



THE MOORING POST

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

Agreeing to Disagree - Because Christ is Lord

In the contemporary church, the lightning rod issues that divide us tend to be moral rather than doctrinal in nature. They divide us so bitterly because both sides believe fundamental principles are at stake. For one side, it is the principles of justice and equality; for the other, it is the principles of biblical authority and the testimony of tradition.

From the very beginning the church has experienced divisions over matters of conscience and belief. A case in point is Paul's epistle to the Romans, which addresses a deep conflict over the place of Mosaic Law in the Christian age. Some in the church insisted that Gentiles who embraced Israel's Messiah were obligated to observe the full gamut of Israel's law, including circumcision, food laws and Sabbath observance. Others insisted that faith in Christ rendered the law's ritual requirements obsolete. Some went further and advocated a complete separation of the church from Israel.

Paul responds to this dispute in his letter by explaining how the gospel is "for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (1:16; 2:9). The racially mixed church is not a replacement for Israel; rather Gentiles have been grafted into the stump of Israel, in a way that redefines the whole tree (Roms 9-11).

This incorporation does not depend on works of the law, but solely on the gracious welcome of Christ.

In chapters Romans 14-15, Paul turns directly to conflict resolution between the "weak" and the "strong" in the church, or, to use modern language, between conservatives and liberals on the issue of Torah observance. He calls on both sides to accept each other in Christ, despite their profound differences of belief.

He instructs the conservatives not to "judge" their liberal brethren (judgmentalism is a besetting sin of conservatives), while the liberals are not to "despise" those they consider fundamentalists (condescension is a besetting sin of liberals). Instead each should welcome the other in the same gracious way Christ has welcomed them "and not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions" (14:1).

Significantly Paul sees such mutual welcome as an outworking of the lordship of Christ. As long as both parties are submitted to his lordship; as long as both have reached their conclusions in conscious dependence on him; as long as both live out their convictions in honour of him and in thankfulness to God; and as long as both remember "we will all stand before the judgment seat of God",

there can be no grounds for breaking fellowship (14:5-9). Instead they should "live in harmony with one another...so that together you may with one voice glorify God..." (15:5-6).

In other words, to help resolve the conflict Paul asks both parties to shift their focus from the issues in dispute to their common acknowledgement of the supremacy of Christ. Paul is not advocating some bland relativism; he is counseling both sides to do their own due diligence before Christ, and to accept the sincerity of those who, having also done so, still see things differently.

This process entails recognition that "the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (14:17-18). The basis for Christian unity is not agreement on all issues of doctrine and practice but common commitment to God's restoring righteousness in the world, to messianic peacemaking in all its dimensions, and the pulsating presence of God's Spirit in the community. "The person who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by people" (14:18).

Chris Marshall | Professor of Restorative Justice, Victoria University of Wellington

Pentecost Sunday – 15 May

Come to church on Pentecost Sunday! We will celebrate the birthday of the Church and seek God's spiritual renewal!

- Responding to the Archbishop of Canterbury's call for a 'great wave of prayer' for evangelism during Pentecost
- Prayer morning and night in the week before
- Prayer for renewal with anointing
- Asking for help to bear witness for Christ
- For everyone – old, young and everyone inbetween!

'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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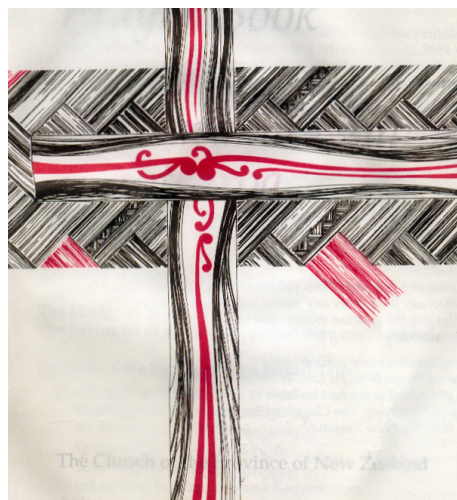
The Woven Flax Cross - Te Ripeka Whiringa Harakeke

Archbishop David Moxon reflects on the meaning of the flax cross that appears in A New Zealand Prayer Book and has come to symbolize being Anglican in Aotearoa New Zealand.

I am told that in some Maori circles, the art of weaving is a symbol of the way in which the most fundamental life forms are knitted together, evolve and grow. For example, when one flax strand is held in the hand ready to be criss-crossed with another flax strand, the weaver says to herself "aroha atu", meaning "the love that goes forth". When the second flax strand is held in the other hand and placed across the first strand, the weaver says to herself "aroha mai", meaning "the love that comes back".

The spirituality being described here is that as love is sent out, so it returns to the sender: love given and love received are the full meaning of love itself; love always builds up. New life shapes and life forms emerge in the dynamic of love given and love received.

So, the emerging kete, or woven flax bag, that is created by way of the interweaving of flax strands becomes a living sign of the way love creates. The creation of the bag itself means that it becomes useful for carrying and sharing food and other treasures between a community of people.



The kete exists to serve a common good and becomes a practical and domestic sign of the way love serves, which is, of course, the very nature of God and the greatest of all things. It was the spirituality implicit in this kind of image that led to the logo of our church here in the South Pacific.

The artist, Ross Hemara, was asked by the Anglican Church to design an indigenous cross, picking up strands from all three Tikanga of the church in these islands. The woven flax cross, Te ripeka whiringa harakeke, was chosen as the first work of art in our prayer book and has become a sign of being Anglican in these islands.

At the centre of the woven cross pattern is the koru, a sign of life. The koru is presented in red, a sign of life blood, of the life-giving love which flows through the heart of the Christian message and Christian mission. The design presents the flax strands moving outwards, symbolising the life patterns of the Gospel being formed in a new creation.

Archbishop David Moxon | Anglican Ambassador
to the Roman Catholic Church in Rome

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.

Introducing New Members of Vestry - Madeleine Price and Peter George

When St Thomas's was closed following the February earthquake, I began attending services St Barnabas. I have, over time, met new people and made new friends both at St Thomas and St Barnabas.

I came to Christchurch to undertake my dietetic training on graduating from Otago University. I have recently retired after a life-long career as a dietitian working in a number of different positions with the CDHB. I finally made a decision to retire at the end of June last year. This coincided with having to move out of my house for more than



six months for earthquake repairs. I have just returned but there is still a lot to do to make it look like home again!

I grew up on a farm not far from Hamilton. I have 2 children, one in Queenstown and another in Perth Australia whom I see on a regular basis.

Following our first AAW meeting in February I was approached to consider serving on Vestry. This was a significant request and I had to give this some thought before accepting and to be able to fulfil the responsibilities this would require.

I am looking forward to becoming more involved in the life of the Parish and to contribute as best as I am able. Joining Vestry is an opportunity to now give to the parish community as well as to receive.

Madeleine Price

Hi, I'm Peter George. I've been part of the St. Barnabas community for around three years, and attend Lifestreams regularly with my wife Becky and our three primary-school aged children.

As a family we really appreciate all that St. Barnabas has been able to offer us over the last few years, and we've enjoyed getting actively involved in many of the programmes and activities that take place.

For me, being on the Vestry team is another way of getting involved, and of helping in a small way to support all the amazing work that goes on across the Parish.

Peter George



What's Under the Hood at St Barnabas?

How is St Barnabas Implementing its Vision and Mission?

I learned of a young engineer the other day who had built an electric motorbike from scratch. Very impressive backyard engineering! It looks like an ordinary motor bike on the outside but underneath was everything necessary for some very serious acceleration!

That's a little like St Barnabas! On the outside the parish is doing the usual things churches do – worship on Sundays, Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms and a few groups for women, children and the elderly. However if you go under the surface there so much more going on!

Our vision is to 'follow Jesus and extend God's love' and our mission statement clarifies what we want to do and become. There are five areas of focus;

- Foster inspirational worship and prayer
- Enable people to grow in faith and service

- Encourage children and young people to follow Jesus Christ
- Develop as a compassionate, spiritual centre in our community
- Seek new ways of carrying forward Christ's mission nearby and far away

The question is how do we go about implementing this vision and this mission? We have intentionally developed a number of ministry teams that have been tasked with carrying forward a particular area of ministry. Take for example the Discipleship and Evangelism Team - they meet regularly to plan, monitor and implement the second part of our Mission Statement – to enable people to grow in faith and service.

We also have a Pastoral Care and Outreach Team whose brief is to help the parish 'develop as a compassionate, spiritual centre in our community.'

Other Ministry Teams have responsibility for children and young people, prayer, overseas mission,

communications, worship, hospitality, finance, works etc. They all contribute in their own way to our mission as a parish.

And we've made great progress. The teams have been successful at focussing effort, using the gifts of people, monitoring progress and brainstorming new ideas. This decentralised structure enables a whole range of people to be involved in areas of their passion. A large and diverse parish such as ours needs an effective structure to ensure that we move forward together and that the many gifts, talents and time of people can be used to build God's kingdom. There's more 'under the St Barnabas hood' than meets the eye!





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 May at 2pm in the Tui Room.

'Go Tell it on the Mountain!' - a report on the Common Life Missions Conference
Leader: Madeleine Price – 354 4299

In Betweens

Tuesday 17 May at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Guest Speaker: Anthony Gough,
Chairman of the Central City Retailers Association (deferred from last month).
Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie – 351 5179

How Will St Barnabas be Repaired and Strengthened?

A meeting of about 25 parishioners was held at 5pm on Tuesday 15 March in the parish hall. The keynote speaker was Win Clark, an Earthquake Engineer working on behalf of the Church Property Trustees to review all structural engineering produced by consultant Engineers Aurecon.

Win explained that prior to the earthquakes, St Barnabas church had a strength that was higher than 34% of New Building Standard (NBS). Furthermore following the earthquakes, Vestry had requested that during its repair, the building should be strengthened to 67% NBS for an Importance Level (IL) 2. Parishioners were shown, by way of projected images, where the repairs and strengthening were to take place throughout the building.



Testing grout injection on the west wall

Currently there is unreinforced concrete and waste stone in most of the space between the wall components. Internal white stone blocks are to be tied to the external stones particularly in the gables. A key feature of the repairs and strengthening will be the use of low viscosity 'Mapei' grout that has 'flexible' properties that allows minute sliding between masonry units absorbing energy without fracture. The eight external corners will also be steel reinforced within the walls using transverse ties.

The gables are to be tied to the strong roof diaphragms and the timber arches further tied into the wall buttresses. The tower has a slight tilt, which is not considered significant, and does not need an enlarged foundation or structural separation from the north wall.

Win Clark and Suzanne Price (Church Property Trustees – Recovery Programme Manager) answered a number of questions.

- The fair separation of costs between repairs (CPT, insurance) and strengthening (Parish, betterment) has been undertaken to the satisfaction of the Works Team.
- Releveling significant floor areas is no longer planned and this will mean significant savings to the parish.
- Off-site repairs to the windows are progressing well.
- A Resource Consent is required for the heritage building repairs and a Building Consent is required for the strengthening works.
- Costings of the whole project are not yet available. Before work begins CPT requires payment for the parish share of the contract costs – this is to come from the funds held by the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust. Not knowing the exact costings, which will only be known after the tender process is complete, is a concern for Trustees.

Final Note about Win Clark: Win Clark is well known in New Zealand for his extensive understanding and practical application of earthquake resistant structural design philosophies. He is the Executive Officer of the New Zealand Society of Earthquake Engineers (NZSEE). In April of this year the NZSEE conferred him with Life Membership for his significant contribution to earthquake engineering in New Zealand.

Don Mackenzie | Works Team



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Easter Camp Great Success for St Barnabas Youth

While the wider St Barnabas community gathered together over the long weekend to celebrate Easter, a number of our parish young people snuck off to go camping at Spencer Park for the annual Easter Camp.

For a brief moment, the opening deluge, complete with thunder and lightning, brought to mind images of the last time camp which was called off due to knee-deep flooding throughout the area. However our fears proved to be unfounded - the worst thing that happened was a modest puddle formed in the boys' tent.

Over the course of EC'16 our young people laughed, danced, played, sang, and prayed together which helped cement an ever deepening sense of community and belonging within our group. Total numbers were down this year with a (measly) 3,200 teenagers being in attendance. However a lower turn out actually had its benefits with shower queues being much shorter amongst other things!

Despite total numbers being down our group grew significantly from last year from 6 to 12 youth plus leaders. While we once again linked up with a number of other Anglican youth groups under the banner of 'Anglican Party Central,' having our own marquee complete with vintage festoon lighting, couches, and rugs as our communal space proved invaluable when it came to creating a relaxing atmosphere.

As far as our young people are concerned EC seems to have cut the mustard with Greer Borthwick going as far as saying that "it was pretty awesome." High praise indeed! As an EC first-timer Sophie Alexander appears to be in agreement with Greer, saying "Camp was amazing! I laughed so much and had heaps of fun." Meanwhile, for Fraser Paton, another EC first-timer albeit as camp dad, the biggest highlight was seeing our young men thoughtfully engage with the Bible study content and open up to each other and God in an unprecedented manner.

So all in all EC'16 was a great experience for everyone all round and some of our youth are already planning ahead for next year!

Rev Harry Newton | Youth Minister



Parish Missions Team to Serve in Tonga

The 'Support All Saints' Mission Team is preparing to travel to Tonga to support the construction of church buildings in the small village of Fasi Moe Afi.

All Saints is located about 10mins drive east of the capital Nuku'alofa. It is a small but vibrant parish made up of both young and old who are in some way or other, all related to each other. The congregation is made up of around 39 families with a total of approximately 161 members. It is also a close community with most of the members living close by to the church compound.

In 2009, a Youth Mission Group, under the leadership of Greg Brown, spent some time in this parish and a link was established between our two parishes. However, over more recent years, mainly because of the earthquakes, this link has become weaker. This is our opportunity to re-establish this link with a long-term view of reciprocal support and prayer.

The Team will be involved with paint brushes, hammers and in other ways to help the building process. They will also be leading Bible Study groups during their stay. They will be staying in an Ecumenical Hostel and in a Guest-house – all at their own cost.



Rena Hamilton and Tom Coulson (yet to be confirmed at time of publication).

To ensure that this trip is a success the team will also need financial support (for meals, supplies and travel whilst in Tonga) and we would appreciate your help please. Any donations can be made to the Parish Office.

Kofe Havea | Ministry Assistant



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Celebrating the Return of our Art Gallery

Christchurch Art Gallery – Te Puna O Waiwhetu – has reopened to the people!

Civilisation measures itself on its respect for the Arts and, in times of great stress, artistic output is at its most vital. As our art took to the streets following the earthquakes and we turned away from other, damaged public buildings, we utilised the Christchurch Art Gallery as Headquarters for our Civil Defence, showing that the building itself is a multi-functional space.

This is true Christchurch style. Who else would use their Art Gallery as such a functional base in the midst of a natural disaster!!

To celebrate our ongoing but ever changing relationship with art, St Barnabas has arranged a fundraising visit. Join us at the gallery on Wednesday 4 May at 6pm sharp for 'Art Makes Us ... Happy'. There will be a talk by a curator, nibbles and refreshments followed by our personal guided tours of the gallery.

Tickets are \$25 available at the Parish Office. Don't miss this opportunity!

Special Guest to Speak at St Barnabas

All are welcome to the first 'Living the Faith' service of the year – Sunday 29 May at 5pm in the hall.

Our guest speaker is David Wright from Queenstown. He has a wonderful and inspiring story of his faith in God to share.

In his own words David Wright says "The university professor sitting opposite the 17-year old asked, "So, why do you want to come to this university young man". The teenager replied, "I don't!"

That rather strange exchange was one of those points in a life that you look back upon and realize that everything changed! Little did I know that my two-word answer would set me on a journey that would take me around the world, bring me to my wife, take me to The White House, allow me to meet many wonderful people from the worlds of entertainment, business and politics. In the process my heart, mind and eyes have been opened to an ever-loving God who is always present, even when I had turned away."



Pastoral Care Team News

A special thank you to those who are involved in caring for members of our parish family who are in need of support. We are grateful for meals which are stored in the freezer and available to Clergy and Pastoral Care Visitors, as they support parishioners in this practical way. Please consider helping us restock the freezer with nutritious meals. We need the following;

- Shepherd's Pie
- Lasagne
- Fish Pie



All must be in 2 litre ice-cream containers for families, or smaller meals for a single person. We would also very much appreciate home baking in smaller containers – about 6 pieces. If you are able to help with this 'freezer ministry' just take your contribution to the office. Thank you again to those who make this ministry of love and care possible.

The Pastoral Care and Outreach Team

What's Coming Up?

Vestry and Staff Planning

Vestry and Staff will meet at Trimble Navigation for the annual prayer and planning meeting. 12.30 – 4pm. Bring finger food to share.

SUNDAY
MAY

Art Gallery Tour

All invited to attend a tour of the Christchurch Art Gallery with professional guide. Drinks and nibbles. Tickets \$25 from parish office. Begins at 6pm sharp.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 4

Messy Church

All children, families and young people are invited to this outreach event which includes food, fun, faith, family craft and a meal – St Barnabas Hall – \$5 per family. Also a great opportunity for grandparents to bring grandchildren!

SATURDAY
MAY 14

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
MAY 15

Clergy Conference

Clergy will be away until Thursday 26 May at the annual clergy conference.

MONDAY
MAY 23

Living the Faith

Special 5pm service with guest speaker David Wright from Queenstown speaking about his life and journey of faith. Come and be inspired with a tremendous story of the way God changes lives!

SUNDAY
MAY 29

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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 & 5th 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 – 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

Heritage Interiors: The proposed Replacement District Plan seeks to extend heritage protection from the exterior of protected buildings to include their interior as well. This would include chattels and all fixtures and fittings in our church and other buildings. CPT is resisting this move because it is concerned that churches need to retain an appropriate level of control over their contents.

Voluntary Hours: The Vicar reported that he has updated the Voluntary Hours spreadsheet and the number of hours offered by members of the parish has gone down somewhat in the last 12 months or so. It stands at about 27,000 hours down from 31,000 because there is no parish fair this year. However this is still a very large number of voluntary hours that members of the parish offer both parish and wider community.

Charities Commission: As well as a full disclosure of the financial position of the parish we are required to complete an annual 'Statement of Service Performance.' This includes a list of ministries that the church is involved in with a quantitative assessment of the delivery of these ministries. Whatever is put down on the schedule will be required to be entered year by year and so it is important that we set up the schedule in the correct way.

Grant Applications: Vestry approved of plans to apply to the Rata Foundation and the Christchurch City Council Small Grants Fund. This is to support our 24-7 Youth Work service at Christchurch Boys' High School. Riccarton Community Church, our 24-7 partner, has suggested that we move from two workers to three and they have a person who is very well qualified for the role. This has yet to be formally agreed to.

AGM Minutes: The minutes from the 2 March AGM were tabled and were provisionally approved. These will of course be formally confirmed at next year's AGM. A number of issues that were raised at the AGM have been actioned.

REGISTER

FUNERAL

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

April 6

Neville Monro Todd

MARRIAGES

We extend our good wishes and prayers to those couples recently married:

March 27

Susanna Elizabeth Murphy and
Santos Tamihana Biddle



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**Contributions to
the Mooring Post:**

Deadline for June Issue

Friday 13 May



Snapshots of our St Barnabas Community



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. Olive Lawson 021 067 6587.

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