some food and drink stalls charging.

Finance Report: The Treasurer informed Vestry that the parish had a good December with income \$12,000 over budget at \$49,000. The Treasurer is seeking to clarify the details with respect to some of the parish's insurance claims. The accounts will be passed to the Financial Reviewer soon and then published in the AGM booklet. The AGM is set down for Wednesday 11 March.

Church Building Update: Vestry received a report from CPT on the church repair process. The invasive investigation work revealed that the concrete layer between the basalt stone exterior and the Oamaru stone interior was found to be quite irregular with large voids in places and filled with limestone offcuts in others. The tower however was found to have a much more regular and robust layer. Initial reports from engineering designers Aurecon indicate that the impact of the poor condition of the core may not be as serious as first thought.

REGISTER

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God the following who have been baptised

February
15 Arizona Rae Wallace



Contribute to the Mooring Post:

Have you got a story that you want to share with the parish community? Get in touch with our Vicar, Mark, and let him know!

April articles are due by
Friday 14 March

Introducing Sage and Jaz Burke

It's good to be joining you as your new Seminarian Intern. If you haven't heard of a Seminarian Intern before, don't worry, neither has anyone else! I feel a bit like a trail blazer in this new role, but then, we should probably all be trail blazers. I have a background in biology and also security and event management. After a period of saying no, I said yes to God's call to ordained ministry. This meant that my wife Jaz and I spent the last two years training at St. John's College in Auckland. God has now led us to St. Barnabas where I will be involved in pastoral care, preaching, leading worship and the new and exciting Fresh Perspective ministry - as well as finishing off a theology degree through Otago University! My passion in theology is the study of liturgy which has led me to being part of both

the Common Life Liturgical Commission and the Tikanga Pakeha Liturgical Working Group, and to writing a book about liturgy. I am also particularly interested in how we communicate theology. In my spare time I'm interested in outdoor pursuits, brewing beer, and riding my motorbike. Jaz and I don't have any children yet but we do have a dog who is often treated as a child! It's good to be back in our home town and we look forward to finding out how the journey will unfold this year at St. Barnabas, as we all work for God's Kingdom together.

Sage Burke



Cameo Come and Meet Each Other

The St Barnabas seniors ministry CAMEO is off to a great start for 2015 and invite anyone who enjoys fellowship, interesting topics and speakers and afternoon tea to come and join in! Everyone is warmly welcome. Transport available. Find below a list of the themes for the first term.

- March 5 St David with a movie
- March 12 Quiz with Eleanor Horne
- March 19 Irish/St Patrick's Day
- March 26 Cup Cakes

Thursday Communion – Midweek Oasis

A distinctive feature of St Barnabas is the large number of congregations and groups that meet throughout the week as part of parish life. Last Thursday morning new Curate Rev Harry Newton was introduced to the Thursday congregation and was welcomed warmly. The welcome illustrated the benefit of our strong community life at St Barnabas and the hospitality offered to all who come. After the service several people were interviewed by the Vicar and one of the recurring themes was the supportive community spirit that existed among people. Derek Cockburn said 'I've made some wonderful friends here at the Thursday service. Some were ex-clients from my earlier days as a jeweller but I've enjoyed mixing with everyone here at 10am each Thursday.' Others emphasised the dignified liturgy. Eleanor Horne said 'I come on a Thursday morning largely because it's the Book of Common Prayer service except for the first

Thursday of the month...and it's a nice little oasis in the middle of the week. It's a small group of elderly people like myself and we enjoy lovely fellowship.' Robin Willis agreed when she said 'I love coming on a Thursday morning because everyone is so warm and friendly and it's always a very sincere, deep thinking service.' The morning tea following the service is always a feature and the majority of the people stay on for that. It enables people to catch up on news, listen and

be supportive of each other. Robyn Gopperth commented that 'I just love it the way all the elderly ladies still come and they're loyal and they've been coming for years. They're just so faithful and we can learn so much from them. Half of them are in their 90s – I just think they're amazing.' If you can't come to church on Sundays, consider coming on Thursdays morning at 10am in the hall. You'll be warmly welcomed!



What's Coming Up?

Fresh Perspective Training

Those wishing to be mentors in the Fresh Perspective program are required to attend the training on Friday 6 March from 7pm – 9pm in the Dorothy Cooper Room and on Saturday 7 March from 9am – 4pm in the Hall.

FRIDAY 6 MARCH

Quiz Night

Note the change of date! Begin forming teams of 4 now or just come along and join a team on the night. Adults \$10, students \$5. 7.30pm in the hall.

SATURDAY 7 MARCH

Parish of Fendalton AGM

Please come and celebrate what God has done among us in the last 12 months and our plans for the future. 7pm, in the parish hall. AGM documents will be available from the office or website.

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

Lent Afternoon Retreat

All welcome to this afternoon retreat from 1 – 5pm at Alison Ayling's home at 142 Fendalton Rd. A good way to take time out to nurture your spiritual life, be formed in Christ and make Lent especially meaningful. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

SATURDAY 21 MARCH

Men's Breakfast

This will take place in the St Barnabas Church Hall from 8am. A great occasion to invite a neighbour or friend. Fellowship, friendship, great breakfast and guest speaker Harry Newton. Cost \$5

SATURDAY 21 MARCH

'Living the Life'

Come and hear an inspiring talk about how God changes our lives and gives us a purpose and hope. A guest will speak of their experience of the Christian life at home and at work.

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

On Not Beating Ourselves Up

We are all uncomfortably aware of the declining importance of the church in society. The latest census figures tell us that over 50% of the population have no religious affiliations. Before we beat ourselves up over the church's losses, we need to note four reasons outside the church's control that have contributed to this. Science: We no longer think God is in control of rain or thunder or even earthquakes. In earlier times God was both the direct agent of what happened and the source of all meaning in a confusing world and universe. We no longer look to God to explain how the world works. That aspect of religion has been removed. Society: In earlier times God was also seen as the ultimate source of authority in society. The monarch was answerable to God. To challenge your king or queen was certainly treason and virtually an attack on God as the source of the ruler's authority. Social and political authority now rests with city councils, MPs and the like. It is not a religious matter. Your religious

interests are private and personal. Wealth: The decline in public religion seems to go hand in hand with western affluence. Countries where life is harsher continue to take God more seriously. They are much closer to "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune". We have protected ourselves from much of that by our wealth. We are less inclined to feel the need of the comfort of a faith that says there is still something to be trusted in a dark world. Me Society: The shape of society has changed dramatically. Until 50 years ago, 'to meet' almost always meant to see someone face to face. The church was about meeting in that way - as reconciled people united in Christ. The young meet like that from time to time, but much x'more commonly by text, Facebook and Twitter. It is not even clear that the Church makes any sense in cyberspace. These four things have helped erode the church's place in society. What should we do? Shout louder? No. Learn to be church. Show

what happens when a community of love springs up and meets and acts out of a strong trust in the love of God in Christ. That is what reconciles, heals and encourages in a world that still remains confusing and at times very dark. Revd Dr Ken Booth





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 March at 2pm in the Tui Room

Speaker: Rev Alexa Evenden, Chaplain at Christchurch Hospital

Sales Table

Leader: Adrienne Robinson

In Betweens Group

Tuesday 17 March at 7.30pm in the Hall

Speaker: Michelle Sharp

All most welcome

Leader: Pam Chapman 322 9409

Parishioner Profile: Joe Alexander

In the parishioner profile this month Joe Alexander shares his recent experience with unexpected surgery.

Back in September last year following treatment for a pinched nerve in my back then an X Ray of my hip it was confirmed by a CT Scan that my hip implant had fractured.

Our surgeon advised me that the only solution was to remove the implant from the femur and replace it. As he said at the time this just does not happen and he would discuss with his contemporaries the best method to remove the implant which had been in my femur for 4 years.

The operation was going to take several hours and windows would be cut into the femur as the implant would have to be removed in several pieces. A special long implant would be required as well as special circular cutters to cut the bone away from the implant.



The cutters reduced in diameter to suit the tapered implant and to retain as much bone as possible to support the new implant.

This was the information Shirley and I were given on October 6 and the operation was finally booked in for December 10 at Burwood Hospital.

As the implant had fractured the surgeon advised I immediately use crutches as there was the possibility of the implant separating and that would be disastrous. My surgeon had several conferences overseas prior to December so it was imperative that nothing happened before his return and on December 10.

It was an anxious time for us during this period and as we gradually got closer to Dec 10 we were both surprised at how calm we approached the operation and the unknown result.

We were humbled by the concern shown by many at St Barnabas and the prayers said on my behalf that we are sure were the reason for our ability not to get over anxious about the operation and what may be the situation afterwards. The visits from both Mark and Philip were very much appreciated and their positive approach certainly helped us to keep things in perspective.

The operation took over 5 hours and I spent 6 days in hospital while my hip etc settled and being treated for nausea which was most unpleasant. Fortunately a doctor friend visited me and suggested Soda water which settled my tummy and enabled me to go home the next day.

The operation has been very successful and my next visit to see the surgeon is on March 5 when hopefully he will give me a full clearance and no further need for crutches.

Shirley and I wish to thank the clergy and parishioners of St Barnabas for the prayers and messages sent on our behalf and for the strength they gave us.

Joe Alexander

Ready for God's Exciting Journey?

It's surprising how much happens in thirteen and a half years! That's how long ago it is since we arrived at Fendalton to commence a very happy eight and a half years with you. Stephanie and I, of course, don't look a day older - if you disregard my grey beard and all the aches and pains! It was a big journey then and it is a big journey back to the UK. During our time in Christchurch our four children have grown up, married and are now living in four different continents. We have both had wonderful jobs and made marvelous friends. Oh, and there's the small matter of fourteen thousand earthquakes... never a dull moment in Christchurch!

Very sadly, Stephanie's Mum, Kathleen, after returning to the UK in October, has died. But she had a very happy time here and fitted into a loving community. Thank you for making her - and all of us - so welcome.

I wonder if we would start the journey if we knew where it would end? "Follow me" Jesus said to his

disciples. And they did. We don't know the details of their stories but tradition tells us that Peter was crucified outside Rome, Thomas ended his days in India, while John was an old man in Ephesus. Jesus confronted Paul on the Damascus Road and invited him to follow. He did and we know that he endured beatings and imprisonments as a result.

Jesus says the same to us today, "Follow me." So where will it take you? Dare you trust your future to God? Are you brave enough to believe

the promise of Jesus that he came to bring life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

I'm not a very brave person - just an ordinary Yorkshireman. But I do believe that God only wants the very best for us. And so, we're off again... this time to Liverpool. Everyone goes on their unique God-blessed journeys. It is adventurous, exciting, fulfilling, and sometimes scary and stressful - but Christians are never short of companions and friends and it is the best journey of all.



Stay connected!

Keep up to date with the latest happenings and life around the parish and community.

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The Importance of Really Thinking

On a hot day it's so nice to sit under a large tree, dangling your bare feet in a gently flowing creek. Sometimes it's even better to dive right in! It's a hot-day picture I get when reading Psalm 1.

"Those who meditate on God's law day and night", the Psalmist says, "are like trees planted by streams of water. These trees yield fruit in season, their leaves do not wither and they prosper." Meditating on the truth of God's Word is the water feeding these tree roots.

If the voice speaking this truth, which is the mind of God found in the Bible, is not at the forefront of our thinking, then our minds are in danger of being overtaken by other values and priorities.

And it's serious! The Psalmist speaks of what goes on in our minds as being a life and death issue. The book of Proverbs speaks of wisdom - the urgent matter of acquiring wisdom and deciphering between good and evil. Another way of saying this is to discern between

what's profitable and what's not.

Of course our culture has a very different focus! So few people even talk about wisdom. Academic cleverness perhaps, but not true wisdom.

Proverbs 13:40 says that "A tranquil mind gives life to the flesh." Open any paper or magazine and it's mostly about what gives tone and health to the body, not what makes for a top-rate mind.

In Romans chapter 12 Paul urges us to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." This doesn't happen magically. We need to steep ourselves in God's wisdom through the scriptures and actively engage with our culture - then we can properly understand what's really going on.

For this we need to dedicate space and time. Why? Because gleaning wisdom is hard work but the rewards are heavenly and precious. Guard it fiercely!

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