



# THE MOORING POST

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

## Ground of Hope – Red Zone or Green?

Well into the third year following a period of unrelenting 'quakes and after shocks many Cantabrians are near the end of their resilience. Broken homes, delays, insurance and EQC woes, job losses and relationship breakdowns have forced many to turn to anti-depressants. Pegasus Health figures released recently show our depression rate has climbed from 9.2% to almost 12% last year.

And yet there is hope - but is it on solid or unstable ground - green zone or red? One possibility is to follow the advice of 'joyologist' Pat Armistead who promotes happiness and joy professionally. Believing we can be happier if we reach out to others she says that 'There is nothing more fulfilling than to do something for someone else.' As important as this is, is this the secure ground of hope and happiness we need?

Other options include withdrawal from the real world of pain and frustration – ignoring the

problems that abound. Still others put their hope in technology and human management to bring a better day.

However the Christian faith offers a totally different route to hope and happiness. Our hope is grounded on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ who was assailed by all the evil the world could throw at him, died under its weight but rose again on the third day. He convincingly demonstrated to his followers that he was alive. This was against all expectations – some of his followers refused to believe, others were terrified but mostly they were completely confused about the new mode of life Jesus had attained.

It turns out that the resurrection of Jesus is not some 'additional phase' nor even a mere 'reversal' of death. Christ rose not 'in spite' of death but traversed through death, breaking its bonds and emerged as the transcendent Lord of all – both crucified and risen. As a result the

resurrection is neither simply a 'subjective' experience of the disciples nor is it just another 'objective' historical event on a par with others. The resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of God's new creation for us all.

And it's precisely because Christ died and rose again that our hope is secure. God himself embraced frustration and exhaustion, rejection and abandonment, torture and death – but that wasn't the end. This is the ground of our hope. God did this for us and offers not just the resources to cope ourselves in these situations, but the promise that all will be well in the end.

So let us love our neighbour – of course. But do these acts of service because God first served us through Christ and empowers us through his living promise of resurrection - here and now.

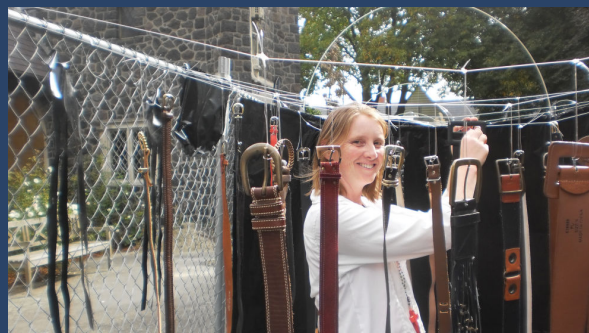
Rev. Mark Chamberlain



Innes and Mary setting up Re:Easter



Vicki and Megan creating a stairway to Heaven

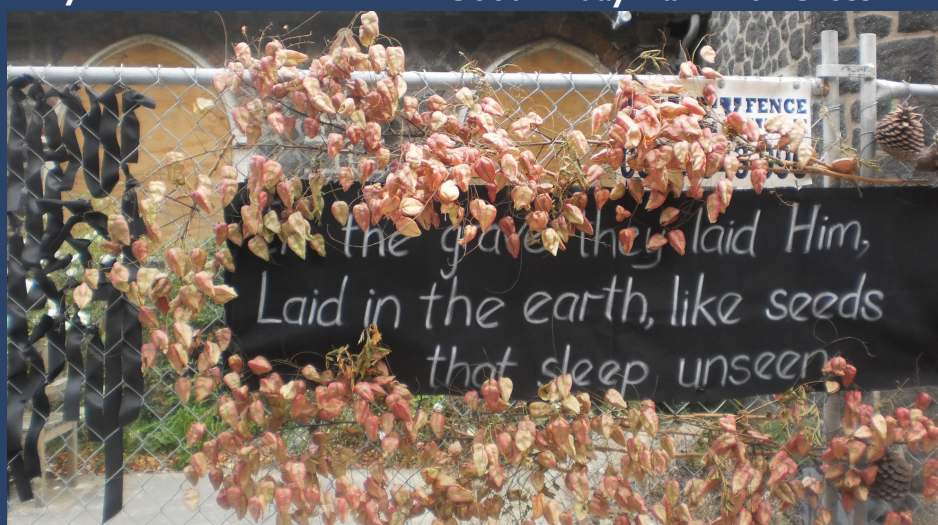


Christine Fokkens ties up 39 belts



Good Friday walk with Cross

## Scenes from the Easter Art Corridor Re:Easter



Seeds were a major theme of Re:Easter



Florence Fokkens plays a part



Fendalton Synod Representatives during April session

# One life.

## What's it all about?

### An Invitation to Explore Christianity

- Ever wondered what life is all about?
- Ever wondered what the central claims of Christianity are?
- Ever wondered why Christians get so excited about Jesus?

If any of these questions ring a bell, the course 'Christianity Explored' could be for you!

Beginning late May and running for seven weeks the course will be led by Chris Spark. Contact him on 021 032 9796, or at the parish office, to register your interest.

*'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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## EASTER CORRIDOR FOLLOWS CHRIST'S JOURNEY

Christ's Easter journey, from the Last Supper to the Resurrection, was the Art Installation focus for this year. Entitled Re:Easter it made reference to the Re:Start initiative in our city centre – Christ's death and resurrection makes a re-start of a different kind! Making use of the wire safety-fence in front of the Church and being outside, for public viewing, were important factors for the team of contributors. All wanted the reflections and message of Christ's work at Easter to be there for those who might not know it, as well as for our own church family journey.

Thanks so much to all the gifted and willing helpers who set up the Re:Easter corridor - from the chestnut gatherers to the photography team on the Port Hills, to the various artists, to those who gathered pinecones and seed heads, and belts and shoes. Thank you also to the planners and designers, and to those who delivered advertising, as we all sought to convey the gospel message.

We received lots of comments from people who enjoyed the Easter Corridor, who found it meaningful, who walked it more than once and who brought others along. Remembering the last week of Christ's life and His resurrection in this way was a privilege. So, a big 'thank you' to all who contributed to this event!

Mary Minson, Co-Ordinator



## Mystery of Communion Unfolds for Children

'Taking communion' can be a bit of a mystery to children. However it's a practice which lies at the heart of our faith. So when one of the parish families asked about having their child taught about why we do what we do, the answer was simple: offer a short Children's Communion Course!

Children's Ministry Coordinator Angela Brown, who runs children's ministries Kidzone and Fridayzone, immediately agreed that encouraging children in this way was a great idea.

The family was right to be conscientious about wanting their (baptised) child to understand more

about communion before receiving it.

After offering the course to all children, we had two learning sessions at Kidzone on consecutive Sundays plus a third midweek. We looked at the meaning of communion and talked about experiencing the presence of Jesus, plus the concepts of spiritual nourishment, God's hospitality for all, and our on-going need for God.

We also talked about God's family encompassing people of all ages, and how we're all in need of Jesus' forgiveness and cleansing power. We talked about the symbolic truth of

coming to the communion table with empty hands. And finally we thought about how communion reminds us of the great feast at the end of the age when all things will be renewed – and that fills us with hope!

I explained the various items on the communion table, and their functions. During the final session, radio reporter Hilary Muir from The Breeze sat in, having spotted our outdoor Easter art corridor. Loving what we were doing so much, she asked for an interview!

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

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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 19 May – 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

**Finances:** David Page reported on a very pleasing result for the year to 31 March. There is a year to date surplus of \$1,818 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$2,119. Most cost areas were under budget. We await the annual stipend and salary increase recommendation from the Diocese. The existing parish database is not going to be supported beyond the end of 2013 and the Finance Team are investigating alternative products that will enable efficient management of parish information.

### Children Youth and Family Report:

Angela Brown and Chris Spark gave a verbal report to Vestry on these important ministry areas. Some growth in numbers was reported and our new Assistant Youth Worker, Lynda Davies, is settling in very well and making an excellent contribution. The Sunday morning group for high school students has re-commenced and this is going well. Antioch is also going well but some adjustments will be required with the departure of Julia Stanaway to Palmerston North.

**Missions Giving:** Vestry voted to increase our annual giving to the Anglican Missions Board from \$19,000 PA to \$21,000 PA. This figure had not increased for a number of years and last year's Synod had voted to increase the Christchurch Diocesan quota to \$255,000.

**Works Programme:** The Works Team presented their recommended programme of building maintenance work for 2013. This year the focus is on getting the Tui St property water-tight and undertaking urgent maintenance. Funds required for this work will come from the Trust and the timing of the work must suit the availability of funds. Vestry acknowledged the importance of good communication in this respect.

## REGISTER

### Baptisms

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

### March

31 Marcella Grace Catanach  
Marroni

### April

21 Louisa Clare Thomsen

### Funerals

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

### April

5 Dora Elizabeth Wynstone  
Broome (Betty)



Good Friday Scene  
by Wilson Murray

Deadline for June issue:

**Friday 10 May**

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# Country Fair in the City

There's something special about the atmosphere of a country fair – meeting, buying, chatting, entertainment, plants, sweets, crafts, books, white elephant etc. And the St Barnabas Parish Fair is the closest you'll get to a country fair in the middle of our city! At the March Vestry meeting it was decided that a Parish Fair will be held on Saturday 12 October.

A Parish Fair is a great opportunity for all in the parish to work towards our goals of having a successful, fun day, raising significant funds for our building project and reaching out to those in the community who look forward to sharing the day with us.

Planning is about to begin and I encourage each of you to think about the part you can play. As the saying goes, 'many hands make light work!' Already people who were involved last time have offered to help; people have begun making jams and pickles; some goods for the white elephant stall have already been donated and we haven't even had our first planning meeting! This gives us great

encouragement! You personally can offer help in the following ways:

- Join the planning committee – we need keen, action-orientated people;
- Offer to take responsibility for a stall;
- Offer skills on the day, eg are you an electrician, good at pitching tents, happy to clean up afterwards? etc.
- Offer baking, plants, goods for the white elephant stall etc.
- Deliver information into letterboxes

There is a job for everyone, so please start thinking about how you might help. We need YOU! Please phone the Parish Office on 351 7064, leave your name and you will be contacted.

Corinne Haines  
for the Planning Committee



## Friendship Group Resumes



CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) will begin again on Thursday 9 May at 1.30pm. It offers fellowship and fun to those in the parish and community who are looking to get out of their homes for a couple of hours each week. CAMEO is held in the Parish Hall and the programme offers music, speakers, social activities and afternoon tea. Transport is offered.

Please ring the Parish Office on 351 7064 on Thursday morning if you would like a lift.

## INTRODUCING LYNDIA DAVIES

### Assistant Youth Worker

Hi, I'm Lynda Davies and I have just started at St Barnabas as the Assistant Youth Worker. I will be involved with Youth Group on a Friday night as well as running a group for youth, called The Revs - short for Revelation, during Lifestreams (this group was formerly called 'Biblebashers' and has just renamed itself!)

I come from Auckland, being born and raised in Mangere, South Auckland but would now definitely consider Christchurch my home. My family includes my Dad and Mum, two brothers and a sister. I, along with my siblings, had the great privilege of being raised in a Christian home where God was a very real part of everyday life.

I have trained as a nanny and worked in this area for a number of families over the years caring for children of all ages. I moved to Christchurch in 2007 and began attending St John's Anglican Church in Latimer Square. I served as a youth group leader for six years, and have been challenged, encouraged and shaped in my own faith during this time. Over this time I have given short talks, written and led Bible studies, organized and attended socials and camps, and regularly met up with some of the girls one on one.

Last year I attended the 'Tim Training Course' full time, where we were taught how to understand and teach the Bible, and were given lots of opportunities to practice giving talks to the class. It was a fantastic course and has helped me to grow in my own love for the Word of God as well as give me the skills to communicate it clearly and effectively to others.

I am looking forward to my time at St Barnabas, sharing and learning from the Bible with the youth, hanging out with them and building relationships along with getting to know the wider church family.



## What's Coming Up?

### Vestry & Staff Planning Morning

From 9am through till 12 noon. PhD candidate Mike Crudge will facilitate part of the morning looking at sharing our faith in the community.

SATURDAY **11**  
MAY

### Clergy Conference

As in previous years this will take place at Wainui and run through to Thursday 16 May. Mark, Philip and Chris will be away for this.

MONDAY **13**  
MAY

### Working Bee

Come down to the church at 9am for a pre-winter clean up of the grounds. Bring implements – an excellent morning tea will be provided!

SATURDAY **18**  
MAY

### Pentecost Sunday

Come and celebrate the birthday of the Church – the day on which the Spirit filled and empowered the Church for mission! All Age service at Lifestreams.

SUNDAY **19**  
MAY

### Youth Group Formal Dinner

Youth and their parents are invited to this special, catered night out. Dust off your glad rags it's time for feasting!

FRIDAY **24**  
MAY

### Missions Fest

The Missions Fest will take place at St Christopher's from 4 – 8pm. Guest speakers are Bishops Justin Duckworth and Victoria Matthews.

SATURDAY **25**  
MAY

## Join the 'Dinners for Eight' Fun This Year

Winter may be a dormant time for nature, but not at St Barnabas! Once again we are running Dinners for Eight and guess what? You're invited! Sign up and join others on the cold nights of winter for fun, fellowship, great food and the chance to meet new people and deepen our parish fellowship.

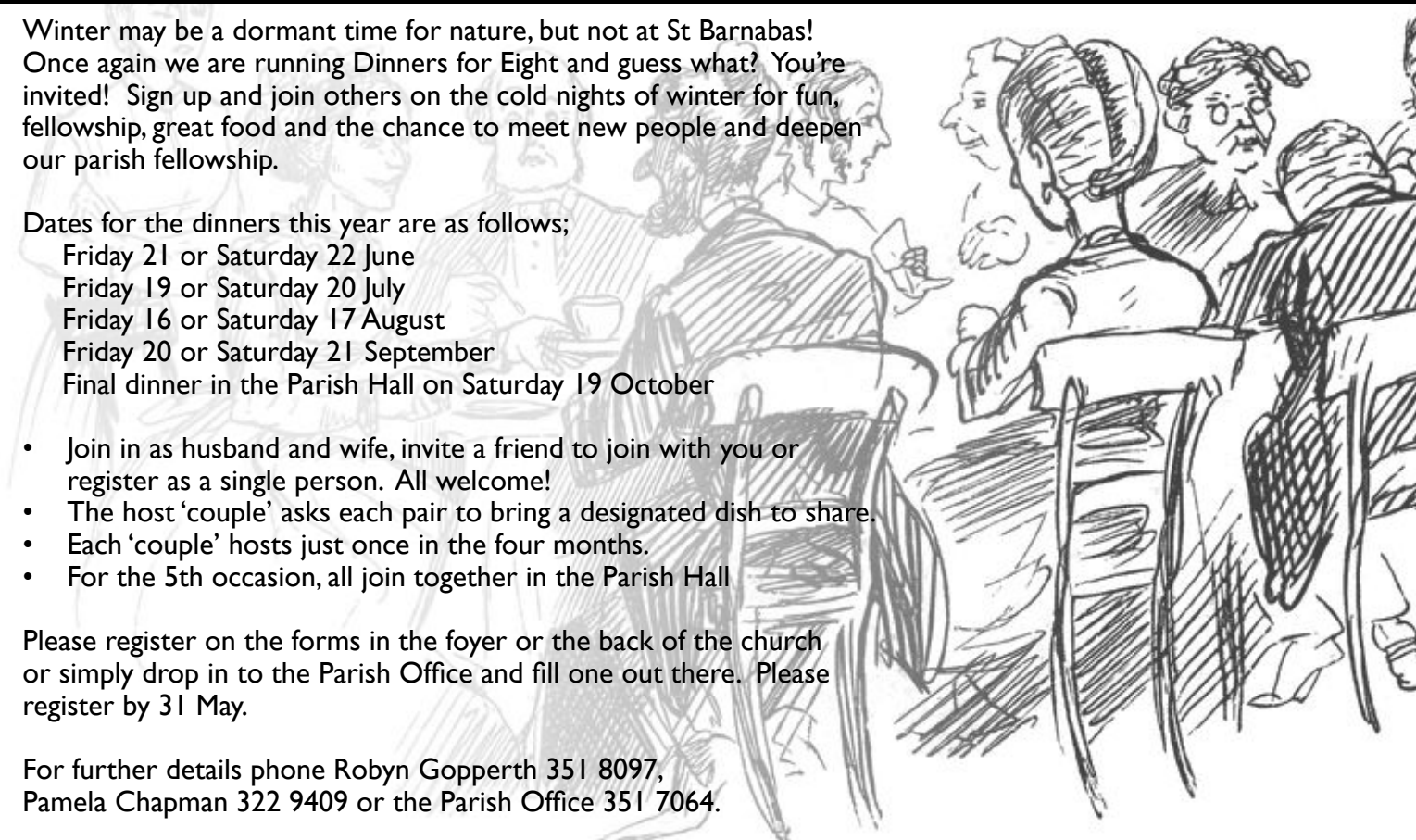
Dates for the dinners this year are as follows;

Friday 21 or Saturday 22 June  
Friday 19 or Saturday 20 July  
Friday 16 or Saturday 17 August  
Friday 20 or Saturday 21 September  
Final dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday 19 October

- Join in as husband and wife, invite a friend to join with you or register as a single person. All welcome!
- The host 'couple' asks each pair to bring a designated dish to share.
- Each 'couple' hosts just once in the four months.
- For the 5th occasion, all join together in the Parish Hall

Please register on the forms in the foyer or the back of the church or simply drop in to the Parish Office and fill one out there. Please register by 31 May.

For further details phone Robyn Gopperth 351 8097, Pamela Chapman 322 9409 or the Parish Office 351 7064.



# WELCOME TO ST BARNABAS!

*An interview with the Nevilles*

**Tell us a little about your family.** We are a family of eight people including Richard, Barbara, our four daughters, Molly (24), Rosee (22), Isabelle (16), Madeleine (6) and a son, Micah (19) and son-in-law, David (26). Richard was born in Whanganui and spent his early childhood in Singapore and his teenage years on the North Shore of Auckland. Barbara was born in Ohio and grew up in Indonesia. She immigrated to New Zealand when she was eighteen years old. Two of our children were born in the USA, one child in England and two were born in New Zealand.

**What's your favourite holiday destination?** Our favourite holiday destination is the beach, any beach, anywhere, and most of us are pleased if the surf is up! We have had a couple of wonderful family holidays on Banks Peninsula, staying either at Little Akaloa or Le Bons Bay.

**How did you come to join St Barnabas?** We came to St Barnabas through our daughter Rosee. She encouraged us to visit when we shifted from the red zone to west of the city. We stopped our search for a new church after the first visit.

**What do you appreciate about being part of St Barnabas?** We appreciated St Barnabas firstly for its warmth and welcome. Not being originally Anglican, we are enjoying the historic connection to Christianity and the fresh use of the liturgy we find here that is so beautifully

coupled with an emphasis on God's Word, lovely music and cultural relevancy. We appreciate the multi-generational approach to ministry and love the inclusive attitude towards the children.

**Why do you follow Jesus?** Each person in our family has experienced a different kind of call to follow Christ. For Richard, God reached into his life while he was on a trip to the United States as an eighteen year old. We have been blessed by the fact that at some point each of our young adult children have also made the decision to follow Jesus.

## How does being a Christian affect your work?

Christ has determined our work. From the time of his conversion, Richard's overwhelming desire has been to study God's Word and share it with others. We hope and pray that our life is built on a foundation of serving God's people and look forward to life in community with the people of St Barnabas.



*The youngest Neville - Maddie*

# LITURGY AND GOD: MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

Do we connect with liturgy? I think that we can connect *through* good liturgy done well – with each other and to God. I think that is true whatever our age or stage. It is true for the young people who are the primary focus of my ministry.

Recently I had to get a new pair of glasses. Without glasses I really cannot see at all. The lenses for these new glasses use the latest technology. But, like all my spectacles over recent years, they are also a compromise between helping my presbyopia, astigmatism, and myopia.

Switching glasses is always a bit tedious. Each pair deals with the compromise differently. I have to adapt to the distinctive way these lenses deal with helping me see.

I could not cope if every time I put on glasses it was a different pair, or even just a pair selected from a large number of possible spectacles.

My glasses should be pretty much imperceptible to me. If, instead, it

is the pair of glasses that I am too conscious of, then they are not fulfilling their purpose.

Liturgy is the way we together see God – as best we can in this life (acknowledging that in liturgy we, too, make compromises). Liturgy is our shared pair of spectacles. But some individuals, some communities, incessantly change their liturgies. The danger is that people focus not on the God we meet together in liturgy; the liturgy, rather than God, can become the focus.

Liturgy and leadership should not draw attention to themselves, but be as transparent as possible, transforming community and letting God shine through.

Young people (and older people) may need times outside worship when they can ask about and talk about, our tradition of worship. But in liturgy we should trust the great symbols of bread, wine and water, the words we have been saying for thousands of years and God

Himself to work in our worship. The barrage of incessant additions, explanations, and interpretations of what is happening that I find when I participate in worship in some places as a visitor, pad out the time well beyond the attention span of young people. And just confirm to young and old that we do not really trust our liturgy to make the connections.

Rev. Bosco Peters  
Christ's College Chaplain



## Offer of Jesus – Too Good to be True?

An experiment was undertaken by a London newspaper involving a man standing outside a tube station handing out leaflets. On the leaflet was a free offer of five pounds. All a person had to do was bring the leaflet back to the man and he would give them five pounds – right there on the spot!

Hundreds of people passed him, but in three hours only 11 people came back for the money. They thought they already knew what he was handing out or that it wouldn't do them any good. So they either didn't bother to take it or to read it or if they did read it they simply refused to believe it.

The offer Jesus made, if it turns out to be real, is worth far more than a

five pound note! He offers to make sense of the world in a way that no one else can. Now that is a big claim, but if there's a chance that it's real isn't it worth checking out?

Christianity Explored is a course that will enable you to do just that – check out the claims of Christianity and especially the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The course is structured around Mark's gospel in an open and friendly environment.

St Barnabas will be running this seven week course beginning in the week of 27 May. If you'd like to register your interest please contact Chris Spark on 021 032 9796 or leave a message for Chris at the Parish Office.



## St Barnabas' Fendalton Trust

*Working hard to repair and maintain our ministry and mission base in Fendalton*

Since the launch of the Trust in December, wonderful progress has been made toward raising the \$1,000,000 needed for the church repairs and other building repairs and maintenance. Grateful thanks to Trust members, supporters and all those who have generously donated funds!

Several philanthropic trusts have contributed very generously as well as individual donors – thank you. The Fund Raising Committee has also been busy planning projects and events that we hope will raise over \$50,000 this year. To date the figures are as follows – parish fundraising \$87,521, donations and pledges from individuals \$231,430 and donations and pledges from philanthropic trusts (some of this has yet to be confirmed but the Trust is confident it will be) \$209,900. The total for both cash and pledges is \$528,852.

Remember this is your trust and many people are working hard to raise the required sum. What can you do to support our shared goals? You could write out a cheque, contribute your charitable giving tax rebate, get involved in a fund raising team, contribute to the Fair in October, pray and contribute ideas and encouragement. If you would like further information please call the parish office for an information pack or ask for a trust visitor to come and see you.

Let's work together to raise the \$1,000,000!



## 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*

### Afternoon Group

Wednesday 1 May @2pm in the Tui Room  
Speaker: Mr Ian Kington (APSNZ) will again present his outstanding and unusual photographs. All welcome.

Leader: Yvonne Cummins 358 2153

### In Betweens' Group

Tuesday 21 May @ 7.30pm in the Parish Hall  
Speaker: Rev Bosco Peters, Chaplain at Christ's College and former curate at Fendalton.

*"My Journey to Chaplaincy with Young People"*

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Leader: Mary Mills 358 2230

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