



THE MOORING POST

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

Gain and Loss Jostling

In the week before the reopening of St Barnabas, a series of fires broke out on the Port Hills. Before long they had gathered strength because of the tinder dry conditions, ample fuel and shifting winds. The fires soon joined up and became a single front that rampaged and destroyed 2,075 hectares of forestry and farms. 11 homes were burnt to the ground.

Pip and I were frequent visitors to the Port Hills - running, walking, picnicking or simply viewing and taking pride in our beautiful city. As the fire raged at night, when little could be done to check its fury, I experienced a deep sense of apprehension about the possible extent of the devastation.

At the time I was planning for the reopening of St Barnabas and so experienced an unusual mixture of foreboding and anticipation. A deep sense of gain and loss jostled together in my mind.

Give further thought and prayer for the family and friends of Steve Askin who died serving his community as he fought the blaze alongside so many other pilots and fire fighters. Steve was a much loved father, son, husband and friend and had been a decorated member of the Special Air Service.

It is less well known that Steve grew up in Ruatoria, the son of High School teacher Paul Askin, who was also the local pastor at the Ruatoria Gospel Hall. Steve was raised in a

loving Christian home where he was taught to love and serve God and to love his neighbour by serving the community. These values were deeply embedded in his life and even now are bearing up his family in their time of grief.

As we have just celebrated the reopening of St Barnabas, I have been reminded anew of the role of the Church in society. So many people have spoken to me about the importance of St Barnabas in their lives. It's been a place where families have come for worship, fellowship and fun, children and youth have found a place, and where the Christian way of life is articulated.

St Barnabas has been a place where people have come to mark their principal rites of passage - baptisms, weddings and funerals. Community occasions such as ANZAC services, memorial services and concerts have also taken place within the cream stone walls and gently curving beams of St Barnabas.

The reopening of St Barnabas has involved four principal events. The first was a history lecture by Frieda Looser helping us to become more aware of our roots and Christian heritage in Fendalton. The second was a formal dinner where the sense of both fellowship and achievement was palpable. It was a fitting occasion to thank all those who had contributed in

ways both small and great.

The third was the reopening service itself with the church beautifully decorated and packed with expectant worshipers. The glad participation of such a wide range of people was most impressive. And finally there was a variety concert - a free concert for the whole community - to say thank you for their support.

Now, as we look to the future, the role of the church in society is clear in my mind. It has the profound responsibility of carrying the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and seeking ways to pass this message on to new generations - to love God with all of our being and our neighbour as ourselves. It seeks to embody and live this message by building up the fellowship of those who follow Jesus Christ and reaching out to the community with compassion and service.

So at this time of the sixth anniversary of the 2011 earthquakes that killed so many, and the Port Hills fires that destroyed so much, let us give thanks for our parish which has sought to offer stability, continuity and service to our community. The Christian faith in general and St Barnabas in particular is able to help us cope with these tragedies and equip us spiritually and emotionally to live with renewed confidence and hope.

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

Note New Service Times

CHURCH: Sunday; 8am Quiet Communion, 9.30am Sung Eucharist, 5pm Evensong/Night Prayer/Eucharist with Choir. Thursday; 10am Communion.

HALL: Sunday; 9.30am Lifestreams – children's and youth programme and 7pm Antioch for young adults, everyone welcome.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 19 March

Bring fruit, vegetables, non-perishables and other food gifts to all services today. We give thanks to God for the bounty of the earth and for God's gracious provision.

All food donated to the City Mission.

'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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A Call to be 'Bearers of Hope'

Our guest speaker at our celebration dinner, Archbishop Philip Richardson, challenged us to become 'hope bearers' in our community now that our church building has been restored. He said...

"Above all ...I want to encourage you further in the call that is on you, and on us all, to be bearers of hope; the hope that we have in us because of what God has done and continues to do through Christ Jesus. This, as we say in our liturgy, is a living hope, it is God's continual and unceasing working to transform and to renew. And that we are called to give witness and testimony to it, in word and in deed.

We need to have confidence in this hope, confidence in the truth of the Gospel, confidence in the faithfulness of God, confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit. Such hope is desperately needed. It is needed by individuals. It is needed in our communities and it is needed across our nation and our international life."

Archbishop Philip reflected on three examples of situations where this hope could have made, and will make, a difference. The first was where hope facilitated by his community could have prevented a young man from taking his own life; the second where hope is needed in our community to heal the hatred, ridicule and fear among people of different religious and cultural backgrounds; and the third was the need for hope expressed by the late Archbishop Brown Turei as the way forward for Maori and Pakeha to live peacefully according to the Treaty of Waitangi as one nation under "the spiritual covenant based on mutual trust and a determination and commitment to seek each other's good".



Archbishop Philip ended with these words to encourage us to be hope bearers; "It begins and ends in prayer, it is formed through intentional discipleship – walking more closely in the footsteps of Jesus - and it manifests itself in and through sacrificial service."

May your beautiful building, which we rightly celebrate tonight, be a powerhouse of transforming love, a beacon of hope that sends out, day by day, bearers of hope."

Suzie Walker

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.

Organ In Fine Voice

Tradespeople from the South Island Organ Company known as 'Voicers' have been working to reinstall the St Barnabas Organ for about 3 weeks before the official opening of the church. It is a 'mid-size' organ made by Hill, Norman and Beard. This company also made the St Mary's Merivale organ and the Cathedral organ.

The St Barnabas organ has over 1,400 pipes of all shapes and sizes. They are made of a variety of materials including zinc, wood, pipe metal which is an amalgam of tin and lead. There are two keyboards and about 20 stops that produce a wide range of sounds.

The choir formed for the reopening of St Barnabas was 41 voices strong. There was also an 18 strong Medbury Choir and a 30 strong Tongan choir who sang at various times during the service.



New Bishop for South Island Maori

A new Anglican bishop for Maori in the South Island signals a new era for the Church in Te Waipounamu. The Ordination of Richard Wallace in late January, spoke promisingly of a revitalised future for Tikanga Maori in this part of Aotearoa under his leadership.

Brilliant weather, the compact yet impressive seaside site at Onuku (adjacent to Akaroa) with two large cruise ships moored offshore, provided the setting for the Saturday ordination.

This combined the formalities of marae protocol with Anglican liturgy in a spirit of delightful informality.

The following day however, this time in Christchurch, the rain poured down as Bishop Richard was installed in office at Te Heparā Pai in Ferry Rd.

Bishop Richard spoke here of his vision of enabling all hapu and iwi throughout his widely stretched region to take their part in the mission of Christ. His actions on these two occasions gave proof to his words. In various ways he reached out openly to representatives of his far-flung See to acknowledge their value and seek their partnership with him in proclaiming the gospel.

Bishop Brian Carrell



Re-energised Summer Camp Triumph

In late 2016 a group of young people came to me with a plan. They wanted to re-establish the annual youth group summer camp. They were so keen that in the end I suggested that they take the lead in organising it. The next thing I knew Jack, Evie, Elizabeth and Tom had booked a camp site and drafted Greg Brown as cook. And so it was that on 27 January 2017 30 people piled into vans and cars for the beginning of SBYG Summer Camp '17!

The theme which the leadership team chose for camp was 'Faith and Doubt' which meant the talks and workshops were apologetic in nature. As a result Rev Mark came and spoke on the opening evening about arguments in favour of the existence of God. A number of people said they found his talk really interesting and challenging. In fact one young person even went as far as saying they could no longer call themselves an atheist!

Mark wasn't the only visitor - Ray Stagg also popped by to lead a workshop on doubt which people are still raving about now. But camp wasn't all talk; in fact there was a lot of physical activity on offer! A visit to the local river was a hit as was the water slide, impromptu soccer match, playground, human foos-ball, spotlight, board games, pranks, and Xbox. We were even lucky enough to enjoy a hangi together thanks to the Kingsley Whanau!

All in all camp was a great time filled with laughter, great food, challenging talks, and the creation of many memories. A big 'thank you!' to the young people who helped organise camp, those who helped out in a myriad of ways, and to the kind volunteers at St John's ambulance who popped in to check on a rolled ankle.

Rev Harry Newton





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 1 March at 2pm in the Tui Room.

Speaker is Aimee Newton speaking on "Insights". All welcome to the World Day of Prayer Service at St Barnabas on Friday 3 February at 7pm.

Leader: Madeleine Price – 354 4299

In Betweens

Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm in the hall.

This month's guest speaker is Olive Lawson who will be speaking on her experience in Prison Ministry.

Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie – 351 5179

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Talks From Opening Day 'What St Barnabas Means To Me'

Marjorie Smart: I've belonged to numerous parishes, and memories that remain foremost are not necessarily of buildings, however lovely, but of their tranquil atmosphere – a real aid to awareness of faith and God's presence, and the people - church family communities, providing the sense of belonging - feelings which I have indeed experienced in this Memorial parish church, now beautifully restored.

Other deeply appreciated experiences are the range of ministry skills and support offered by ordained men and women, and other staff; varieties of worship, and good music; also in recent years honouring our bicultural Anglican history in Aotearoa New Zealand through use of te reo, and our tukutuku panels. And the importance of our parish work as God's people in reaching and serving the wider community. Kia ora koutou katoa.

Braden Ramsell: The Parish of St Barnabas is a family to me. This is my ninth year drumming in the Lifestreams band at the contemporary service and my tenth year as a member of the parish, so I'm basically part of the furniture now! For me, my faith in Jesus Christ is all about service to others and supporting an inclusive community and using my strengths to support and enhance the strengths of my parish family.

Being a St Barnabas parishioner has given me the opportunity to do this. Having our church back and re-conditioned is incredible, not just because of the exciting new tech but because Fendalton's community heart is beating once again. It's a place for community, special occasions, reflection, healing and peace. Our worship space is complete.



Moka Ritchie: I moved from New Brighton to Bryndwr in 1980 and I looked for an Anglican church in which to worship and share, in communion, the body and blood of Christ. I decided on St Barnabas because it was the closest and I have found that was a good choice as many years later with friends and families we continue to share in the life of this parish.

We are blessed with a community of people who have talents and resources which they offer the church in many ways. We are blessed that in this church we have a beautiful and safe place in which to worship, which is more than most of God's children will ever have on this earth.

The purpose of this church building is to provide a gathering space for the worship of God and then for us to go out of these doors to see, hear and serve those most in need. To go out, spread the Gospel and share God's love and resources to make disciples.

So let us be thankful for the work that has been done raising funds to repair this church. Let us take time to appreciate this church built 90 years ago and now repaired by working hands for the future. But we won't get too comfortable for we have God's work to do outside these walls.

Steve Wakefield: I have been part of the St Barnabas Parish family for over 40 years – since I was a teenager and attending Boys' High. I was a server at the time Rev. Bob Lowe was our Vicar. We heard his booming voice in the pulpit every Sunday.

St Barnabas has been part of my family at critical times – such as my mother's funeral and the many services we attended here, from confirmations to when we were all on TV for the "Praise Be" singing service, to Christingle Services with hundreds of children at Christmas times.

And so after the earthquake damage I felt a strong calling to help the Parish raise the money to repair the Church, by setting up the Trust, and to make sure that we made it better, stronger, and more resilient for the future, and I'm so pleased and proud that's what we've achieved.

Innes Johnstone's Mission Trip to East Africa

Recently, Innes Johnstone, a regular at Antioch, packed his bags and took off on what promises to be a life changing trip to East Africa. I caught up with him to find out a bit more about his plans.

So Innes, where exactly are you off to? I'm going to a place called Gulu in Northern Uganda for six weeks. While I'm there I'll be visiting Nick and Tessa Laing who are NZCMS Mission Partners from Christchurch who are working there at the moment. I'm really looking forward to seeing how they live and learning more about what they actually do.

So you're travelling by yourself to Dubai! Have you travelled by yourself before? Are you nervous? No I haven't but I'm not nervous. I'm actually really looking forward to it. East Africa sounds really interesting. I've bought a treated mosquito net which is really cool. It has a base built into it that you can

sleep on. I'm looking forward to trying it out.

What are you most looking forward to seeing? I'm really keen to see some monkeys and to eat some of the giant mangos that Nick and Tessa have near their place. I'm also keen to see where they live and work as mission partners and to learn more about the local church and how they do things compared to here at St Barnabas.

What are you and Lydia going to be doing while you're there? Lydia's a primary school teacher here in Christchurch so she'll be helping out in the local school a bit and using her skills there. Tessa says there are quite a few children who need help with their English so hopefully Lydia can be useful and help out as much as possible. Hopefully I can put my drawing skills to good use helping Nick with designing and setting up his new clinic. I'm taking my drawing kit

with me but I'm pretty much keen to do whatever I can to be helpful really.

Rev. Harry Newton



Jan Griffiths Crafts New Banners

Jan Griffiths has been a quilter all her life. I asked her what had been the best part of this project and she answered "The making of the two banners to celebrate the re-opening of St Barnabas church - 'Following Jesus' and 'Extending God's Love.'"

Jan loved sourcing the fabrics, working out how to put it together, the quiet stitching, hours on end. She found the work at times challenging and at times relaxing. She feels privileged to have this creative gift and ability to use it as a witness to her faith. For her, there is an element of discipline, in God, bringing the task to completion. "Time is irrelevant, you keep on, losing yourself in the work, and the hours slip away."

At a deep level, she hopes that her work is pleasing to God. Each banner, with its written message as well as the design, are part of the message of God's call to us in the world. In working on the gold banner, which has the words, "Extending God's love," she enjoyed the sense of God's love branching out from the centre, in shafts of colour. She felt in tune with God while working on these, and felt at peace. Problems that occurred became moments of new solutions.

The two banners are now on display in St. Barnabas Church.

Rev. Mary Minson





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Explore Life with Alpha

The parish is running an Alpha Course after Easter. Alpha is for anyone who wants to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.

It consists of a series of interactive sessions and includes food, a talk and open discussion.

If you want to know what the Christian faith says about these important questions why not give Alpha a go?

More information to follow or phone the parish office.



Radio Communicator Phil Gyan to Visit

Join us at 'Living the Life' – a special service seeking to explore how people are living the real faith in the real world.

Sunday 30 April, 5pm in Church



Come and hear Phil Gyan, CEO of the Christian Broadcasting Association, speak about producing a wide range of positive, thought provoking Christian programmes for top secular radio networks. Phil has led CBA since 1995 and brings together great Christian communicators to create compelling programmes. Come and be inspired by a younger person seeking to spread the message of Jesus.

First Class Lecture on Fendall Town

The first in a series of four events to celebrate the reopening of the St Barnabas church was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 14 February. Frieda Looser held an audience of over 150 people in the palm of her hand as she talked of the establishment of Fendall Town and the development of an Anglican Church in the area of present day Fendalton.

With the aid of maps and many wonderful visual illustrations, the audience left with a deeper knowledge of St Barnabas and its place in the community. Frieda helped everyone deepen their sense of belonging and their identity as Anglican Christians continuing the good work that God began in 1876.



What's Coming Up?

Ash Wednesday Service

This year we join with members of the Holy Trinity parish at Holy Trinity on Jeffreys Rd for our annual Ash Wednesday Service. Service begins at 7pm. Join us for the Imposition of Ashes at the beginning of Lent.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH

Parish AGM

The 2017 AGM will be in the Hall beginning at 7pm. The agenda will include ministry and financial reports and the election of Vestry members and People's Warden.

WEDNESDAY 8
FEBRUARY

Parish Quiz Night

All are invited to our first fundraising event for the year – a Quiz! Lots of fun for all! Come as a team of four or just come and join a team on the night. 7.30pm in the hall. Adults \$10, students \$5.

SATURDAY
MARCH

Commission New Vestry

New and returning Vestry members will be commissioned at the end of the 9.30am service in the church.

SUNDAY 12
MARCH

Harvest Thanksgiving

Bring your fruit, vegetables and other food gifts to this special service where we thank God for the bounty of the earth. All food will be donated to the City Mission.

SUNDAY 19
MARCH

Vestry Training and Planning

This will take place at Trimble in Birmingham Drive beginning with a shared lunch at 12 noon and running through till 3.30pm.

SUNDAY 26
MARCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

ST BARNABAS CHURCH

- 8.00am Eucharist, followed by breakfast
(Tui Room)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist followed by
morning tea (Tui Room)
- 5.00pm 1st and 3rd Sundays – Evensong,
2nd Sunday – Choral Night
Prayer, 4th Sunday – Eucharist

ST BARNABAS HALL

- 9.30 am Lifestreams Eucharist with
children's and youth programmes
followed by morning tea.
- 7.00pm Antioch in the hall for students
young adults but all welcome

MID-WEEK WORSHIP

- 8.30am Wednesday – Eucharist all welcome
in the Church
- 10.00am Thursdays – Eucharist in Church
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

- **Church Reopening:** Vestry received a progress report from overall coordinator Corinne Haines. Things are going well although there was still a tremendous amount of work yet to be done. Many parishioners are getting involved and helping in a whole range of ways.
- **Ministry Goals Evaluation:** The goals set by the various Ministry Teams in the parish were reviewed. Great progress is being made in developing our mission as a parish. Vestry was heartened to see the teams systematically achieving the goals they have set and thereby contributing to the overall mission of the parish.
- **Messy Church:** Angela Brown gave an excellent report on the children's ministry. Although Sunday numbers are down, Fridayzone has grown and Messy Church continues to attract many families who would not normally attend church on Sundays. Often Messy Church will have 70 or 80 people present.
- **Financial Result for 2016:** The Treasurer reported that 2016 was a challenging year for the parish. In spite of savings in expenditure there was still a deficit of about \$6,000. The parish was fortunate to have received a significant bequest part way through the year which is being held in a term deposit in the mean time.
- **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED):** The Vicar was asked to apply to the St Barnabas Charitable Trust (not the buildings trust!) to fund the shortfall for an AED. The parish received \$1,080 in donations and will therefore ask the trust for the shortfall which is \$1,856.
- **Schedule of Services Approved:** A list of service times that will apply following the reopening of the church building was presented for confirmation. Sunday services in the church will be at 8am, 9.30am, 5pm and Thursday at 10am. Sunday services in the Hall will be at 9.30am for Lifestreams and 7pm for Antioch.

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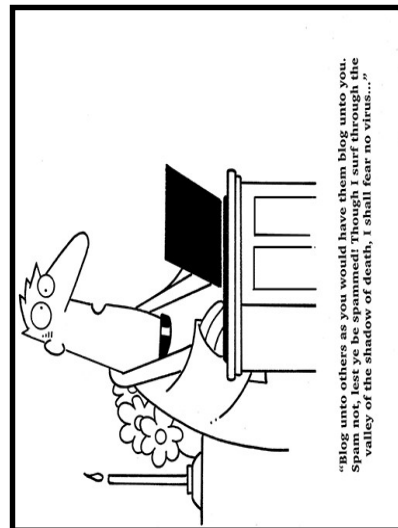
FUNERALS

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

January

27 Oliver John Drennan

30 Brenda Fulton Webb



Contributions to the Mooring Post:

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Friday 10 March



Reopening of St Barnabas

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. Pip Chamberlain 021 085 77640.

Fridayzone: Christian after-school club for Primary School children. With meal. 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.