



# THE MOORING POST

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

## Hope: Lost and Found

Never was sporting redemption so sweet! To see Emirates Team New Zealand cross the finish line at the recent America's Cup competition, must have given every Kiwi a tremendous sense of pride and satisfaction. It was more than just a win among other wins - it was redemption along the lines of the 2011 Rugby World Cup victory.

None of us will ever forget the face of the distraught Dean Barker after losing to Oracle in 2013 when he had been winning 8 - 1. His face somehow expressed the disappointment of our whole nation.

And Team New Zealand must have gone through a very dark time indeed post regatta. They must have grieved, processed the loss and, ever-so-slowly, began to pick themselves up again. They rebuilt their team with younger talented sailors, moved on technically with new engineers and specialists, and with an innovative design that pushed the boundaries of technology more than any other team, brought a winning boat, a winning crew and most importantly of all a winning belief to Bermuda and finished the job.

Hope and belief are absolutely central to human flourishing. So I ask myself why, when there are so many skills, so much talent and so much knowledge among the people of our small country, that so many young people take their own lives each year.

Just last month, yet another report highlighted our stubbornly high youth suicide rate - 15.6 per 100,000 people - which put us last in the countries surveyed. Paradoxically we ranked highest in 'Sustainable Cities and Communities.' Success on the outside; anguish of soul on the inside.

'Hope Project' is a Christian organisation whose goal is to make New Zealand a more hope filled place. They have identified a number of factors that contribute towards our high youth suicide rate and these include mental health issues, drugs, an unhappy or tragic event or an overwhelming business or relational problem. However the common symptom, surely must be, a loss of a sense of personal worth and meaning in life - a loss of hope.

I'm reading a book at the moment that tries to understand why people embraced Christianity in the first few centuries. In the ancient world people were most interested in basic survival and wellbeing and looked to the various gods on offer to help them prosper or at least avoid the worst kinds of calamities. And it was because their world view consisted of a host of unseen forces and powers all around them. Navigating a safe route through life was trickery to say the least!

So why did people embrace this new faith that was so contrary to conventional wisdom? Why did people

sign up to a new way of life that made them the target of hostility? One answer was the hope that Christianity offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hope sustained them in life and gave them dignity and confidence in death.

Christian hope is firmly based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It turns out that the resurrection wasn't simply a 'reversal' of death. Christ rose, not because death could not touch him, but rather because he passed through death, shattering its power, and emerging as the transcendent Lord of all.

As a result the resurrection was not a merely 'subjective' experience of the first disciples, nor was it another 'objective' historical event on a par with others. The resurrection of Jesus is the unique beginning of God's new creation and all those who believe in him can experience this new life now.

And that is the basis of the Christian hope - that because Jesus Christ rose from death and is alive forevermore, we also will be raised with him. This new life equips us to live well in the present, but also gives us hope for the future. This hope is what all people need - especially our young people. Let us as a Christian family continue to live and talk and celebrate this hope that we have in Christ!

*Rev. Mark Chamberlain*



## Farewell to the Newtons

**Sunday 9 July at 10.45am in the hall**

Join us for brunch as we say goodbye to Harry, Aimee, Josiah and Ariana.

Please bring finger food to share.  
 Donations for their farewell gift would be welcome.



*'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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## An Experiment to Develop our Mission

Earlier this year at the staff and Vestry Planning afternoon we had a presentation from Jane Huria, who specialises in organisational governance including “not for profit” groups. It was a very inspiring and challenging talk and discussion, where Jane praised a number of the structures and practices St Barnabas has in place, but also pointed out several areas we could look at tweaking to become more effective.

One of these was establishing a separate group with a particular focus on strategy and long term planning. Her argument was that Vestry and staff often get focussed on the core, everyday activities of running St Barnabas, but very rarely have time to reflect and consider the long-term future or direction we are heading in as a Parish.



Taking this challenge on board Vestry has formed a sub-group called the ‘Parish Strategy Team’ with the focus of reflecting on where we are as a Parish and developing a long term (10-15 year) Mission Action Plan that helps prioritise our focus and resources in order that we continue to grow and achieve our vision of “Following Jesus and extending God’s love.” The Strategy Team is made up of 5-6 members, meets every second month, and is chaired by myself as Vicar’s Warden.

Part of this change in structure seeks to better enable the Ministry Action Teams (Worship, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Outreach, Discipleship and Evangelism etc) to be empowered and equipped to continue to serve and minister more effectively. To help free up time for this, Vestry now meets every second month, with each Vestry member being encouraged to lead or participate in one of the many Ministry Action Teams that exist to coordinate and lead each area of ministry and worship within the St Barnabas parish.

New reporting and action templates have been developed to help the teams more effectively communicate their goals, needs and achievements to Vestry, so that we can provide the necessary oversight, resourcing and support to see each ministry thrive.

Vestry have agreed to adopt this change in structure and approach until the end of this year and then review whether or not it has been effective, and decide if it should continue. In the coming months, the Parish Strategy Team will be seeking to engage and hear from everyone in the St Barnabas community, to understand who we are, why we do what we do, what we do well, areas we could adapt or improve in, and ultimately where God may be encouraging us to go and grow into in the next 10-15 years. We are looking forward to developing a draft Mission Action Plan, and thank you in advance for your prayers and thoughts and ideas in the coming months, and encourage you to be part of this exciting conversation!

*Marcus Read - Vicar's Warden*

## Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas

Contact Harry Newton 027 342 2574

**Youth Group:** Christian youth community! Friday nights in the hall. 7-9pm – Yrs 7-13.

**The Revs:** Christian group for high school age young people. Meets on Sundays during Lifestreams at 9.30am.

# Messy Church – New Frontier of Mission

Imagine a place to come and gather families of all forms, shapes and sizes to have food, fun, faith, family craft and meal together. A place Playgroup, Mainly Music, community, Fresh Perspective, English class, family and friends can come to hear about the love of God – this is Messy Church!

Imagine the joy of 'Fruit of the Spirit' kebabs – one marshmallow being self-control. Amongst all this imagine a 3yr old saying "Who is this God?" and the reply given "God is the one who loves you" – this is Messy Church reaching the heart of a child in creative ways.

Imagine Penny Pentecost Puppet bringing a basket of the fruit of the spirit after a treasure hunt and fruit of the spirit song. Imagine a rubber glove over a cup with a straw to blow in like the spirit filling us – this is praise and Christ-centred teaching in a creative, powerful and memorable way.

Imagine 70 people aged 6 months to 80 something talking, creating, playing games, sharing grace, saying the Lord's Prayer with actions, sharing a sit-down dinner – this is Messy Church all age community – celebration and hospitality.

Messy Church is important to St Barnabas as it is a missional fresh expression of doing church together, Saturdays 3.30 – 5.30pm six times a year and growing a new congregation community. Messy Church is more than creative and colourful all-age worship. It's a form of church

for our changing culture and is aimed at those who are not yet members of any parish.

After four years the Messy Church congregation is over half community folk. Lifestreams and Antioch youth and families are putting their faith in action in this – our local mission field. The vision is to continue to reach Messy Church families at the weekly Fridayzone time and grow the Messy Church Saturday services to 8 in 2018.

Imagine being part of sowing seeds in the hearts of a new generation. Come and join a weekly expression of Messy Church at Fridayzone 3 – 5.30pm in the St Barnabas Hall and join the next Messy Church 1 July and you will discover some amazing child bible heroes!

*Angela Brown - St Barnabas Children and Family Worker*



## Please Pray for the Coptic Christians of Egypt

On May 26, the day before the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, at least 26 people, including children, were killed and 25 wounded in a gun attack on a bus carrying Coptic Christians. The bus had been travelling to the Monastery of St Samuel the Confessor, 135km south of Cairo where the Copts were going to pray. The bus was stopped by about 8 gunmen who fired at the bus with automatic weapons.

Persecution of the Copts has become more common in recent months. Two suicide bombings at Palm Sunday services in Alexandria on 9 April left 46 people dead and another suicide bombing in Cairo at Christmas left 46 dead.

Egypt's Coptic Church has traditionally preserved close ties to the Egyptian government, although there is a growing concern from Copts that the government is not doing enough to protect them. In Egypt, Coptic Christians make up at least 10% of the population.

The Archbishop of Canterbury made the following statement: "I am heart broken by the news of another awful attack on men, women and children murdered because of their faith in Jesus Christ. We pray for the people and nation of Egypt for peace and for a united rejection of the horrific actions of those who perpetrate terror.

I pray for Pope Tawadros II, as he leads the Coptic

Orthodox Church for wisdom and courage, for unshaking faith, for steadfastness and endurance. Today we stand with all those who fear for their lives because of their faith. We stand with Pope Tawadros and all the Christians of Egypt in prayer and solidarity".

Let us add our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Egypt.

*Madeleine Price*



*Pope Tawadros II meets the Archbishop of Canterbury*



## 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 July. We travel to Russley Village and join residents there for afternoon tea.

The Russley Village Bus will pick us up at 1.45pm at the St Barnabas car park and will take us there and return us.

Leader: Madeleine Price – 354 4299

### In Betweens

Tuesday 18 July at 7.30pm in the hall.

Our speaker will be Judy Dodwell whose son Christopher was based in both Iraq and Afghanistan post 9/11, during the American occupation. Judy will speak about the trials and tribulations of working in this most dangerous situation. This is an open night – all welcome!

Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie – 351 5179

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## Welcome to St Barnabas!

Harry Newton Interview two new members of the St Barnabas Family.

### Ben Wamamili

So Ben, you're new to Christchurch aren't you? Where did you come from originally?

Yes I am! I have been here in Christchurch since September last year. I am from Kenya, in fact I was born in the capital city Nairobi. Apart from the last 14 years I have spent most of my life in Kenya.

I understand you are a doctor.

Did you do your training in Kenya?

Yes I am a doctor! No I did not do my training in Kenya. In fact I trained in Seychelles.

How did you become a Christian? When did you start going to church? I would say I have been a Christian since childhood. I went to church regularly with my grandparents. They were actually Quakers so we went to a French church where they spoke a number of languages and local dialects but the language used most was Ki Swahili.

You've come a long way to be here in New Zealand then! What have you enjoyed most about the St Barnabas faith community? I have really enjoyed how welcoming a kind of community St Barnabas is. I have made loads of friends and I really enjoy my small group.

I understand it was your birthday recently - did you do anything special for it? Yes our small group actually had a potluck meal on my birthday which was really good. I have really enjoyed getting to know people in my small group and at St Barnabas.



### Zac Knopp

Where are you from originally? I'm originally from Wellington. I'm not sure where exactly in Wellington apart from that it was the windy part. But Dad did a lot of work around the world so we travelled quite a bit. We lived in London and New York for a short while but I can't remember them so they don't really count.

So you might not be a Cantabrian but the Christchurch question to ask is 'what school did you go to?' I went

to St Andrew's College here in Christchurch. It was a good school, at least I enjoyed it! I played basketball and quite a lot of tennis with my mate Jonno.

Now you're not at school any more – what do you do with yourself currently? I am at University doing a Bachelor of Commerce. In fact I am now exactly half way through my degree which is really cool stuff.

How did you become a Christian? Have you been a Christian as long as you can remember? I'd say I became a Christian when I was about 11 or 12 years old. My Mum used to take me to church every week from about the age of six. But the thing that really got me involved was my friend Kris pestering me to come to the junior church youth group '7 To 9.' It was while I was at '7 To 9' that I'd say I became a Christian.

When did you start going to St Barnabas? What have you enjoyed most about the St Barnabas faith community? My girlfriend Kathryn and I started coming along to St Barnabas earlier this year and we've really enjoyed it so far, particularly the decent sense of community. We've also both got involved in the youth group here which is pretty fun.





# Small Sacrifice Big Difference for Syrian Children

*"This is more than just any annual weekend activity. By making a small sacrifice over 40 hours, we are seriously changing the lives of vulnerable kids in the places that need it most. At the end of the day, it's not about what you do, but about the fact that you're doing something for the good of our global whanau!" Pio, World Vision Youth Ambassador*

The conflict in Syria has been raging for some time now and by all accounts it is an incredibly complicated situation. The children of Syria certainly didn't start the war, but arguably they are the generation that has suffered the most. Right now there are hundreds of thousands of children with no homes, no schools, an uncertain future, and shattered dreams.

In response to this overwhelming crisis some of our youth group members decided to band together to raise money alongside World Vision NZ in an effort to assist children caught up in the Syrian Civil War.

Originally the plan was for the St Barnabas Youth Group (SBYG) to simply have a sleepover but the plan quickly evolved. The next thing we knew our young people were voluntarily giving up their cell phones for 40 hours in return for sponsorship from friends and whanau, spreading the word on Facebook, and baking up a storm in the parish hall kitchen.

The next morning a sleep deprived group of young people emerged from the youth rooms, erected a gazebo outside the church, and started to sell their baking to passing parishioners. The result of all this was that SBYG raised in excess of \$620 from their bake sale alone!

Through their partnership with World Vision New Zealand, SBYG have helped provide safe, supportive places where Syrian children have access to arts, sports, education, and counselling so that they can start to recover from the trauma of war and be given the chance to be kids again. Well done SBYG, and many thanks to our generous donors and cake buyers!

Rev Harry Newton - Youth Minister



## An Invitation to Pray

*British Methodist leader Roger Walton talks about the wonder of God and invites us to pray*

Hello, I'm Roger Walton. I'm the President of the British Methodist Conference. I discovered the love of God when I was just 16 years old. I'm quite a lot older now but it still inspires me and it helps me to live every day. Today's prayer is a prayer about adoration and here it is.

"Glorious God, the universe that you have created, fills us with awe. Billions of stars across light years of space. Endless varieties of life teeming our planet sub-atomic particles – unpredictable yet you're holding together the fabric of the cosmos. All these point towards your creativity and love.

But the scriptures tell us more. That human beings carry your image and likeness. That you love us with all our faults and failings and that you sent your son for us. We are caught up in wonder, lost in praise,

speechless in adoration. Help us to share these wonders with those around us. In the name of Jesus. Amen."

It's a wonderful and dangerous thing to pray. You can be surprised by what happens. So please continue to pray for your friends for your neighbours, for your work colleagues. That they too will discover the wonderful love of God which has been shown to us in Jesus.

Roger Walton





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## Decision on Christchurch Cathedral

Members of the Diocesan Synod will be making the decision on the future of Christchurch Cathedral at its annual gathering beginning on Thursday 7 September. The three houses of Synod - Lay, Clergy and the Bishop - must decide to repair and strengthen the cathedral at a cost estimated at \$105 million, or to replace the existing damaged cathedral with a modern one, or any other option Synod may consider.

The Church Property Trustees have undertaken a comprehensive survey covering views on whether the cathedral should be repaired and strengthened or replaced. The information is available on [www.cathedralconversations.co.nz](http://www.cathedralconversations.co.nz).

All members of the Diocese are invited to attend one of the Pre-Synod meetings. The Christchurch Archdeaconry parishes, of which Fendalton is one, are invited to the St Barnabas Hall on Thursday July 13 at 7pm. The meeting covers items such as financial information including the draft 2018 Diocesan Budget and Bills and Motions received for Synod and is an opportunity to hear about what is on the Synod agenda.

Bishop Victoria was reported as saying that "robust discussion was typical of the Anglican faith, and she did not expect members to automatically fall in line behind her."



## Come to a Retreat Led by Ben Truman

Many of us fondly remember Ben Truman, as a very lively parishioner with us at Lifestreams, now a valued member of the ministry team at Lincoln but soon to be Vicar of Opawa.

We are delighted that Ben has agreed to lead us for a retreat afternoon on Saturday 30 September, in our Church. Mark this important parish event in your diary now!



## What's Coming Up?

### 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  
JULY

### Newtons' Farewell

Come and support Harry, Aimee and the family as they are farewelled from the parish and head north. Please bring finger food to share for an 10.45am Brunch.

SUNDAY  
JULY 9

### Pre-Synod Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend a Pre-Synod Meeting held in the St Barnabas Hall on Thursday July 13 at 7pm. Covers finances, Bills and Motions relating to the life of our Diocese.

THURSDAY  
JULY 13

### National Bible Sunday

Let's give thanks for the Bible, God's Word, this Sunday which is National Bible Sunday.

SUNDAY  
JULY 16

### Dinners for Eight

Dinners are organised around the parish on Friday or Saturday night of this weekend.

FRIDAY  
JULY 28

### Marriage Preparation Course

Our parish invites any couple soon to be married to undertake the Alpha 'Marriage Preparation Course' over 5 weeks. Ring the office to register.

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 3

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# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## ST BARNABAS CHURCH

- 8.00am Eucharist, followed by breakfast  
(Tui Room)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist followed by  
morning tea (Tui Room)
- 5.00pm 1st and 3rd Sundays – Evensong,  
2nd Sunday – Choral Night  
Prayer, 4th Sunday – Eucharist

## ST BARNABAS HALL

- 9.30am Lifestreams Eucharist with  
children's and youth programmes  
followed by morning tea.
- 7.00pm Antioch in the hall for students  
young adults but all welcome

## MID-WEEK WORSHIP

- 8.30am Wednesday – Eucharist all welcome  
in the Church
- 10.00am Thursdays – Eucharist in Church  
1st Thursday – Prayer and Healing

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Home Communion:  
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Retirement Village fortnightly and  
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## Vestry News

- **New Structure for Vestry:** Marcus Read presented Vestry with a diagram of the new Vestry structure. New reporting templates have been issued to Ministry Action Team Convenors to help them give accurate information to Vestry, help them be action and goal focussed and strengthen accountability.
- **Strategic Planning:** Vestry are in the process of planning a parish wide survey to investigate what our values, culture and aspirations are for the future are. The web based programme 'Survey Monkey' will be used but for those without internet access hard copies of the survey will be made available. This is a preliminary step before we develop a Strategic Plan for the parish. Everyone is invited to keep this process in prayer so we correctly discern God's will for our future.
- **Finances:** The Finance Team reported that the year to date income was \$201,516 which is \$4,448 below budget. Expenditure was \$194,103 which is \$14,901 below budget. Concern was expressed that income from direct giving was \$6,170 below budget.
- **Scope of Works for Hall and Admin Building:** The Works Team are putting together a preliminary Betterment Scope of Works for the Hall and Admin Building which will be undertaken at the time the earthquake repairs and strengthening of these buildings takes place. After this scope has been put together parishioners and user groups will be consulted.
- **Ministry Action Team Budgets:** The Vicar reported that work had gone into refining the budget codes and amounts for each of the Ministry Action Teams. In the near future each team will receive regular reports showing how their expenditure is tracking.

## REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God the following children who have been baptised.

May

28 Emilene Paris Yeoh

28 Edie Rose Diana Robinson

### FUNERALS

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

May

25 Kenneth Edgeworth Ussher

25 Gloria Mary Nevin

June

2 Gregory Muir Ward

7 Helen Straubel



'Baby Jesus Starts Teething'

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## Messy Church May 2017

