

THE MOORING POST

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

Roll Out the Good Times: Implementing the Resurrection

The decoration of the parish hall played a big part in the impact of Easter this year. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday the hall was decorated in black and shades of grey with three crosses set up on a stylised Calvary. On Easter Day however, worshipers found that all the black had been replaced with white fabric draped from the ceiling – the contrast was between night and day, despair and hope, death and life. The contrast seemed to provoke many worshipers to deep reflection on the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection.

So what exactly did the cross achieve? Through centuries of Christian reflection, there have been many theories about what exactly was transacted on the cross. Early Christians understood that on the cross Christ paid a Ransom. During the Reformation the Penal-Substitution theory was advanced which saw Christ taking upon himself the sins of the world – we are then set free from the penal demands of the law. Still others

developed the Moral Example view whereby Christ's death was seen as an example provoking us to moral improvement.

There is a further interpretation of Christ's death which I think is very helpful and that is the so-called 'Christus Victor' model. Christus Victor is Latin for 'Victorious Christ' and interprets the death of Christ as a kind of show-down with the forces of evil that had enslaved humankind. These forces include the power of sin, death and the evil one.

The strength of the Christus Victor model lies in its universal scope – it claims that the whole universe has been set free from bondage. This is a welcome correction to the 'privatised faith' of our individualistic age and significantly adds to some of the other views of Christ's death.

Furthermore there are practical implications. Now that we have been set free, we are called to 'roll out' Christ's victory in our own lives, our church, community

and world. When we pray 'Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven', we deliberately align ourselves with this work of implementing the achievement of Christ's cross and resurrection.

As well as declaring through our worship, music, art and words that Christ has set us free to love God and neighbour, we are also called to help others experience this same freedom from oppression. This involves contributing to the healing and wholeness of people in our community and beyond. This is not an option. It is passing on the good things we enjoy – and it's loving our neighbour as God has loved us. So whether it be by donating to the Solomon Islands Appeal, meeting our neighbours, donating unused curtains to the Curtain Bank, door knocking or giving away a freezer meal, we are called to implement the freedom Christ has won – for us and for our neighbours.

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

Dinners for Eight

These fantastic dinners encourage fellowship and enable new people to get to know others. They run between June and October, consisting of a monthly meal with other parishioners. You could even invite a friend who is not currently involved at St Barnabas!

Please sign up through the parish office by June. For more information contact the coordinators Robyn Gopperth 351 8097 or Pamela Chapman 322 9409.

Bridge Tournament

This fundraiser is to be held on Friday 16 May at Crockfords Bridge Club, 218 Riccarton Road, at 10am. Tea and coffee will be served for a 10.30am start. Table Fee \$25.

'Happy Bridge; Delicious Food; Raffles and Great Prizes!'

RSVP to Sally 351 7557 or Toni 351 9737 by Monday 9 May for catering purposes.

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' 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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Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas
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.

Mainly Music

All age community of learning and care

As a concept, 'mainly music' is refreshingly simple and nurtures a community where all can share God's love and compassion as well as the enjoyment of music and movement.

It started in 1990, when a young mum attended a similar community based group and believed that a church-based format for music and outreach could combine to provide a nurturing, loving and fun experience. Jo Hood now runs the nationwide 'mainly music' association and coordinates Area Coaches and annual conferences. Now new mainly music groups are rapidly expanding overseas.

Those involved in 'mainly music' believe that connections are vital to the wellbeing of children and adults. These connections can include learning through music, social connections within play, and relationship connections between the adults. The vision is to enable young parents, caregivers and grandparents to attend and feel a sense of belonging, to know that they are worthwhile and to experience the joy of connecting with their children.

Here at St Barnabas, we are a team of men and women who have come together and know that God has given us a passion to serve those who attend. We run our session on Friday mornings at 10am for half an hour followed by morning tea. We create an environment that is welcoming, enjoyable and informative. The same song list runs for 3-4 weeks at a time, so the children are able to learn and become familiar with those songs. This in turn helps them become comfortable in their dance, movement and actions of expression. It is always a joy to watch them as the weeks progress!



At the end of a playlist we hold 'theme days' to provide connected learning experiences involving our Clergy. For example we had a 'Water' theme at the beginning of Term 1 and on our theme day, we all dressed up in wet weather gear. Rev. Mark read the story of Noah and we organised water play outside at morning tea time. There are great photos of this on St Barnabas' Facebook page.

Our focus this year is to develop pastoral ministry, to grow as a team as we endeavour to bring our faith into conversations with the parents and caregivers, provide connected learning experiences for the children and to strengthen the connections between our church community and the mainly music group.

Angela Brown

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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

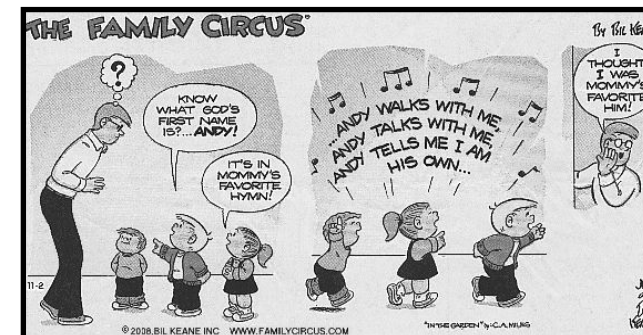
8.45am Tuesday to Friday – *Morning Prayer*
Wednesday – *Eucharist* all welcome in the Makora Room or Prayer Room at east end of hall.

10.00am Thursdays – *Eucharist*
1st Thursday – *Prayer and Healing*

ALSO OFFERED...

Home Communion:
Each 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month.

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Review a Book

The editorial team of the Mooring Post welcomes parishioners to share their thoughts on what they're reading and how it's inspiring their faith.

We're looking for book reviews of up to 200 words to be published in the Mooring Post. Any kind of book with a Christian theme is welcomed. The decision to publish is at the editorial team's discretion. For advice on what might be suitable please email the Vicar.

Contact Rev. Mark for more information
mark@stbarnabas.org.nz

June articles due by
Friday 9 May

Something's Cooking: Young Adult Clusters

TYA 'Tertiary Young Adults' community is a discipleship group that was launched at the beginning of the term specifically for ages 17-26. This year we're mixing up the way we do things a bit, so if you're a bright eyed & bushy tailed young adult, especially of the student variety or new to work, we'd love to have you along for the ride. We also attend the monthly Society of Salt & Light summits called 'disorientation,' a student guide to faith, freedom and flattening. We spend the nights kicking around the disorientating emotional, theological and practical dimensions of entering young adulthood, and we'll try to give real-deal helpful insights on how God can make radical disciples. TYA meets Tuesday 7pm at 132a Hamilton Avenue. Come along for the ride.

SYA 'Senior Young Adult' community. This new group is in the initial stages of formation and is specifically for ages 26-35 or for young adults who have well and truly moved on from being students to now beginning their

career climb, earning money and not living off pasta. This group partners with Salt & Light's sister gathering called 'The Thirsty Workers Guild' - a monthly forum where young adults can explore how faith and work might connect with each other. So we think it's time to break the silence and go where most people have never gone before. We hope to kick things off with this new group Tuesdays at 7pm at a secret location.

Contact Sam Knight the (Young Adults' Minister) or one of the YA team here at St Barnabas 351 7064 for the heads-up or visit us on www.facebook.com/SBYA.NZ



Variety Concert Saturday 28 June Save the date now!

On Saturday June 28 the parish invites everyone to attend the major fundraising event of 2014 - a Gala Variety Concert in the Christ's College Auditorium. There will be a great line up of entertainers - from musical ensembles, Hip Hop dance, choirs, soloists, bands and more!

Hilary Muir will be our MC and this will be a night to remember! There will be an auction with items sold under the hammer of Phil McGoldrick with wine and nibbles at intermission. Tickets will be selling soon - \$30 for an adult and \$20 for a student.

So make up a party and bring your family and friends to what is going to be a superb night! Please be seated by 7.15pm.

CONTRIBUTING TO CHRIST'S MISSION THROUGH VESTRY



Kia ora, I'm Michael Cropp, and this will be my second term on Vestry. That first stint in 2009 was during a wholly different time and I know this Vestry will have to make decisions with inter-generational effects.

I've spent four years working at this church as the contemporary music director and media

I, Angela Moore, am married to Peter and we have two adult children Tom and Anna. We emigrated from the UK in 2003 intending to stay in New Zealand for just 3 years, but Christchurch soon became our home and we are here to stay. The staff and parishioners of St Barnabas immediately made us very welcome.

assistant, embedding myself in the community here.

Although at 22 I only bring a little life experience, I counter that with a lot of enthusiasm - an enthusiasm to make decisions that allow us to best share the gospel in this area. I bring a youthful voice of challenge and encouragement to Vestry.

Peter and I soon became involved in parish life and we were part of the 'seed' team that established the Lifestreams congregation. I have been involved in a number of different ministries over the years, however I felt particularly privileged to accept Mark's recent request to establish and lead the Prayer Ministry

Most importantly, I know that the biggest job of this Vestry is to lead the church. But it's a great job, and I ask that you would help and support us to do so.

Finally, as your representative, I ask that you never hesitate to contact me. michael.cropp@live.com

oversight team.

I work full time as an IT Project Manager for Pegasus Health and when time allows Peter and I enjoy tramping in the beautiful Southern Alps. I am very much looking forward to serving the parish on Vestry this year.



What's Coming Up?

Confirmation Exploration

All who are interested in being confirmed please see the Vicar and attend the exploration afternoon: 3pm, Dorothy Cooper Room. Confirmation is a way of publically declaring your faith in Christ and being strengthened for service.

SUNDAY **4**
MAY

Men's Dinner

All men are invited to our annual Men's Dinner - in the parish hall from 6pm. Guest speaker, Nic Hill, Headmaster of Boys' High, will speak on 'Educating Boy's in the 21st Century'. Charge is \$25 - tickets from the parish office.

TUESDAY **6**
MAY

Bridge Tournament

A Bridge tournament to raise funds for the restoration of St Barnabas will take place at Crockford's Bridge Club - 10am for a 10.30am start. Mark in your diary. Details to follow.

FRIDAY **16**
MAY

Clergy Conference

The Clergy will be away until Thursday 29 May at the annual clergy conference. This year it is at Pudding Hill near Methven.

MONDAY **26**
MAY

Rainbow Promises

All families are welcome to this afternoon of family craft, food, faith and fun. In the St Barnabas Hall from 3.30pm - includes dinner. \$5 per family. Register now with Angela brown_holmwood@xtra.co.nz

SATURDAY **7**
JUNE

Patronal Party

Mark the date in your diary - it will be a great evening of food and homegrown entertainment. Various parish groups will contribute an item. Begins at 4pm in the hall.

SATURDAY **14**
JUNE

Oh! It's Jordan!

We'll let Jordan van Irsel, our 24-7 youth worker at Boys' High, introduce himself to you!

Kia ora koutou! Lovely to meet you all. It's been an excellent first term working at both Boys' High and St Barnabas and I'm stoked to see what's in store for the coming years. My passions include, but are not limited to, playing/writing music on a variety of instruments, sci-fi television, crime thrillers, console gaming, studying the Bible and working with and supporting young people. However the things that I really appreciate about life are simple; long drives, a nice cup of tea and being somewhere I can make an insane amount of noise without disturbing anyone.

My call to work with young people was clear all the way back in my 16th year, (I'm 24 now) and a while before I came to follow Jesus. At the time I was set on becoming a teacher and giving up my holidays to volunteer for the YMCA. After my own teachers spending a lot of time convincing me to do something 'greater than teaching' I spent a lot of time trying

to work out what to do and ended up studying a number of things including; classical composition, Maori studies, computer systems technology and pizza store management. My work history is possibly even more eclectic than my studies!



After being invited to take on a role in youth leadership at a New Wine Summer Conference (which I'm still involved with), I came to follow Jesus and realised that youth work was where I needed to focus. Since then I've worked with young people through Crossover Trust, St Mary's Halswell and the New Wine camps.

The best part about my career is that it is really just spending time with young people and finding out what their overlooked needs are, and then seeking to fill those needs. Sometimes that's listening to their concerns or answering some of their questions. Sometimes it involves accessing professional support for them through counselling or other services. And sometimes it's just kicking a ball with them to keep them company. The most important things I find though are to genuinely listen and never giving half-baked answers. These are the simplest ways to show someone that they are valued.



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 7 May at 2pm in the Tui Room.
Speaker: Adrienne Robinson 'A Merry Heart'
All welcome.
Leader: Yvonne Cummins 358 2153

In Betweens' Group

Tuesday May 20 in the hall
Speaker: Sam Knight 'Journey to St Barnabas'
Sales Table
All welcome
Leader: Pam Chapman 322 9409

St Barnabas Fendalton Trust



The Trust continues to raise funds for the church repairs and the maintenance of other parish buildings. The total raised or pledged now stands at \$920,000. Quite a few supporters took the opportunity to give further donations before the end of the tax year – the Trustees are very grateful.

The Trust looks forward to the Gala Variety Concert at Christ's College Auditorium on Saturday 28 June.

Plans are well advanced with an excellent line-up of performers as well as an auction. Because of the size of the auditorium it will require a big effort from the whole parish to fill it but has the potential to raise considerable funds – let's all make it a great success!

BUILDING A HERITAGE IN FAITH & STONE

Frieda Looser tells the story of how parish buildings have been built and changed to accommodate worship and mission needs.

All the buildings associated with St Barnabas' since the construction of the first chapel-of-ease in 1876, have contributed in some way to the worship and mission of the church in the Fendalton community.



The five acres of glebe land set aside in 1852 for a church at 'Riccarton' were spurned in 1876 in favour of a donated quarter acre bordering the narrow Fendall Town Road; here the simple nave of the wooden chapel-of-ease was constructed to serve the small population in Fendalton as part of the Parish of St Peter's Riccarton. Apse and transepts were added when Fendalton became a separate parish in 1883 and the wooden, colonial church witnessed to the local community until after the Great War. The long-serving vicar from 1899-1919, Revd Thomas Hamilton, encouraged the vision of a permanent-material stone church and fundraising continued for decades until the consecration of the Memorial Church of St Barnabas in 1926.

The original two-storey vicarage was built in the 1880s on the glebe land near the Waimairi Stream, providing a family home and base for hospitality. Once the decision had been made to rebuild St Barnabas' behind the first wooden church, a house on the corner of Tui Street was purchased in 1919 as a new and more convenient vicarage. In time, this was relegated to the curate and in the 1950s a modern two-storey vicarage purchased on Makora Street. Buildings at St Barnabas' have always been adapted or replaced to serve current needs.

The Education Act of 1877 introduced free and compulsory but secular primary education, leaving the nurturing of the spirit to parents and parish. St Barnabas' parishioners raised funds for a Sunday School, followed by a kindergarten extension, both on Clyde Road, and then the Wroxton Mission Room and Sunday School, which served the Strowan area, and later became the daughter church of St Thomas. A Parish Hall cum Sunday School beside St Barnabas' was delayed due to the Depression, but was completed, with complementary stonework, soon after the start of World War II. The postwar Baby Boom presented a challenge and opportunity to the parish, and in the early 1960s the present Sunday School building (Admin Building) was constructed and funds also raised to build the daughter church of St Aidan, Bryndwr.

Fifty years on, the beautiful, and now historic, stone church requires earthquake repairs, the vicarage may need updating, and the children and youth of the parish, and the local community, require additional 21st-century spaces to address contemporary needs. Fundraising and vision have always been part of the ongoing mission of the parish of Fendalton.

HOME SWEET HOME?

What can we do about Christchurch's housing problem?

Housing is a complex and large-scale problem in Christchurch. As a church, we can identify particular aspects of the housing problem and act on them; leaks, high rentals and safety for young people are the big three. The diocesan Social Justice Unit has made progress on these issues and there are concrete ways that you can help people caught up in Christchurch's housing crisis.

Record Your Rental: Most tenants don't take a record of the state of their rental property when they move in. This is a problem when they need to negotiate with their landlord or produce useful evidence to the Tenancy Tribunal if there is a dispute.

What if any tenant who wanted help recording their rental called their local Anglican church and a parishioner visited them to help record their rental? That's the

service we want to launch - called 'Record Your Rental'. If you have basic skills with a digital camera, please become a 'Record Your Rental' volunteer - so you can visit tenants when they call. Talk to Moka Ritchie or see www.recordyourrental.org.nz for more information.

Fostering in Rangiora: St John's Rangiora has 'stepped up' recently with a church-wide engagement with housing problems that young people experience. Several church families are being trained and screened to help foster kids whose families aren't able to provide safe, healthy homes for them.

Christian Housing Initiatives: Christians across denominations are working more closely together to innovate for social and affordable housing. Steps are afoot - in the 'Faith Housing Appraisal' and Forums



- to bring keen people and ideas together with the right financial and land resources. Keep this body of work in mind as you work through the Strategic Review process.

We look forward to hearing from you! We send out a newsletter once a month and are always keen to visit and train or mentor church groups. We want to equip you to use your skills to help people who need it.

Lyndon Rogers,
Anglican Social Justice Christchurch

Beautiful Beanies for Children in Need

The Pastoral Care & Outreach Team

A member of the Pastoral Care and Outreach team recently made contact with a person from Queenstown who had knitted 190 beanies for children in the eastern suburbs who are still doing it tough this winter. Ruth McGrouther had been knitting the colourful beanies for a number of months. She said 'There must be lots of children up there who can do with a little extra warmth as winter approaches fast.'

Zeta Laurie has contacts at Woolston School and Kofe Havea with St Chads, Linwood and together they will deliver the beanies to children who would value the warm hats. Teachers at

Woolston School and the Vicar of Linwood were delighted with the offer.

Recently the Pastoral Care and Outreach Team also invited Vestry to consider giving a donation to the Solomon Islands after the devastating floods and earthquakes. Vestry decided to donate \$2,000 from its Outreach Fund and invited parishioners to contribute as well. The money has gone to The Anglican Church of Melanesia which is coordinating its relief work through a newly formed 'Disaster Committee.'

It is appropriate that we who have been through a major natural disaster should sympathize and support the people of the Solomon Islands who are dealing with the biggest recorded disaster in their history.

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