



THE MOORING POST

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

As good as cricket on a sunny day

...with a fast outfield and a bouncy pitch. With blue skies, greener grass and spring blossom all around, it's a toss up between a day watching cricket bathed in warm sunshine with a fast outfield to keep the runs rattling on and a bouncy pitch to help wickets to fall at regular interval, and Synod (the governing body of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch meeting). I would need a captain's coin toss to help me choose. (Some readers, of course, would prefer not to watch cricket under any conditions and opt for paint watching. But I like watching cricket ...).

On the books were a series of interesting motions, which potentially could have been contentious. This arose from a mixture of factors: parish mergers' motions that represent careful prior consideration and dialogue designed to deal with difficulties well behind the movers; General Synod statutes for confirmation; even an anti-fossil fuel investment motion. I am glad to report that September's synod was a constructive and cooperative meeting with lively, contentious

discussion.

Two motions concerning parish mergers were agreed without a hitch: Sydenham-Beckenham and South West Christchurch will legally become what they already practically are. Burwood, North New Brighton and New Brighton will realise a relationship which has been worked at intensely as they become a single parish later this year. Yet further consultation with neighbouring units about the proposed new Prestons housing area is required. One motion under continuing consideration was to encourage CPT to refrain from investing in fossil fuel companies. After some robust discussion this was passed.

Synod devoted considerable time to Motion 30, General Synod 2014's resolution on homosexuality. Up to 20 speakers contributed thoughtfully, at times passionately, and always with conviction. With no intention to make our own resolution, the value of the discussion was first that we again articulated concerns and convictions. Secondly, with three

members of "The Way Forward" group present as synod members, our discussion informed them of current responses to Motion 30 along with hopes and fears for the future of this church.

Anglican Care reported on the work of each division, and we agreed to our diocesan mission target contribution for 2015 (\$255,000). Finance, money, and fund-raising dominated Saturday morning as we agreed to support a special fundraising appeal to assist with the costs of assistant curacies in the diocese. CPT informed synod about financial challenges as buildings are repaired and quake-strengthened, and new churches are built. Along with improving the capital of important diocesan trusts. Final major business of the day was a resumption of discussion on a new strategic plan for the way forward.

I can report that today, as I write, is fine and looking good for an early season game of cricket.

Thanks to "Anglican Down Under" blogger, Rev. Peter Carrell

Second Hand Book Sale

The 2nd hand book sale always generates a frenzy among Christchurch book lovers and treasure hunters.

Here at St Barnabas Sat 4 October 9am-12noon.

Books can be left at StB's office week days.
All proceeds to church repair.

'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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Alpha LIFE

Spring Flowers
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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.
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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.

PETERSGATE'S STORY

the abridged edition

Petersgate was founded in 1996 to provide generic, affordable and professional counselling for everyone regardless of race, gender or creed.

The Petersgate Charitable Trust was formed to govern the centre and now has representatives of six local parishes: St Peters Anglican, Christchurch West Methodist, St Marks Presbyterian, Our Lady of Victories Catholic, St Barnabas Anglican and St Ninians Presbyterian, plus a representative of the counselling programme at the University of Canterbury. The churches, as part of their compassionate outreach or mission, were motivated by a desire to help people in the community who would not normally be able to afford the fees of counsellors in private practice.



The team at Petersgate

The work of Petersgate has increased over the years. Currently we counsel an average of 30 clients per day and about 20% of them are new. We have 25 counsellors, as well as 23 rostered voluntary office staff who mostly come from the churches.

The "Christian" part of our work is important to us in the broadest sense. Not all of our counsellors are Christians and most of our clients would probably not think of themselves in that way either. However, the human values of Christianity and the spiritual dimension in everyday life form an important platform for our work.

Our clients come from all walks of life and from all over Christchurch and Canterbury.

Our funding comes from a variety of sources - grant making organisations, from the six participating local parishes and from nearly 200 individuals through the "Friends of Petersgate" scheme. We keep our Friends up-to-date with an annual newsletter, and through invitations to occasional functions and activities. They, in turn, make charitable donations, generally once per year although some prefer regular 'drip-feed' donations. Anyone can become a Friend by asking for a brochure from Petersgate (ph 343 3391) or contact us via our website at www.petersgate.org.nz. Our biggest contributors, however, are our volunteer staff who donate an equivalent of about \$65,000 per year via their time, and our clients themselves who pay for their counselling at a level they can afford.

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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

Philip Robinson chaired the Vestry meeting.

Pastoral Care/ Outreach Oversight Committee: Alison Tait reported on the Pastoral Care/ Outreach Oversight Committee. Philip endorsed the vital importance of Pastoral care in a Parish and said that its efficacy is a barometer of the health of a Parish. Spring flower Sunday very well supported and much appreciated by recipients. Marg Bennett new freezer co-ordinator. Pantry items gratefully received by St Chad's. Lunch 18 September to thank members of Home Communion and Pastoral Care teams. Training morning with Anne Russell Brighty arranged for 11 October.

Church Property Trustees (CPT) - Three further updates have been received in the last month, relating to Cathedral matters, investment funds and the recovery process as it relates to parishes. The recently released proposed Christchurch District Plan appears to not affect the use of our existing St Barnabas church buildings.

Works Committee: At the Works Committee meeting on 2nd September, Suzanne Price the new recovery manager (CPT) attended, giving the committee an update on progress: Updated cost estimates are necessary and ways need to be found to reduce the cost before going to tender.

Finances: Maurice Walker presented the Finance report and also provided a brief report on Synod. Philip, Mary and Moka at the Vestry meeting also commented on Synod held 5th & 6th September.

Vicar's return: Mark Chamberlain will be welcomed back from his three month's sabbatical, at a combined service at 10am on Sunday 5th October.

REGISTER

Funerals

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

September

1 Jessie Cobden-Cox
20 Joyce Buckenham
23 Howard Zohrab

THANK YOU

To the teams who helped make Alpha LIFE fantastic; to Adrienne Moore and the crew for running the Market day stall; and to everyone who contributed items to St Chad's pantry.

Your spirit of generosity is gratefully acknowledged.

Contribute to the Mooring Post:

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

November articles due by
Friday 10 October

Live Below the Line



For 5 days in September people across New Zealand will be eating and drinking on just \$2.25 per day together with thousands of others across the world in a global movement to help end extreme poverty. It's called Live Below the Line.

Since the movement began in 2010, over 25,000 people have taken the challenge, raising over \$9 million for the world's leading anti-poverty organisations.

\$2.25 is the New Zealand equivalent of the extreme poverty line. Eating

and drinking on so little gives a glimpse into the challenges faced by the 1.2 billion people who have no choice but to live below the line everyday for everything — that's food, medical care, transport, education, everything.

Find out more, and take the challenge at livebelowtheline.com/nz

Check out our young adults' team on Facebook.

Will you be one of the thousands of Kiwis taking a step to make a difference for those living in poverty?

Congratulations!

to parishoner Corinne Haines and Trimble Navigation who was awarded the 2014 Special Commendation for outstanding contribution to the Canterbury community.

St Barnabas is very proud to celebrate the work and achievements of Corinne Haines in our community.

This year, Trimble NZ moved into new hi-tech premises. A special commendation went to Corinne Haines, the managing director of Trimble Navigation NZ for her "outstanding contribution to the Canterbury business community". Corinne has been with the company for 35 years and leading it for 11 of those. The company now has a staff of 260 in Christchurch (295 in New Zealand) up from 10 when she started."

She received the special commendation on behalf of GeoSystems in front of a crowd of 1200 at the Champion Canterbury Business Awards 2014. We are all very excited for you, and thank you for your leadership, vision and care for others. Congratulations!

REPAIRS UPDATE

Aside from repairs and maintenance, earthquake issues persist.

The Church Property Trustees (CPT) is now acting as our insurer for most of our properties and also as the property owner. The new structure at CPT has a separate Facilities Team (normal business) and a Recovery Team (earthquake business). Our Parish has been informed of the payment details for our Business Interruption and Contents insurance payments. We have been informed of the requirement for a Detailed Engineering Evaluation (DEE), which we have been seeking for the St Barnabas Church Hall and Administration building at Tui Street.

Of our seven damaged Parish buildings, the Vicarage in Makora St repairs and essential maintenance have been mostly completed. The Priest's House in Tui St requires a new roof and increased ceiling insulation at our cost prior to EQC repairs. The building has been scoped by EQC/

EQR/Builder for mainly cosmetic repairs. Also, Vero has scoped the non-EQC external repairs including the driveway. Meanwhile the house is being marketed for short term rent. Details on insurance for the two St Thomas's buildings are awaited. The St Thomas's Church is in disrepair, and the St Thomas's Hall is considered an unsafe building.

Our priority is for a start on the St Barnabas Church. Much of the engineering work and cost estimates to date have been for the purpose of supporting the earthquake insurance claims for the building repair and strengthening, rather than the methodology for the repair process. We are awaiting updated cost estimates for the repair to original strength or 34% New Building Standard (NBS) to be funded by CPT as insurer.

We still await updated costs for

further strengthening and betterment which needs to be funded by the Parish. Further significant fundraising over and above what has already been raised will be needed. CPT has indicated that no Parish would be able to start their repairs unless they had all the money required to do the complete repair. The policy for the allocation of the insurance funding seems to have changed. Both of these issues could add to the delay in commencing our repair process for the St Barnabas Church and the two other Parish buildings at 8 Tui St.

Don MacKenzie
Vicar's Warden



What's Coming Up?

Welcome Home

Combined service at 10.00am followed by shared lunch 5th October for vicar Mark and Pip Chamberlain returning from three month study leave.
(no 9am or 10.30am service)

SUNDAY **5**
OCTOBER

Live Below the Line

Thousands of Kiwis will eat and drink for only \$2.25 a day for 5 days. Live Below the Line is a challenge to highlight the world's poorest.

MONDAY **6**
OCTOBER

Dinners for Eight

Grand Finale combined Dinners for Eight. Saturday 11 October, Parish Hall from 6pm

SATURDAY **11**
OCTOBER

Operation Christmas Child

This year, help us send 320,000 shoeboxes to kids in South-east Asia and the South Pacific. Return your box to the office by Oct 19 - samaritanpurse.org

SUNDAY **19**
OCTOBER

Lifestreams' Lunch

Shared pot luck lunch 12pm after the 10.30am service

SUNDAY **19**
OCTOBER

Afternoon Retreat

'The Beatitudes of Jesus'. A quiet afternoon at Alison's home led by Philip, Angela and Lois. 1-5pm at 142 Fendalton Rd. Enquiries to the office.

SATURDAY **1**
NOVEMBER

A small shoebox can have a big impact

What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal.

Children's lives are changing all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. A shoebox delivered to a child in need can give hope, change lives, and transform communities. It is more than a gift... it opens up a world of life-changing opportunities for the child, their family and their community.

"Every shoebox gift is an opportunity to touch a child's heart with the love of Jesus Christ."

Franklin Graham,
International President of Samaritan Purse.

Something as ordinary as a shoebox can accomplish the eternal when it is packed with goodies and God's love. It all starts when people like us decide to bless a child overseas. Globally, more than 100 million shoeboxes have been given to kids in need in more than 130 countries since 1993 through Samaritan's Purse projects. Hundreds or thousands of miles later the boxes clear customs, entering the care of ministry partners who plan distribution events at churches and other locations. Then the big moment comes. Each child receives a shoebox and after a countdown, they all open their gifts

at the same time. Squeals of delight and shouts of joy fill the meeting area.

Here at St Barnabas we have lots of empty boxes ready to be filled. Many have already been taken away (as they are each year) to be filled with joy. St Barnabas along with many others serve as local drop-off sites during National Collection. Boxes are now available from our office 8 Tui Street Fendalton.

So fill your box and bring it back by Oct 19th. Shoeboxes are then delivered to regional processing centers where volunteers prepare them for their trip overseas.





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 October 1 at 2pm

Speaker: Sam Knight

our Parish Curate

Tui Room

Leader: Yvonne Cummins 358 2153

In Betweens' Group

Tuesday 21 October at 7.30pm

Speaker: Judith Ross

Indian Textiles: Judith is a quilt maker and will talk of her trips to India buying fabric.

St Barnabas Hall, Sales Table

All most welcome

Leader: Pam Chapman 322 9409

SAME CHURCH

... Different Place. A note from Nick and Tessa Laing in Uganda.

The nightly pitter patter of rain has just petered out completely, leaving the peaceful chirping of crickets and the odd ludicrously loud rooster here in Gulu Uganda. For some reason my mind is whirring and I can't sleep. What better time to write.

My wife's sister Phoebe has come to live and work with us for a few months, and it's great to have her fresh insight and perspective. She's been given the name "Lakay" which means "princess" And is already helping us to ask better questions. Even after only a year we've already become disturbingly accustomed to the really tough situations people are in. Phoebe has met our wonderful next door neighbor Stella, who is asking us questions that we should be concerned that we are no longer asking.



Nick & Tessa Laing

In some ways Stella's problems are very different to people's problems around Christchurch. Her husband has enough money to provide just enough for one wife and her children, but instead spends it on two more wives. In Christchurch, single mothers struggle alone. Stella can't afford to send 5 of her 7 kids to school.

In Gulu, young men waste their last shilling betting on Manchester United. In Christchurch many feed their last dollar into a pokie machine. Domestic violence oppresses women. Alcohol gnaws into the fabric of society, just here it flows from a plastic bag not a bottle.

As much as we should all should be helping our friends with these problems on both personal and society levels, something that the now Bishop of Wellington, Justin Duckworth once said still rings true. In many situations, there is no practical solution to a complex web of social and psychological problems. We can plan and strategise ways of helping until the sun goes down, we can pour our time and energy into someone's life, and we should! But life can be so tough that there's no progress. Often the only solution is the miracle of Jesus changing a heart. If someone's heart is transformed that the way of Jesus is the way to go, everything can change. Tessa just commented yesterday, "I sometimes wonder whether this social justice work is the best way to go, maybe it would be better if I spent all my time sitting down with people and reading the bible".

It is hard though when these breakthroughs seem few and far between. I've always struggled to connect deeply with call and response style church, but sometimes they remind us of important things. At church in NZ we always finished with the most beautiful reminder. "Amen, we go in the name of Christ". Never forget that. There's another call and response here which keeps its impact, and manages to make me smile every time. It reminds us that when we're not seeing breakthroughs, God is still around, being who he is, doing what he does. I also think this is the only call and response in the world that ends with the word "Wow".

The leader says: "God is good, all the time" and we reply... "And all the time, God is good, for that is his nature, WOW." Never forget that.

Nick Laing

LIGHTS, DANCE, PRAISE AND LAUGHTER, love, food, gifts and pampering!

Imagine 2000 women coming together as one in the Presence of God for three days. Add in lights, dance, laughter, love, good food, gifts and pampering! This was Sistas Conference 'One Love, One Heart and One Life' for five local St Barnabas ladies. Originally gifted to the women of NZ by Life Church's Auckland Pastors Maree and Paul de Jong, Maree envisaged Sistas fifteen years ago to encourage and empower women of all ages and stages, personalities and denominations in their life journey.

Some recollections: highlights for Christine were that sometimes we come to God with a spirit of perfection, but we are coming to God as ourselves. Out of love for us, God expects to meet us where we are at, strengthening us in the power of his truth and light. Dr Carolyn Leaf who has thirty five

years of research and knowledge as a Cognitive Neuroscientist especially inspired Helene. Every thought changes brain chemistry. Negative thoughts can be toxic. It is God's truth that can change you from the inside out. Like the Garden of Eden, keep your eyes fixed on the God of truth with all your mind and soul as you become more like him.



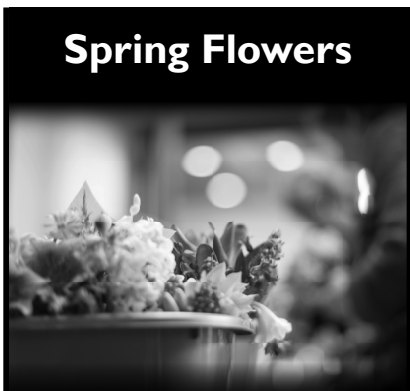
L-R: Lorraine, Christine, Kim, Helene and Angela

I was touched by Wendy Treat's teaching on how each of us has a sphere of influence. God strengthens us to be the person he has called us to be, to step out and make a difference. From a foundation of scripture, prayer and the seeds planted at this conference, let's increase our Godly spheres of influence. Lorraine treasured the reminders of the importance of scripture in our walk.

Our joy now is to return to our Sisters and Brothers at St Barnabas and share the seeds of truth and love and be more aware of how God's Holy Spirit is moving in this family of God.

Angela Brown
Children and Families

Spring Flowers



Spring was definitely in the air with even a hint of Summer as 'Spring flower's Sunday' bloomed around the parish under a brilliant blue Christchurch sky. There was such a delightful atmosphere on the Saturday where many posies were made. These were blessed and delivered by people from St Barnabas to many people in need, those that may have been hospitalised, or unwell and needing some spring cheer. 'Spring flower's Sunday' is a community mission from St Barnabas Church which began as a small seed many, many years ago.

A 70 year complimentary relationship

Parishioners of St Barnabas' Church for 54 years, Meth and Marg Mabin recently celebrated their 70th Wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Meth and Marg met while playing tennis at Silverstream, Wellington, in 1938. Their marriage took place at the Silverstream Church Hall on Meth's return from the Pacific campaign on 31st August 1944.

Marg was a nurse and had migrated with her family from the UK in 1937. Meth worked for NZ Insurance Company first in Wellington, where they lived until 1960 when they moved to Christchurch. Meth was part of the parish banking group for twenty nine years after worshipping at the mid-morning services. They have lived in their family home at Hamilton Ave until the present.

They have three children, Judith, Keith and Barbara, six grand and two great grandchildren.

Their keen interests have

included; gardening, golf, tennis, bowls, fishing, bridge and landscape painting in the back country.

They have always belonged to this parish since moving here in 1960 and both have worshipped at the mid-morning services.

When asked what the secret of staying married is they replied, "A complimentary relationship, give and take and for them they have simply always got on well together".

We all wish them well and congratulations!

Rev. Philip Robinson



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