



# THE MOORING POST

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

## The Human Story: Horror, Comedy, or Romance?

Recently I trawled hundreds of photographs I had stored in my garage. So many experiences caught on camera; family, friends, holidays, parties plus some rather unusual clothing and hairstyle choices over the decades. I'm pretty sure these experiences covered all of the above genres and more! So many stories. Some good, sad, bad, extremely funny and even hilarious. Remembering all of those stories which had shaped me, I wondered what photos I would take in the future, what stories they would tell and how they would continue to shape me.

Michael Goheen's book *Drama of Scripture* conveys the biblical story as six acts, "the divine drama told in Scripture offers a story which is the story of the whole world." Goheen challenges us to find our place in this story or 'scriptural drama'.

In Act One (Gen 1-2), God calls into being a marvellous creation. He creates people in his image to live in fellowship with him and to explore and care for the riches of creation. As the curtain drops God says, "It is good."

In Act Two (Gen 3-11), People

refuse to live under the Creator's word, choosing to go it alone. It results in disaster and opens the floodgates of sin, and the world got messed up.

Act Three (Gen 12-OT), God's plan is to restore and renew the messed up creation. God goes about this by choosing a people, Israel. God promises to make Abraham a great and blessed nation, to restore creation, and God says they are to live the way He intended and thus be a light to the world. Israel fails in this calling.

In Act Four (Matt-John), God sends Jesus at the very centre of the story. He defeats sin on the cross, rises from the dead inaugurating the new creation and pours out His Spirit to reveal the kingdom. God then sends a newly gathered Israel to all nations to be the intention of what he meant for humanity.

Act Five (Acts-Jude), tells the story of the church's mission from Jerusalem to Rome in the first hundred or so years. But the Biblical story isn't the end, the play continues; the church's mission is to continue in all places until Jesus returns.

And here we are, 21st century believers, confronted with our part in the Fifth Act looking hopefully toward the Sixth and final act. We are invited into this story to witness the rule of God in Jesus coming at the climax of history.

Act Six (Revelation), is yet to come; Jesus' return and his restoration ministry completed.

So, our mission here at St Barnabas', 'Following Jesus and extending God's love,' is to live the way God intended us to live and love and care for others.

The church is essential to the gospel. Jesus did not communicate the good news simply by writing a book. Rather, he formed a community (us), to be the bearer of this good news. The identity of Christian believers here and around the world is in 'being sent' by Jesus with the good news of his kingdom. The story of the Bible is our life and our lives form part of this ultimate story. This is my story, our story, and one that shapes who we are and what we do.

Rev. Sam Knight

## Spring Flowers' Sunday

An annual event to celebrate God's creation and to offer some cheer and friendship to others in need.

Sunday 14 September at all morning Services.

Posies will be made and delivered to people and families around the parish. We will be making posies in the Tui Room on Saturday 13 September 9.30 – 11am; all helpers are welcome even to just contribute with some spring flowers.

*'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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## Ordination Service

Photos: Mandy Caldwell

## 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 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.

## Lynda Patterson (1974 - 2014)

### A Personal Reminiscence

I first met Lynda about ten years ago when she was a student at St John's College. I gave a talk on Anglican interpretation of the Bible which worked from principles inscribed in the Thirty Nine Articles and she complimented me on providing her first occasion for hearing these articles talked about in a theological college. At that stage I did not realise that she had already had a career teaching New Testament at Mansfield College, Oxford.



Our paths crossed again when I came to the Diocese of Christchurch in 2010 to take up her previous role as Director of Theology House. From 'Theologian in Residence' at our cathedral, she became Acting Dean in 2011 and then, last December, she was installed as Dean - our first woman Dean.

Every few months we would catch up for a cup of coffee and, well, to be candid, ecclesial gossip. She knew everything and nearly everyone. No coffee conversation left me without interesting, even scandalous news! But our coffees also had serious purposes. Independently at our synod in 2012 we had arrived at the conclusion that we ought to respond to Bishop Victoria's call for a year of prayer with a Lenten study. With the help of many coffee meetings, that book became two books when we published this year's book on discipleship. Lynda died in the course of preparation for our third book.

Working with her was very easy. Her brilliant mind could always find a turn of phrase to express something we disagreed on in a way which we could agree on. Her personal stories - yes, they were all hers - made these books what they are.

Like many friends of Lynda I enjoyed her sparkling wit - surely an expression of her Irish DNA - but we were aware of a sadder side to her life. Every so often I would see a Facebook post from her along the lines of 'Slightly shop soiled priest looking for a new job.' On such occasions I could often make a connection between the latest bout of cathedral controversy, or perhaps yet more bad news on the state of her quake damaged house. But the greater sadness for her friends and congregation were the times when we saw her obviously ill, literally dragging her body between her car and meeting venue.

Yet somehow she survived her illnesses, especially through 2013. Thus her death has been a shock and her loss, to friends, colleagues, congregations, diocese and wider church has been immense.

Rev. Dr. Peter Carrell  
Director of Theology House  
Director of Education, Diocese of Christchurch

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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 as the vicar is on sabbatical leave. Many apologies received.

### Pastoral / Outreach Oversight Committee:

Vestry accepted as new members of the Pastoral Care Volunteer group: Suzie Walker, Helene Aubrey, and Elliot & Lily Luo. Kofe presented a Pastoral Care Report that included details of the Earthquake Response Team's Fendalton Doorknock, where 3725 homes were visited. Co-ordinated by Janette Sprott (St Christopher's Anglican Church), the door-knocking was a huge success and connected with many households who are still struggling with earthquake issues. Follow-ups by our Pastoral Team are planned.

### Christchurch City Council Grant:

Our application to the Fendalton-Waimairi Strengthening Communities Fund, for Youth Programmes and Activities has been awarded a grant for \$12,000.

### Church Property Trustees (CPT):

Vestry was informed that Business Interruption and Contents insurance payments to parishes have been finalised, and that the recovery process for Earthquake Prone Buildings (EPBs) and the requirement for a Detailed Engineering Evaluation (DEE).

**Works Committee:** Suzanne Price the new recovery manager (CPT) gave an update on progress: towards a building consent application, consent/tender documents, review of the scope of works, documentation package, revised cost estimates and potential builders to tender.

**15 Tui Street:** Vestry agreed to ask the St Barnabas Fendalton Trust for \$60,000 to pay for a new roof, ceiling insulation, and repair to the first floor cladding for 15 Tui Street. Some contribution for the new roof and cladding repair is expected from the EQC.

## REGISTER

### Funerals

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

### July

30 Beryl Daphne Breen



## 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!

October articles due by  
**Friday 12 September**



## Kia ora, thank you. a message from Woolston School



We want to say a huge 'Thank you' to you for making a real and practical gift to our young people who come from homes where resources and priorities are not always able to be focussed on the wellbeing needs of their children.

What many of us take for granted, those items which make us feel

fresher, cleaner and more confident are just not options for families who are struggling to make ends meet on a daily basis.

It is wonderful to have a generous assortment of products which we can distribute to our students, paired with conversations about taking responsibility for personal health and wellbeing and good self care, particularly for those coming to puberty.

Your thoughtfulness in gifting these items to our school is a real blessing to us and our vulnerable rangitahi (young people).

On behalf of the Senior Management Team and Board of Trustees of Woolston School,

Julia Field  
Assistant Principal



## What's Coming Up?

### Dr Peter Lineham

200 Years of Anglicanism in NZ. Leading Church historian and commentator on the development of Anglicanism with comments on the future prospects of the Anglican Church. 7.15pm in the Hall.

WEDNESDAY **3**  
SEPTEMBER

### Diocesan Synod

This begins with Eucharist Thursday 4th at the Transitional Cathedral. Friday 5-6 September at St Christopher's Church Avonhead.

THURSDAY **4**  
SEPTEMBER

### Spring Flowers' Sunday

This annual service is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate God's creation and to offer some cheer and friendship to others. Posies will be made and delivered to people and families around the parish.

SUNDAY **14**  
SEPTEMBER

### Newcomers' Welcome

An opportunity to really say hello and offer a bit of hospitality to our newcomers. 3pm afternoon tea

SUNDAY **14**  
SEPTEMBER

### Daylight Savings Begins

Set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. To help you get through the earlier start, we will be serving extra strong coffee after the morning services.

SUNDAY **28**  
SEPTEMBER

### Book Sale

The 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book sale always generates a frenzy among Christchurch book lovers and treasure hunters. St Barnabas' Hall, 9am - 3pm. All proceeds toward the Church Repair.

SATURDAY **4**  
OCTOBER

## RAINBOW PROMISES The Rock

Rainbow Promises – presenting God's Promises from the Bible - is mission shaped ministry to children and families who don't get to church on Sunday mornings. It is based on the Messy Church Fresh Expression of church inspired by Lucy Moore and her team in UK in 2010. It is another way to help people discover Jesus. It is about coming as we are messy family life and messy ways, God works with any of us. Messy church is attractive to people outside church as it combats the old myth that church needs to be 'tidy' and that we need to be tidy, too.

At the recent Messy Church Conference Lucy Moore inspired us with practical ideas on how to build God's kingdom in the Messy way and keep worship truly intergenerational. She shared stories of how families' lives have been changed and how

the faith communities that reach out through Messy Church find renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Messy Church combines Bible stories, craft and other activities, music and prayer in worship that suits the whole family with the added bonus of a sit down family meal. The five core values of Messy Church are being Christ Centred, All Age, Hospitable, Celebration and Creative.

Rainbow Promises' THE ROCK is the next event for all ages to come and find messy ways of experiencing Jesus' teaching of the Wise and Foolish Builders. Come and join the fun on Saturday 27 September 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Angela Brown  
St Barnabas' Children  
and Families Worker



## “Following Jesus & Extending God's Love”

St Barnabas is a very generous and caring parish which is shown in many ways. We have teams of visitors and those who take communion to the sick. Recently more people have agreed to join in this ministry – thank you. Our freezer is filled as soon as a request is made, donations are also given for many causes, and the City Mission continues to benefit from your generosity. Thank you for all that is done with love and compassion in the name of Christ.

As a parish we are also challenged to look beyond our boundaries for others who might benefit from our care and encouragement. The

committee heard about Woolston School, where the need for support is great. Already, we have supplied the students with beautiful beanies.



## Peter Lineham

### ‘A Stock Take’

200 Years of Anglicanism  
in NZ

7.15pm Wednesday  
3 September  
St Barnabas Hall

Leading Church historian and commentator on Church Life in New Zealand Peter Lineham is speaking at St Barnabas on the topic of ‘200 Years of Anglicanism in New Zealand: A Stock Take’.

Peter will cover the development of Anglicanism from the early Maori mission through to the present day looking at the changing geography of religion during that time with comments on the future prospects of the Anglican Church.

The lecture will be at 7.15pm Wednesday, 3 September in the St Barnabas Hall, 8 Tui St Fendalton. Mark in your calendar now!

Recently a large box was delivered to the school which contained over 100 toothbrushes, many tubes toothpaste, deodorant for the older students and numerous pairs of socks, all donated by you our parishioners. The students and staff were delighted to accept the gifts. We received a letter which we want to share with you, see page 6 to read their response.

Zeta Laurie  
on behalf of the Pastoral Care  
and Outreach Committee



## 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 September 3 at 2pm  
Speaker: Wendy Kingston

Wendy is our Diocesan Link Member and possesses many and varied talents.  
Tui Room, Sales Table  
Leader: Yvonne Cummins 358 2153

### In Betweens' Group

Tuesday 16 September at 7.30pm  
Speaker: Trevor Lord

Christchurch Restoration Man  
St Barnabas Hall, Sales Table  
All most welcome  
Leader: Pam Chapman 322 9409

## SEVEN RED POPPIES

*With love from St Barnabas'*

Following the well-attended Service of Remembrance at St Barnabas' on ANZAC Day 2014, I saved seven red poppies to carry with me on my history study tour to France, and with a special mission in mind.

The tour began on 5 June in Hastings in England. We visited sites associated with William the Conqueror and also the D-Day Museum in Portsmouth prior to taking the ferry to Normandy and our bus to Rouen. We were able to pause at the Commonwealth War Graves' cemetery in the suburbs of Rouen. The first two poppies from St Barnabas' were left with love beside the headstone of my great-uncle John Bennett. He was injured at the Front in 1918, and then died in a hospital in Rouen.



Frieda Looser: historian and tour guide

Over the next few days, we visited D-Day museums and sites such as Arromanches, and the Pegasus Bridge and town of Ranville, the first to be liberated on 6 June 1944. My Uncle Frank was in the regiment that parachuted into Ranville; he lived to

tell the tale and is now 98 years old. After these thought-provoking visits, we wended our way in the sunshine through the ancient history and culture of Brittany.

The three-week study tour came to a close in St-Malo, and with my five poppies I continued to pursue my personal mission. My great-uncle, Harold Johnson, was killed at the Somme in July 1916 aged 21, and is buried near Albert. I know his handsome young face so well from family photos; it was a privilege to pay my respects and leave two St Barnabas poppies with love.

With my Eurail Pass and three poppies, I travelled by train via Lyon through the Alps to Florence. Three nights in this glorious Renaissance city was a bonus, but my primary objective was a small military cemetery outside Faenza, a train journey from Florence through the Apennines. My mother Joan's brother, Harold Bennett, was killed in December 1944 after five years' active service in France, North Africa and Italy. The uncle I never met has always been a part of my life, and two red poppies were placed by his grave with love. I had one left, the one I had been wearing, and this I laid with the wreaths at the Cross for the unknown soldiers, who have no niece to visit and bring poppies from New Zealand.

Frieda Looser

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## WHERE DO OUR WAFERS GO?

*We've been celebrating our wafer-making for ages, but what happens when they leave the door?*

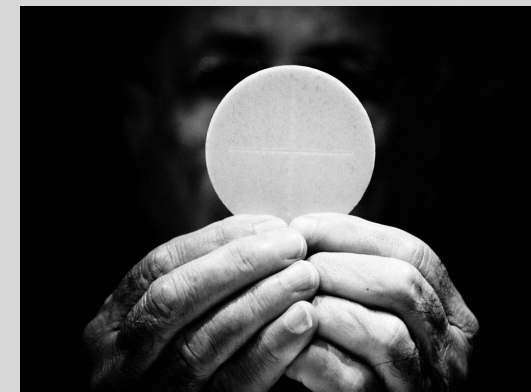
Many Christians around Aotearoa New Zealand celebrate Eucharist with wafers made right here at St Barnabas Church. These wafers end up in many interesting parts of the country from as far north as Auckland and as far south as Stewart Island and to other interesting places like Ngongotaha which also has a church named St Barnabas. We send wafers to over 120 parishes and this year so far we have sold about 700 boxes of people's wafers and 150 boxes of priest wafers. We provide a lot of wafers on a regular basis to Wellington Resource Centre, Nelson Cathedral, Dunedin Cathedral and locally to St Peters Upper Riccarton, St Christopher's and the Cathedral. Our biggest regions other than Christchurch are Dunedin, Timaru and Ashburton. In Christchurch we have over 40 churches and organisations to which we distribute wafers. We have recently gained new clients and hopefully they will continue to get wafers from us.

Some of the smaller parishes may only order one or two boxes a year but remembering that there are 200 wafers per box this is a significant number for them. Wafers are mainly posted and an extra charge is added to the order. The ladies at the Fendalton Post Office are invaluable when it comes to posting our orders

and always show an interest in the destinations of our product. We think of them as honorary members of our team.

I am sure our wafers could tell many stories of their travels around New Zealand.

Shirley-Anne Collins



## Pasta, pasta.

*I love pasta! It's a wonderful food! Rigatoni, mostaccioli, and spaghetti, too! Pasta, pasta. I love pasta! Take a look and you'll see, Fettuccini, vermicelli, ravioli for me!*

*Slurp! Gulp! Say, Luigi - Could you please pass me a fork and spoon so's I can twirl my spaghetti? Grazie!*

As victorious winners of the Variety Concert auction fundraiser pasta dinner, Robyn Gopperth, Peter Howorth and Laura Murray treated a group of eight to a wonderful evening of pasta making, wine, fun and food galore!

Peter the Pasta Person began by showing our group how to make pasta from the beginning (no pre-packaged short cuts) along with the filling for ravioli. We all participated with much hilarity and fun and then we all feasted on the delicious cooked results, washed down by some lovely wine.

This didn't just stop at that as

Peter entertained with such interesting conversation and discussion on the life of Greek Orthodox Monks of Mt Athos where he has spent a lot of time. This followed with his depth of knowledge of the geography of the area showing us some of the wonderful maps he has made of the region. Tricia Carrick-Leslie was a wonderful hostess and we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Christine Webster



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