



THE MOORING POST

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

Closer Together - Whakatata Mai

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said during his recent visit to New Zealand that 'this is the most mind-numbingly beautiful country that I have ever seen.' I wonder, if he was able to see the social state of our nation as clearly, would be so impressed?

But perhaps the natural beauty of our landscapes has blinded us all when it comes to thinking critically about the inner life of our nation. Six weeks out from the election is a great time to raise this vitally important topic.

A recent report from the OECD reveals that New Zealand has a very high income disparity between rich and the poor, and that between the 1980's and 90's this gap grew faster than any other OECD country. Today one in ten kiwis lives in poverty which is double the number of a generation ago.

When I visited Canada ten years ago, I was shocked at the numbers of homeless people. At the time it seemed like an indictment against Canadian society and I secretly prided myself that we kiwis would never stand for it. However it has happened here. It has happened in our own city.

The Gini index, which is a statistical measure of inequality based on family income, puts New Zealand dead last in the OECD - a dramatic change in my lifetime. From bulwark of egalitarianism to just one more stratified society.

So what is the cost of inequality?

Numerous studies have shown that inequality is bad for societies in a number of ways. First of all inequality means that the poor feel increasingly 'left behind' by the rest of society. They disengage with the institutions and structures that make for integration, identity, stability and purpose. The poor feel that the fruits of economic growth have been denied them and this generates strong feelings of alienation.

Furthermore there is growing evidence that countries that have high levels of inequality pay a significant economic price. The poor find it difficult to access educational opportunities and struggle to raise loans for business development. Social mobility is hampered and the resources of talent, energy and innovation are not available to the workforce. The inequality gap represents a brake on the whole economy - everyone pays.

Christian theology addresses the issue of inequality in a number of ways. Scripture teaches that every person is precious, made in the image of God and specially endowed with a range of gifts so that everyone is able to contribute to the common good. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12 "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord... Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." In spite of our differing abilities and gifts, we all have a distinct and

important contribution to make. As a result the economic value placed on our contribution should be fair and not disproportionate. We are called to a life of mutual valuing and cooperation as we work together.

In the past Christians have contributed strongly to this vision of an egalitarian society. Rev Rutherford Waddell was the Presbyterian minister at St Andrews in Dunedin in the 1880s and preached and worked toward this ideal. He reconstituted the 'Ladies' Association' into a 'Friendly Aid Association' with a concern for the poor. He opened a Mission Hall with a free reading room, lending library, savings bank and even an employment agency. He opened New Zealand's first free kindergarten, and fought for the rights of women.

Waddell fought against the practice of 'sweating' which involved poor people, often women, working long hours for a meagre wage. A slew of social legislation was passed in the 1890s as a direct result of his campaign. He saw the issue of inequality as an evil that had to be addressed.

So I invite you to pass the gauge of 'equality' over the policy offerings of the various parties at this election and ask if these policies will bring us closer together or drive us further apart - economically and socially. Let us strive to grow closer together - Whakatata Mai.

Rev. Mark Chamberlain



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Course

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'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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Introducing Phil and Emma Parkes

Phil Parkes is the new Younger Persons Worker at St Barnabas working with the youth and young adults of our parish. We warmly welcome them and hope that they settle in quickly to life at St Barnabas!

My name is Phil and my wife is Emma. I'm really looking forward to joining the team at St Barnabas as the Younger Persons Worker.

Both Emma and I grew up in churches and have been very involved in leading ministries in the past. I have always looked to share my experience of God with those younger than myself, starting out by helping at Sunday Schools and Christian kids camps, later graduating to volunteer youth group leading and Easter camps.

Through an internship role I got my first experience leading young people and the chance to study Christian ministry – I loved it! I handed the ministry on to another leader after some time, in order to complete my Bachelor of Music, but never stopped feeling drawn to working with young people.

Emma has a wealth of knowledge and experience as a worship musician (and superb keyboard skills), thanks to serving at both Hillsong and Holy Trinity Brompton churches in London for several years, and then running the music ministry at another church in Christchurch. We met while she was running that music team and I was running the youth group there. I couldn't stick to just one ministry and got to know Emma quite well as we served together. For me that meant a bit of guitar playing and worship leading. Emma's got a great voice to accompany her playing, but you're a privileged person if you get a chance to hear it!

We married just over a year ago and have spent the last six months living and working in London. Emma is a primary music teacher and I worked as a teacher aide - also at primary level. This has been a great time of us making memories together, seeing a few parts of Europe and very importantly getting to be part of Holy Trinity Brompton, a church that certainly is a light in a dark place. We both served on the music team there (a return for Emma), which has been an invaluable experience. We're now returning to Christchurch to start our family. Our first baby is due later this year, and we are ready to settle into serving the young people of St B's.



I'm really excited to be working with young people again because I know just how fun they are, but also how important this time in our lives is. Jesus' life and sacrifice are truly incredible and need to be shared! It's a wonderful feeling to know that you are free to be a child of God, free to grow into all that God has called you to be, and that is what I know I'm called to share.

We already feel very welcomed by the community at St Barnabas, and I'm writing this from the other side of the world! Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself - we can't wait to meet you all!

Phil and Emma Parkes

Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas

Contact Phil Parkes 022 032 3663

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.

Marriage Maintenance Through the Alpha Marriage Course

We all know the importance of regular maintenance on our vehicles and we think nothing of taking our car in to be serviced regularly and paying significant sums for oil, filters, brake fluid and tyres – not to mention the labour cost. So why would we think we can go through life without putting time and effort into our marriage?

In mid August, St Barnabas offers a chance for couples to attend the Alpha Marriage Course - maintenance for your marriage! The Course begins on Wednesday 16 August and runs for seven weeks and is specially designed to help couples grow in their relationship, overcome hurdles and deepen their love and appreciation for each other.



The Marriage Course is set in a fantastic atmosphere. You will be at a candle-lit table with your spouse. There are video clips to watch that are practical, informative and fun. This is followed by interaction and discussion with your partner.

Dessert, tea and coffee will be served at each couple's table part way through the evening.

There is no group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner.

Places are limited, so ring the parish office on 351 7064 to register or email the Vicar on mark@stbarnabas.org.nz. The cost is \$10 each – a small price to pay for a stronger marriage!

Doing Life Together Through Small Groups

Our small group "Life @ 91" is currently one of two young adults small groups at St Barnabas. We have 17 members 'on our books' with an average weekly attendance of between 8 and 10.

At the beginning of July a group of 9 of us went to watch Evie Gilmour perform in her school's production 'Chicago'. It was an enjoyable night out together. We usually aim to have a 'social night' 1 in every 4 Mondays interspersed with whatever study series we are doing.

Small groups are just one way to grow as a community beyond the usual Sunday church attendance. I am grateful that Life @ 91 contains a variety of people at different stages of their lives with differing viewpoints on various subjects.

Increasingly we have been able to depend on each other for prayer and practical ways of helping, such as cooking a meal when one of our number have just had a baby or doing an airport drop-off at 3am! We also have the privilege of celebrating significant events together - notably Evie's confirmation at the start of this year and Braeden McInnes' baptism in June.

If you're not already in a small group I would really encourage you to join one. Alternatively you may wish to start up your own group from scratch! Speak to a clergy member to find out more.

Nigel Yeoh – "Life @ 91" Small Group leader



Matt and Nigel - Young Adult Small Group Leaders



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 2 August at 2pm in the Tui Room. Anne McCormick from CMS will be speaking to us about her work in Cambodia.

There will be a sales table to support the work Anne and her husband David carry out.

Leader: Madeleine Price
354 4299, 021 188 5138

In Betweens

Tuesday 15 August at 7.30pm in the hall.

Our speaker will Rachael McNutt who will give a presentation of the work of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and of those involved.

Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie – 351 5179

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Braeden McInnes Reflects on His Recent Baptism

Hi Braeden. Where are you from and what brought you to Christchurch? I am from a small town called Morrinsville in the North Island. Christchurch's scenery and reputable university brought me here as I wasn't too keen on studying in Auckland in the centre of the city.

What hopes do you have for your career? I hope to become a chartered professional engineer as quickly as possible with the possibility of heading back to university to complete a Masters. I also wish to travel overseas and work in lots of different countries.

How did you come to be at St Barnabas? I made a new best friend during my second year of University who was very passionate about her faith and asked if I would like to come along. At first I avoided it due to my upbringing outside of the Christian faith, however, I saw the joy and happiness that my friend radiated and thought there has got to be something more that I was missing out on.

What do you appreciate about St Barnabas? I appreciate the people and the community of St Barnabas. My first steps in the door of the church I was greeted kindly and people were actually genuinely interested in my life. I have always had friends at school and not outside of school so to have had made many new friends of different ages has been an awesome experience.

What are the ways you contribute to the life of the St Barnabas family? I play in the band on a regular basis as often as I can during my university schedule. I usually alternate between playing at Lifestreams and Antioch. I also help out whenever I can, such as special events like Messy Church.

Why did you decide to be baptized? Throughout my whole journey towards baptism no one pushed anything onto me. I was able to freely make my own decision about my faith and know that I could go to anyone and ask questions. I wanted baptism to be a new step in faith for me, where I finally put everything behind me and walked forward on a new journey, striving to accomplish my goals I want to achieve during my journey.

What was the experience like and in what ways has it affected you? I never expected such a large crowd at my baptism! It was wonderful to have everyone turn up and support me during my new step in faith.

During the experience I understood new aspects of my life and reasons as to why I view certain things and it is all down to God's grace.



What are the challenges of being a Christian in today's world?

What I find difficult is to share the message with the people of our generation. I still have a small inkling of what people will think of me if they know. Also thinking everyone that's around you is enough but I know that is not the way of thinking. We should be here to express God's love not hide it all to ourselves.

What are your growth areas and how do you see God affecting your life? My growth areas are to develop my faith in my relationship with my partner (former best friend) to ensure we include God in our journey through life and not forget about the important person who put us together. I see God affecting my life in ways I would never have expected. I have become much more thoughtful and giving, even if it is only my time but I view that as the most important thing you can give someone. I have enjoyed every step on my journey and I am grateful for this huge step of baptism and happy I was able to make this decision at this age.

New Home For Banner

The Diocesan Association of Anglican Women (AAW) Banner, dedicated in 1989, was designed by Ruth Helps and made by Anne Denys. It depicts Canterbury, home of many AAW members. Bishop Allan Pyatt turned the shaft from South Island Beech.

Our Diocesan AAW Banner was rescued from the Christ Church Cathedral in the Square on 21 September, 2011. The lower part of the shaft, remains in the damaged Cathedral, so we have had a replacement shaft made for the banner.

For a short time the banner was kept in the Christ Church Transitional Cathedral, but it was in the way when the Cathedral had to be cleared for functions, so I was asked to find a new home for it.

After six years, St Barnabas, Fendalton, having had the earthquake damages repaired, was re-opened on 19 February, 2017. The Fendalton Parish has two active AAW groups so I asked the Vicar, Rev Mark Chamberlain, if we could keep the Diocesan AAW Banner in the Church, and he agreed!

Judith Mackenzie - Diocese of Christchurch AAW President



Cathedral Conversations

All parishioners are invited to attend a Pre-Synod Parish Forum to discuss the future of the Cathedral in the Square before Synod takes place from 7 – 9 September. Our Synod Representatives and licensed clergy will be present at the Forum to hear the views of all who attend. The forum will take place on Sunday 27 August from 11am till 12 noon following the two 9.30am services.

All parishioners are urged to become informed about this matter by going to the Cathedral Conversations website – www.cathedralconversations.co.nz - and reading the material that is presented here. There are a large number of documents there including the official reports, information on the Government and Council offer, fundraising and financial information, the Cathedral Working Group Reports and the 2017 Community Survey.

Please be aware that parish Synod Representatives, whether clergy or lay, cannot be instructed to vote in a certain way. Our Synod Representatives are required to vote according to their consciences and according to the way they feel God is leading the Synod at the time of the debate.

We also urge the entire parish to lay before God the needs of the Diocese, The Church Property Trustees, the Dean and Cathedral congregation, the needs of our city and the mission of the church as we seek to navigate a route through this challenging issue. Please pledge to pray with me, each day, for the successful resolution of this matter.

Rev Mark Chamberlain

MISSION NEAR AND FAR

Most of us admire Christians who travel to other countries and cultures to serve God. But in fact we're all called to serve God by serving people and building up God's kingdom of love and compassion wherever we live and work.

As a result this year's Mission Month is going to be different! We've called it 'Mission Near and Far' and all parishioners are being invited to do something extra for another person or group sometime in September – have morning tea with an elderly person, do some gardening or housework, baby sit for a couple, help with an ecology project, volunteer at the City Mission, give financially to an overseas project or write a letter of encouragement to a mission partner etc.

There will be lots of projects to choose from – some big and some small – so there's something for everyone. It will be so encouraging to see just how much love and concern can be unleashed by our parish in the month of September! It's all about loving our neighbours – some who are nearby and some are far away

Of course many people already volunteer in a whole host of ways, but this is a little different because it's a parish wide response and a way for those who haven't volunteered much in the past to get involved. So I commend this initiative. Signup sheets with information will be available throughout August so we're ready to go in September. Come on – please join me in 'Mission Near and Far' this September!

Rev Mark Chamberlain



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Growing In Faith through Film

The Discipleship and Evangelism Team put on an excellent series of 'Faith and Film' nights in June with 14-20 people attending each night. The format was simple – a shared meal of soup and rolls followed by the screening of a film depicting the lives of fictional and non-fiction figures that followed the Christian life and walked in Christ's footsteps.

After the films, a facilitated discussion was held - Pauline Stewart facilitated the discussion of "Babette's Feast" and designed an insightful question sheet and

Rev. Wyatt Butcher, Chaplain at Hillmorton Hospital, discussed mental illness and deinstitutionalisation in "The Insatiable Moon."

The next series of films is scheduled for 22 and 29 August and 6 September.

"Many thanks for the Faith in Film series...I found all three movies inspiring and challenging and appreciated the soup and rolls and friendly fellowship beforehand as well...having the chance for discussion afterwards added a lot to value and made them well worth watching again" Joanna Frampton



Musical Afternoon

All are warmly welcome to attend an enchanting afternoon of musical entertainment by students from Hillmorton High School.

Date: Wednesday 9 August at 2pm

Venue: St Barnabas Church

Tickets: \$10 at the parish office.
Door sales.

Contact the office on 351 7064 if you would like to attend.

This event is organised by the Royal Overseas League promoting the arts amongst young people. This is a wonderful opportunity to support Hillmorton High School and to encourage all schools and groups to use the beautiful facilities of our church and site.



What's Coming Up?

Marriage Preparation Course

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

THURSDAY **10**
AUGUST

Alpha Marriage Course

All couples are invited to attend this seven week course to strengthen and enrich their marriage. Ring the parish office on 351 7064 to register.

WEDNESDAY **16**
AUGUST

Faith In Film

All welcome to the first film of the series entitled 'First Cab off the Rank'. Begins with soup and rolls in the Tui Room at 6pm.

WEDNESDAY **23**
AUGUST

Messy Church

All children, young people and their families are invited to this outreach event which includes food, fun, faith, family craft and a meal. St Barnabas Hall - \$5 per family.

SATURDAY **26**
AUGUST

Mission 'Near and Far'

Get involved in Missions Month this year by volunteering for a project! It's all about participating in God's mission nearby in our parish but also far away. Sign-up sheets available from the office.

SUNDAY **3**
SEPTEMBER

Spring Flower Sunday

This annual service is a wonderful opportunity to offer some cheer and friendship to others. Posies will be made and delivered to people and families around the parish. If you can help call the Parish Office.

SUNDAY **10**
SEPTEMBER

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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

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

- Finances:** Figures for the month of June show that the year to date income was \$238,038 which is \$5,618 below budget. Expenditure was \$241,510,103 which is \$17,750 below budget. The net deficit from parish operations was \$3,473. Income from direct giving was \$7,668 below budget and is still a concern.
- Clergy Rosters:** Now that Harry Newton has moved on there is one less clergy person available to preside at communion and to preach. Vestry expressed concern that the clergy staff don't over work. The Vicar indicated that he had invited Ven Dr Peter Carrell and Peter George to preach in the next few months but the clergy workload needs to be monitored.
- Younger Persons Worker:** Phil Parkes has now been appointed to this role. The Parkes will make their own arrangements to rent a house. To ensure that this is close to the parish they are to be offered a small housing allowance in addition to Phil's stipend.
- West Boundary Fence:** Parish Verger Greg Brown is to discuss with the neighbours on the west boundary of the site about sharing some of the cost of removing the hedge before the new fence is constructed. Quotes are required to complete some landscaping work that will take place in the spring.
- Monitors and Computer for Church:** The parish now has permission to install monitor screens in the church. The two screens are to be mounted on trusses on the north side. A new computer has been purchased to run the PowerPoint, record sermons and for Medbury and other groups to use.
- Brown's Leave Arrangements:** The Vicar briefed Vestry on the plan to cover the duties usually performed by Greg (grounds and facilities) and Angela Brown (children/families).

REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

June

18 Braeden James McInnes

July

16 Yongran (Narsha) Seo
23 Percival Elias Read

FUNERALS

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

July

5 Marjorie Elizabeth Beijen



"Please don't pray for healing. If it works, your insurance won't know who to reimburse and it messes up our accounting system."

**Contributions
to the Mooring
Post:**

**Next Issue Deadline:
Friday 11 August**



Support for Seniors at Selwyn Centre



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. Pip Chamberlain 021 085 77640.

Fridayzone: Christian after-school club for Primary School children and their families. With meal. Fridays 3 – 5.30pm.
Olive Lawson: 021 067 6587.

Kidzone: Creative Sunday School for children 5 – 11 yrs Sundays 9.30am. Christine Fokkens: 027 429 4613.