



# THE MOORING POST

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

## A Christian Response to Ebola

News and images coming out of West Africa are immensely troubling. The Ebola virus continues to spread with now over 4,500 reported deaths – mainly in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The World Health Organisation says that actual deaths may be over double the reported figures. Director General of WHO Margaret Chan called the outbreak 'the largest, most complex and most severe we've ever seen' and that it is 'racing ahead of control efforts'. Nigeria, Spain and the United States have also experienced localised cases but these seem to be under control. But how do we, as Christians, frame our response to this potential pandemic?

Christian aid agencies have been at the forefront of the response in West Africa. For example Christian Aid is supplying chlorine and gloves and providing education through church and community leaders. They are using some of the same structures that were developed during the AIDS epidemic. Samaritan's Purse is another agency

which is developing Community Care Centres in the hardest hit areas of Liberia. And it was Christian missionary doctor Kent Brantly working among sufferers in Liberia who also contracted the disease. He later recovered and offered his blood to be used as 'convalescent serum' to others who had become infected.

One of the notable features of Christianity through the ages has been the care offered to the sick and dying. During the Roman period, especially when populations were affected by plagues, Christians were found caring for their own as well as members of the non-Christian community. This made a deep impact on society at large.

St Catherine who lived in the 14th century spent the last six years of her life caring for the sick in Siena, Italy where there was an outbreak of the plague. She organised others to help – comforting and supporting people in their illness and at the time of death.

Today however some responses have been less than helpful. Critics

have asked why Kent Brantly went to Africa in the first place arguing that he could have done so much more if he'd stayed in the US. In Liberia a group of 100 of the most senior Christian leaders in the country called the Ebola outbreak a punishment from God claiming he was angry because of corruption and immoral acts. So how should we respond to what may be the defining crisis of our generation?

Far from seeing this as a judgement from God we need to respond with compassion and concern. The God of the Christian faith simply doesn't act in this arbitrary and capricious way. Christ reached out to those with diseases with compassion and healing. This is the God we serve.

We should follow Christ's example – as Kent Brantly did. We can also offer financial help by donating to a relevant charity. And of course we can pray – prayer changes things more than we can ever know!

Rev. Mark Chamberlain

## Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Christian Message of Hope in NZ

On Sunday 7 December thousands of Christians from churches all over our city are gathering to worship and give thanks for the 200th anniversary of the gospel in our nation – a great reason to celebrate!

**Come join in the celebrations at the Horncastle Arena (CBS) at 5pm. Tickets are \$6 - purchase through the Parish Office.**

*'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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## 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



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**Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas**  
Contact Lynda van der Merwe 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.

## VICAR'S SABBATICAL

### *Catching up with self and God*

Pip and I would like to thank the parish for the tremendous gift of a three month sabbatical leave. Although it's built in to Anglican ministry arrangements, we were still reliant on the good will and effort of many people to make it happen so thank you.

The first portion of leave I actually spent in silence! I was able to arrange a silent, guided retreat at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay in Wellington. The setting was beautiful and I was able to rest and spend unhurried time with God – my faith was rejuvenated!



*Outdoor lunch, Kitsilano beach, Vancouver*

Soon after, Pip and I flew out to Vancouver so that I could undertake formal studies at Regent College on the campus of the University of British Columbia. We stayed on campus for the first week and in the second stayed in the home of Gerd and Linda Muller situated close to the downtown area – Linda is Adrienne Moore's sister. The weather was absolutely beautiful and warm almost every day. The lectures were stimulating and when I wasn't in class we visited the Museum of Anthropology, the Nitobe Japanese Gardens and other places of interest located on campus.

We were able to visit a number of churches and learned what it was like being a newcomer on the other side of church life – quite an eye-opener!

After our time in Vancouver we travelled to Victoria on Vancouver Island to stay with my son and daughter-in-law – Daniel and Lindsey. It really was a marvellous time of reconnecting. Dan took us on a holiday around part of the Island to visit his favourite places – the scenery was stunning. The highlight was three days on Protection Island just off the east coast.

Back in New Zealand we spent three weeks at Marahau in the Abel Tasman National Park. We walked the track from Wainui to Marahau – it was great doing it at a quieter time of year! We were also able to catch up on a lot of reading!

I've come back to Christchurch with a renewed vision and energy for the parish, a greater reliance on God in prayer and some ideas of what we can do to continue connecting with our community and encouraging people to follow Jesus Christ. These ideas centre around developing as a loving Christian community where everyone is cared for and welcomed, resourcing people in their faith, offering high quality worship that connects, making a practical difference to people in the community, the importance of prayer and the power of vision to capture the imagination of people for a vibrant church.

None of these ideas are new but my Sabbatical certainly helped to crystallise them!

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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.

Communion is also provided at Fendalton Retirement Village fortnightly and St Winifred's & Holly Lea monthly.

## Vestry News

**Financial Report:** Chair of the Finance Team Maurice Walker gave a very positive report of parish finances. Giving is on budget with some expenditure savings being made. The parish had a budgeted loss of \$16,000 to the end of September but the actual is only \$11,000 deficit.

**Strengthening of Church Building:** Vestry received a progress report from Steve Wakefield and Don Mackenzie on the church repair. Currently CPT Project Manager Suzanne Price is seeking clarification on a number of questions relating to the current strength of the building and the costs related to various levels of strengths. A proposal will come back to Vestry with recommendations. However the parish should not be surprised if further fundraising is required.

**Fundraising Summary:** Vestry received a summary of fundraising efforts to date. About \$30,000 has been raised so far this year. Vestry was also informed that Cam Moore had resigned as the chair of the Fundraising Team. Cam will continue on the Team but hand over the leadership to Laura Murray who has agreed to take up this position.

**Call to Prayer:** The Vicar expressed his intention to call the parish to a concerted period of prayer as the parish considers some major decisions about the way ministry and fundraising are to be structured next year. It is vital that we listen carefully to God's direction so that we strike the right balance of activities.

**Projector for Tui Room:** Vestry was informed that the Council had approved a \$3,000 grant for the purchase and installation of a new, permanently installed data projector for the Tui room. This will consist of a data projector, cabling, computer support and retractable screen. This will provide this valuable meeting space with greater functionality and perhaps lead to more bookings and income.

## REGISTER

### Funerals

We offer our deepest sympathy to the relatives of those who have died:

### October

7 Winstone Harris  
19 Molly Edith Cassidy



Adam and Eve were not ashamed of being naked until they reached middle age and that's when God told them to cover up!

## Contribute to the Mooring Post:

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

December/January articles due by

**Friday 15 November**



# New Service for Seniors

Felicity Wallis and Jo Steel have set up a new service for seniors called Home Assistants for Seniors. The aim of this service is to provide the assistance that people need to continue living in their own home.

This might be in the form of meal preparation, outings, live in night time support, driving to appointments, shopping, arranging medical appointments and communicating with agencies and family. Felicity and Jo are both trained physiotherapists and can be contacted on 669 2669 or email [info@homeassistantsforseniors.co.nz](mailto:info@homeassistantsforseniors.co.nz)

# Note and Gift Cards

A range of Note and Gift cards is available from the Parish Office or Adrienne Moore – 351 5915. There are two St Barnabas cards, Pohutakawa and Rata note and gift cards suitable as Christmas cards, plus a range of flower photo cards. The price is \$10 per packet. Hand painted cards by Joan Batten are also available. Funds towards St Barnabas Buildings Trust.



# Fundraising Update

Thanks so much to all those who have supported our fundraising projects this year – we have raised over \$30,000 and there is more to come!

The whole parish has contributed in many different ways – people have helped as they have been able and had a lot of fun in the process – thank you!

The following is a summary of projects and funds raised:

- Quiz night \$800
- Bridge Tournament \$1,443
- Sponsored Walk/Run \$7,628
- Gala Variety Concert \$11,500
- Election Day Market \$1,354
- Organ Concert \$2,001
- Bunnings Stocktake \$1,485
- Book Fair \$3,321 (minus costs)

Some other events are planned before Christmas.

# IN-SPIRATIONAL IN-BETWEENS

*Donations, quilts, baking and jam.*

I have been the leader of the In Betweens this year and have found that it has been a most meaningful experience because of the wonderful women within the group. We continue to meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm with average attendances of 60-70 women. Our speakers address a range of topics including our own members telling us of their careers and experiences.

During the past year I been very conscious of that there have been many requests for donations of food and money for outside causes and have been inspired and humbled at how generous the group has been.

The recipients have been Robert Smedley, who along with his wife Regina have set up the Mhazipino Trust in Malawi, where they assist villages to set up their own businesses in order to make them self-sustaining. As well as this they are also building

an orphanage. We asked members to donate toiletries for patients admitted to the Christchurch Hospital and received a large number of these essential items eg toothbrushes, toothpaste.

During the year 3 quilts have been made for sick members of the group with all the material donated by members as well as donations of money for the batting and backing fabrics.

In Betweens have also been at the

forefront baking, making jams and preserves to assist with the Church repair.

There have also been many times when members have been called upon to help other members in various ways. These are wonderful kindnesses all done with love and I know it is greatly appreciated by those who receive. Bravo to all the In-betweens!

*Pam Chapman*



# What's Coming Up?

## Afternoon Retreat

All welcome to this afternoon retreat at Alison Ayling's home at 142 Fendalton Rd. Entitled 'The Beatitudes of Jesus' it will be led by Rev Philip, Angela Moore and Lois Ball. 1 – 5pm, enquiries to the Parish Office.

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER

## Remembrance Service

This is a special service to remember, give thanks for loved ones who have died in the last year or so. With opportunities to place a floral tribute. Call the office if you would like your loved one's name to be included.

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

## CMS Head to Preach

Church Missionary Society's head Steve Maina is to preach at all morning services at St Barnabas. It's part of our celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gospel being preached in Aotearoa New Zealand.

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

## Ordination of Ben Truman

Ben was a St Barnabas parishioner before going to Auckland for ordination training. He's going to be ordained Deacon in the Transitional Cathedral at 10.30am. Please come and support Ben.

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

## Advent Lessons and Carols

This popular service celebrating the unfolding of God's plan through the ages leading up to the birth of Christ will be led by the St Barnabas Choir. 5pm in the hall.

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

## 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

A special service for all the churches in our city. 5pm in the Horncastle Arena. Transport will be organized from St Barnabas – please contact the office if you would like to go.

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

# 24-7 Youth: building trust at Boys' High

Youth Workers Jordan van Irsel and Jai Robb are raising the profile of the 24-7 Youth Work programme at Boys' High by offering study packs to encourage boys in their exam preparation. The packs will be prizes for competitions run just before exams and consist of energy drinks, a stress ball, raisins, muesli bars, highlighter pens, note pads and noodles. This is one way of interacting with boys informally and putting the 24-7 Youth Work initiative on the map at Boys' High.

Both Jai and Jordan have already become familiar faces around the school. 'It's really cool being able to get alongside the guys...the boys just come up to us and start conversations,' Jai reported. 'It's also good not being a teacher or on staff but being an older person who's just there to support [the students] in a relational and informal way'.

One of the biggest challenges for Jordan and Jai is becoming known by the staff and winning their trust. As this happens they will be invited to participate more in school life and do what they do best – supporting and encouraging students! This is especially important for those who are going through some difficult personal issues and just need someone to talk to. This is central to our parish vision of following Jesus (into a High School) and extending God's love.

So what can St Barnabas do to support this ministry which is an amazing opportunity of service to Boys' High? Jordan and Jai have asked us to pray for the school, for the students, for relationships, for trust and that they themselves would be encouraged in this challenging ministry.

Finally they have asked us to 'Like' their Facebook page which they have set up. Go to [Facebook.com/247cbhs](https://www.facebook.com/247cbhs)





## 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 5 November at 2pm  
AGM followed by afternoon tea  
Tui Room

Leader: Yvonne Cummins 358 2153

### In Betweens' Group

Tuesday 18 November at 7.30pm  
AGM followed by a Eucharist supper  
St Barnabas Hall

All most welcome  
Leader: Pam Chapman 322 9409

## FRASER PATON

*Following Jesus in the Trade*

**How did you become a Christian?** I was born into a Christian family and God was always this cool guy my Mum and Dad worshiped and praised – so it's what I grew up with really.

**Why are you still a Christian?** Just by God's grace and mercy really! There have been times when I wanted to just walk away saying it's rubbish or what I was doing at the time was hurting myself and I knew it was hurting God. But I stayed and put my foot down and said God is the only way, truth and life and I want to follow him.

**How long have you been in Christchurch and what do you do for a living?** I've been in Christchurch since March of 2013 and I'm a fully qualified carpenter. I work for Trademark Construction – they're a pretty cool Christian owned company.



**What do you like about your job?** Well, I'm crawling under a house at the moment! But seriously, job satisfaction is pretty good. You look back at what you've done and say 'I helped build that.' It just great working with cool guys helping to rebuild Christchurch.

**How did you come to be involved at St Barnabas?** Through a flat mate called Kent. He went to Antioch and I just came along with him.

**What service do you attend and what do you like about that?** Well initially I went to the Antioch service and the young people were really awesome - then I moved to Lifestreams. The spiritual food we get there is really awesome – and it's like what I'm used to in Blenheim.

**How do you contribute to the St Barnabas family?** I'm a youth leader. I got involved through Chris at the beginning of last year when he asked me to help lead the St Barnabas youth. And it was really cool because at that time I was asking God what I was here for. I really love looking after the young kids and showing them Christ through my words and actions. And I love seeing them growing in their faith and their walk with God.

**What is Jesus teaching you now about the Christian life?** He's teaching me heaps of stuff! At the moment it's about being real - straight up with God. He fully understands what I'm going through – you just have to be honest with God. And it's OK if you don't understand things. I just want a sincere faith.

## REDEEMING THE PAST

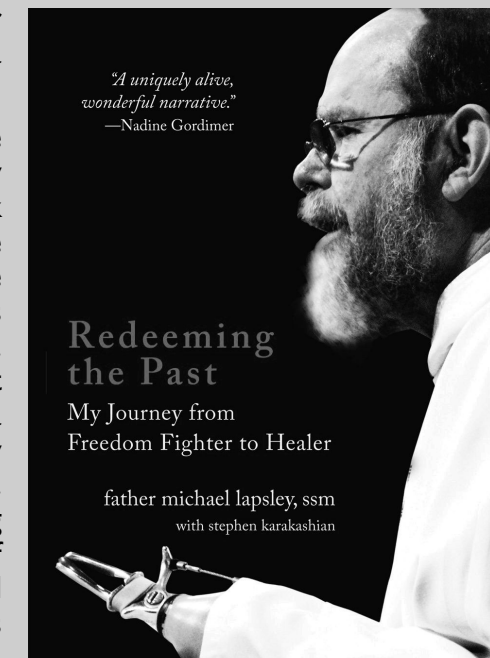
### A book review by Ken Booth

Michael Lapsley is a name well known in New Zealand from the apartheid era in South Africa. In this book Michael gives us a rich and rewarding insight into his personal journey from being the victim of a letter bomb in 1990 to establishing the Institute for Healing of Memories in South Africa in 1998.

He begins with an account of the bombing and his slow recovery. Why he became a target for such an attack is important. It reminds us what life in South Africa was like under the apartheid regime and also reveals Michael's own style and attitudes. His uncompromising view of what needed to be said in South Africa put him off-side even with many in his own Order in South Africa. On the other hand his unwavering focus on the plight of the victims of apartheid won him many friends and supporters, and, of course, enemies

in the government.

After the pain and suffering from the bombing, the issue emerged of What now? That Lapsley became a healer is a tribute to his deep faith.



He recognized that the way to true healing lies through telling one's own story in a context of real acceptance. To name and speak one's own truth, including one's complicity in brutality and violence, is very painful, but the only sure way to freedom. Eventually Lapsley, with other friends, established the Institute for Healing of Memories, which continues to offer constructive workshops in South Africa and in other places where violence has torn communities apart. It is a ray of hope in a world too often mired in retribution and retaliation. If the publication of this book does something to remind us of the task of reconciliation in the world, it will have been entirely worthwhile.

*Redeeming the Past: My Journey from Freedom Fighter to Healer.*  
By Father Michael Lapsley, SSM, with Stephen Karakashian. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2012, US\$25.00; Kindle US\$9.99.)

## Gearing up to celebrate 200 years

200 years ago Nga Puhi Chief Ruatara invited Reverend Samuel Marsden to share the gospel message at Oihi Bay – the first time the Christian message of hope was declared in this land. Today, two hundred years later, we will mark this event in celebrations across our city. The good news of Jesus Christ went out from Oihi Bay and arrived in Ngai Tahu – spreading out in time and space.

The gospel continues to offer hope and the promise of new life in Christ to all people today. These anniversary celebrations will give us the opportunity to give thanks for all that God has done in our nation - bringing hope, meaning and values to live by to all the peoples of Aotearoa-New Zealand.

The main celebrations will take place on 7 December at 5pm at the Horncastle Arena, 55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington. Churches from across the city will join together to sing, pray and celebrate this very significant bicentenary. We will also hear the ways in which the

gospel of Christ continues to affect people today – we'll hear good news stories from our own region.

To attend you'll definitely need a ticket. Most of us are not used to paying to go to church but this event is going to be extra special! Either book a ticket from Ticketek or pay through the Parish Office. The cost for an adult is \$6 and there is a one-off booking charge of \$8 per transaction so the parish will buy all our tickets in bulk with only one booking fee. We'll be able to travel together in buses or vans and sit together for the service. Look out for more details to come.



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