



# THE MOORING POST

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

## The Wonder and Paradox of Freedom

Don't take freedom for granted!  
 On election night I marvelled at our democratic process. The votes were cast, counted and instantly displayed in every home around the country. I marvelled at the orderliness of it all. There were no standover tactics at the booths, nor rigged ballot papers, nor the involvement of the army. Instead all New Zealanders of voting age were invited to participate in the selection of our national leaders and their policies - and about 79% chose to do so. We should all be grateful - because it has not always been like this.

I've been reading about the Roman occupation of Britain recently. It's well known that the Romans were masters of warfare and the heavy handed conquest of indigenous peoples. The wealth and grandeur of Rome and the lifestyles of the rich were built on the backs of the outlying provinces which were systematically pillaged and their wealth stripped through taxation.

Calgacus, who was believed to be the leader of the Caledonii, the last tribes of Britain to resist Roman rule, is purported to have said "Theft, slaughter, rape: the Romans call these 'government'; they make a wasteland and they call it peace." The Pax Romana was the great contradiction

of antiquity. Of course the Romans weren't the only ones to behave in this way. For most of human history it was simply the way kings and empires behaved.

However much of that began to change during the Enlightenment (circa 18th century) when people in Western Europe began to long for greater freedom - freedom from oppressive rulers, from the dominance of the Church, from superstition and from economic systems that enslaved them.

However it turns out that freedom is more complex than it first appears. One person's freedom can be another person's slavery. For example the freedom to drive as fast or haphazardly as I choose on the highway, can lead to injury or death for others. Furthermore if I use my freedom for my own self interest I become a narcissist which turns out to be a particularly ugly way of being human.

How then is the paradox between giving up and using freedom resolved? Bob Dylan summed things up nicely when he sang "You gotta serve somebody." Whether it be money, power, status, sex, drugs or rock 'n roll we must all serve something. It

may not be the Romans taking our freedom but there are a great number of other things that can rob us of our capacity to be fully human and leave us in bondage.

So the only way to be free from the various forms of captivity that are prevalent all around us, is to choose to serve God in whose image we are made. It is only as we serve God that other things take their proper place in our lives. As the old prayer goes "In God's service is perfect freedom."

And serving God turns out to achieve two things at once - as people we are preserved from the ugliness of selfishness, and we are also set free to serve others and contribute to the common good. This is the consistent message of scripture. If we live for ourselves, we will never find true happiness, but if we live for God and others, we will not only find happiness but the most worthwhile things will be ours as well. The paradox of service and freedom is resolved in following Christ.

So marvel at our democracy, but also marvel at the wisdom of God who made us for one another.

*Rev. Mark Chamberlain*



### Reach Out to the Needy Children of the World

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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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## The Church - Always in Need of Reform

A sturdy hammer, a handful of nails, and several sheets of finely inscribed parchment. Within minutes these were attached to the wooden doors of the Castle Church which served as a kind of community notice board for the German township of Wittenberg.

The date was 31 October, 1517 – exactly 500 years ago. The hand wielding the hammer was that of a local and much respected Augustinian monk who was Professor of Biblical Studies at Wittenberg's university, Martin Luther.

The notices he nailed up were 95 theses or different concerns about current teaching and practices of the Church which he believed were corrupt and needed addressing. His motive was an exasperated desire to engage the wider public in debate about the sorry state of the Church. The immediate trigger was a vigorous campaign being conducted throughout the German States to sell indulgences as a way of raising money to pay for the completion of St Peter's Church in Rome. Indulgences were virtual entry tickets to heaven (gold, silver or bronze, depending on the price!) with the blessing of the Church guaranteeing the purchaser to an accelerated passage through purgatory in the life beyond with all its threatened pains.

This played on the medieval mindset of that time. Church teaching and practice was fraught with fear and foreboding. Salvation had to be earned. The 'peace of God that passes all understanding' seemed always just beyond reach. Assistance in receiving God's mercy had to be invoked through prayer to the saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Martin Luther found all this to be a travesty of what he discovered in his study of the Bible. The Church needed to be reformed.



Martin Luther

But it was renovation he sought, not innovation. His hopes were to cleanse the Church, not destroy it. His actions that day in Wittenberg quickly found wide popular support and triggered a wave of interest and discussion that soon swept across Europe.

In England three Bishops were at the forefront of the reform movement – Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer – and each was martyred for their efforts. But under their influence emerged the Church of England, proudly still catholic yet proudly also reformed. And from that origin we today have our Anglican Church in this country. Our direct link as a Diocese to the English Reformation is most visible in the names allocated by the founders of the Canterbury settlement to the three principle Squares of the newly planned city of Christchurch – Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley (now Cathedral) Square.

How did the Reformation change the Church in England? Throughout Europe (and no less in England) the Reformation was primarily a rediscovery of the gospel of salvation by God's grace - unmerited forgiveness and acceptance offered to us in Christ and received by faith, bringing peace of soul and assurance of heaven. No purgatory, no indulgences, no intermediaries, no masses for the dead, no fear and foreboding. For any church favouring reform this had implications demanding change in three aspects of its life – the shape of its worship, the importance of the Bible, and the role of the laity.

Bishop Brian Carrell

## 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.

# Cursillo: Helping People to Follow Jesus

*Parish Ministry Assistant Kofe Havea was the Lay Director of the recent Cursillo weekend. She reports on the experience.*

**Tell our readers something about Cursillo?** Cursillo means 'A Short Course in Christian Living' and is part of a world-wide movement of the Church. It involves a 3 day weekend where attendees live together and share intense times of prayer, learning and fellowship.

**What is the basic purpose of Cursillo?** One of Cursillo's aims is to 'Change the Environments' through small Christian communities committed to living and spreading the message of Jesus. The week-end starts on a Thursday night and ends on Sunday night. During these three days, we get to know ourselves (encounter with self), experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ (encounter with God) and see the good in a loving and caring Christian community (encounter with others).

**What were some of the highlights?** One of the main highlights was the participation of the Maori people; it was extra special to have their impromptu singing with their guitar and hear their stories.

**What did participants say about the experience?**

On Sunday evening, when everything was over, there were some tears because of the impending separation. I was overwhelmed at how positive participants were over the success of the Weekend. Many had come in with an open mind, and were leaving feeling more embraced and reaffirmed in their faith.

**How has Cursillo affected St Barnabas over the years?** St Barnabas has always been a strong supporter of the Cursillo movement; in fact Bishop Brian and May Carrell were part of the team that introduced Cursillo to Christchurch at the invitation of Bishop David Coles back in 1996. Over the years, many of our parishioners have done the 3 day weekend, and have continued to work behind the scenes to ensure that each Cursillo Weekend is a success.

**What kind of benefits does Cursillo offer Christians and the Church?** Cursillo is all about renewing our faith... It is about encouraging the person next to you in his or her faith walk and joining each other in discovering answers to our personal brokenness and lack of faith.

Peter Chapman from St Barnabas said "At the close we had gained a greater spiritual sustenance that will enable us to be the hands and feet, the heart and voice of Christ in our parishes."



## 'Arabian Nights' Fashion Show

*A collection of exotic fashion creations from the Middle East will be displayed at St Barnabas in November.*

The founder and executive director of Visual Image Academy of Modelling, Judy Dodwell, has offered to produce a fashion show in St Barnabas Church, the proceeds of which will go towards the Buildings Trust.

Judy, who is a member of the In-Betweens, spent twenty years living in the Middle East where she trained more than 900 students to be the best they could be. Among those were many who went on to become highly successful models as part of Judy's international modelling agency.

Over the course of 20 years Judy collected many Arabic fashion pieces and will share these with you on Friday 24 November. A glass of wine will be served when doors open at 7.15pm and the show will commence at 8pm. Tickets are \$25.

Anyone who has a daughter or granddaughter who would like to audition for the show the criteria is as follows; girls must be between 170 cm and 178cm tall with a dress size of 10 or 12. Two extra models are required at dress sizes 14 and 16 with a height of 170cm.

Sponsorship is also required from a hairdressing salon to do comb-ups for 8 models preferably at the

church from 5pm until about 8pm.

Please email Judy with your contact details if you are interested. This is a fundraising event so there will be no payment of models.

Contact Judy on [judydodwell@gmail.com](mailto:judydodwell@gmail.com) to register interest.





## 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 4 October 2pm. Tui Room. The speaker is Trish Carrick-Leslie who will be sharing her calligraphy interest with us. There will be a sales table.

Leader: Madeleine Price – 354 4299  
021 188 5138

### In Betweens

Tuesday 17 October at 7.30 in the hall. Our speaker will be Senior Constable Bruce Lamb talking about his beloved Police Dog Gage, who saved Mr Lamb's life while losing his own.

Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie – 351 5179

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## Synod 2017: Listening to God and Community

*From the Thursday evening Eucharist, and over the very full Friday and Saturday, clergy and laity attending Synod listened to the Holy Spirit. They also listened to one another, to political leaders and to a panel of experts from both within and outside the church.*

Many Synod members addressed the Synod, over several sessions (each person speaking only once), with passion and conviction. The time between sessions allowed for prayerful consideration of the opinions. Debate was robust and respectful. Some spoke of the importance of preserving history, of restoring relationships. Others spoke of the importance of a vision for the future. Others of the need for focus on and funding for people, rather than buildings. Others spoke of the uncertainties, costs and delays inherent in legal action.

All were united in the vital importance of seeking God's will, for his people, and for a building to serve his purposes among his people. I am confident that each of the many opinions that were shared at the parish meeting, and by parishioners directly at other times, received a hearing at Synod. Then, after a further period of prayer, we voted.

In 2013, Synod voted for deconstruction of the damaged Cathedral and replacement with a new and inspiring Cathedral. Four years later the same subject occupied much of Synod's time. What was different? Bullying, intimidation, court action – yes, the negatives were discussed. But also the positives. For the first time in living memory, all bar one of the parties in our elected government had asked to be able to help us. They were not seeking to take ownership of what could become a museum. They offered tangible help to us to keep the church at the centre of our city. That offer of help was restricted to the existing building, but is still an unprecedented offer.



Synod voted to accept the offered help to fix and improve the building, to keep the church at the centre of our city. Please keep in prayer all those working on all aspects of this task. Please also pray for those for whom the Synod decision is difficult to accept.

Synod also discussed the 'End of Life Choice Bill' and voted in favour of a motion expressing concern that the Bill will place the lives of vulnerable people in our society at risk, and called on the government to investigate full funding of hospice care for the dying, and effective training for palliative care specialists. The Bishop, parishes and individuals are called to make their views known to Members of Parliament.

Synod discussed and passed the motion that it be recommended to General Synod that the name and Rite of Confirmation be retained.

Discussion also took place on the 'A Way Forward' report regarding the blessing of same sex relationships. No vote was required at this time, as this will be discussed further at a one day Synod in February 2018.

We heard a report on the state of the Diocese; new initiatives for the support of God's least, last and lost; budgets and accounts, and administrative matters. A very full programme, prayerfully devoted to seeking God's will.

*Linda Adams, Parish Synod Representative*

*Parish Synod Representatives include the following: Clergy Reps: Revs Mark Chamberlain, Mary Minson and Pauline Stewart. Lay Reps: Linda Adams, Moka Ritchie and Steve Wakefield. Diocesan AAW Rep: Judith Mackenzie.*



# The Abbey: Hope for Anglican Youth Leaders

*This August, around two hundred young people from all over the country gathered in Waikanae for 'The Abbey', the annual Anglican youth leaders training weekend.*

From our youth leadership team Kathryn Fee, Tom Coulson and I were able to attend. The weekend consisted of four main parts: worshipping together, being encouraged by guest speakers, upskilling workshops and networking with other youth workers.

The theme for this year's Abbey was 'Unwavering Hope', something guest speakers Kirstin Cant and Duane Major helped us understand through examples from their own experiences. Kirstin (Youth Mobiliser - NZ Church Missionary Society) spoke about leaning into the hope of God's promise in our life during tough times. She took us through Psalm 22, famously quoted by Jesus on the cross, which begins with "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" but turns a corner in the middle as the Psalmist tells of God fulfilling his promise and bringing hope in the midst of his despair.

Duane Major spoke about the impact our unwavering hope can have on the community around us. He shared how his own desire to see God's power at work in his community led to the development of 24/7 Youth Work, and on a national scale to the purchasing of Awaroa Beach in the Abel Tasman National Park for the people of New

Zealand in January 2016. He challenged us to hear how God would have us serve our communities.

I was personally encouraged by a moment that happened on Saturday night. After the evening session had finished, we were all told that the meeting was over and we were free to leave, but could also stay and pray quietly. Over 90% of us stayed and so the band led us in a further 20 minutes of sung worship. Just like Joshua in Exodus 33, the people leading the youth of our nation showed great hunger for God's presence and chose to linger where He was. This gives me hope that the people serving our youth have their hearts set on seeking God first.

Phil Parkes



## Supporting Married Couples

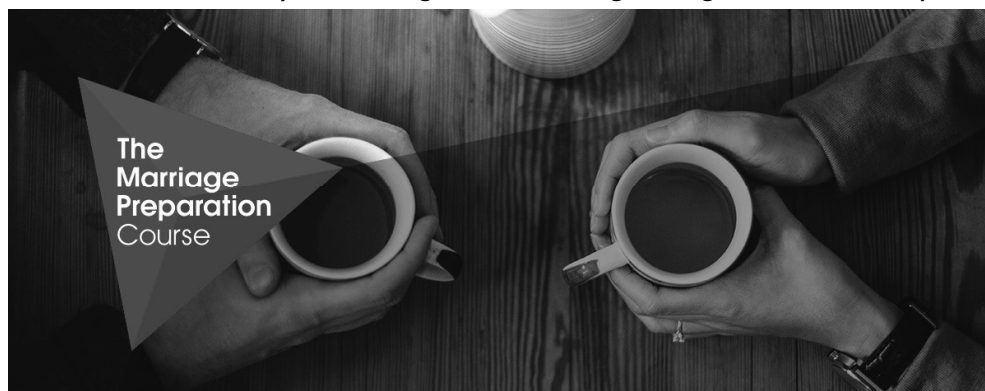
*Becky and Peter George recently ran 'The Marriage Course' – a seven week course which helps couples grow in their relationship.*

The Marriage Course is a great opportunity for couples to connect on a deeper level, and discuss practical ways they can enrich and strengthen their marriage.

The response from all participants so far has been fantastic! Seven couples have joined us, with a mix of existing parishioners and a number of couples from the wider community.

The course is run 'café style', aiming to create a relaxed yet intimate environment. Each evening covers a particular topic like building strong foundations, communication, resolving conflict and forgiveness. It consists of a mix of short videos interspersed with practical exercises that allow the couples to discuss the topics raised. All this is accompanied by coffee and delicious desserts provided by wonderful members of the St Barnabas family! Thank you Corinne Haines for coordinating this.

Please pray for the couples who have been attending the course that God will bless the time they are setting aside to strengthening their relationships.





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## Youth Going Deeper at Deeper!

*Coming up in early October, our youth will be joining with groups from around the Diocese for the annual 'Deeper Camp'.*

The theme for camp this year is 'Hope' and we will be hearing from great guest speakers about what it means to have Christ as our hope – as well as having a great time enjoying the school holiday break!

We have a large number of young people, both teenagers and leaders, attending this year, so we ask for your prayers that we would all come into a new understanding of the hope we have in Christ and that we would all grow deeper in our relationships as a group and with God. Camp runs from 6 - 8 October at Waipara Riverside Park.



## Mission Near and Far

Good numbers of parishioners got involved in September Mission Month this year. We called it 'Mission Near and Far' and involved undertaking community projects that were as diverse as babysitting for a young couple who attend Mainly Music, gardening and house work



for the elderly, planting trees at the Travis wetland, baking cakes for the City Mission, delivering spring flowers and making up Operation Christmas Child gift boxes.

Thanks too for those who have given financially toward an overseas mission project and those helping in specific ways while Angela and Greg Brown are overseas.

Thank you for obeying Christ's call to be salt of the earth and light to the world. We embody the gospel when we carry God's love to people in need.

## Calling All Sewers and Knitters!

All welcome to the AAW 'Fabric and Crafts Sale'. Come and buy fabric for sewing and patchwork, knitting wool, Christmas gifts and lots more!

**When:** Saturday 14 Oct. from 9am - 1pm.

**Where:** Tui Room, St Barnabas, cnr Tui St and Fendalton Rd.

**Who:** Organised by the AAW – proceeds to support the City Mission Women's Night Shelter.

For more information phone Jude Mackenzie on 351 9247.



## What's Coming Up?

### Men' Breakfast

All men are invited to breakfast at 8am in the hall. Guest speaker will be Olympic Yachtsman and businessman Bryan Treleavan. Call the Parish Office to book your tickets - \$10.

SATURDAY **7**  
OCTOBER

### Heritage Week

All welcome to tour the church on Friday 13 or Saturday 14 Oct to learn more about the history of our special church. 10am – 2pm. Background organ music and information brochures.

FRIDAY **13**  
OCTOBER

### Book Fair

The Book Fair is from 9am – 12noon in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend and support this major parish fundraiser.

SATURDAY **14**  
OCTOBER

### Op. Christmas Child

Last Sunday for Operation Christmas Child boxes to be returned. Boxes to be filled with toys, school supplies & hygiene and craft items and will go to children in need globally.

SUNDAY **22**  
OCTOBER

### Anniversary of Reformation

This Sunday we mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with special liturgy and music.

SUNDAY **29**  
OCTOBER

### 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 **4**  
NOVEMBER

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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

- **Giving From Outreach Fund:** Vestry agreed to donate \$2,000 to the Te Waiora Christian Retreat Centre. This will be repeated in two subsequent years. We have had a strong relationship with Te Waiora in the past and there was a commitment to continue supporting this important ministry. Vestry also gave \$4,000 to Petersgate. We have supported this important low cost counselling service for many years.
- **131 Fendalton Rd:** This parish property has now been rented and the new tenants are settling in well. Holmwood Property Management continue to manage the property on our behalf.
- **Mission Action Plan:** Vestry was briefed on progress relating to the Mission Action Plan. Marcus Read has produced a survey which will be published to the parish. The results of this survey will be revealed at a special Parish Planning Meeting along with information about our community and history. We will then seek God's guidance on the particular direction we should take as a parish.
- **Parish Financial Audit:** Because of the increase in parish income due to fundraising we are required to go through a financial audit. This will be undertaken by Ernst Young for the 2016 calendar year.
- **Payroll System:** Vestry agree that it was important that the new payroll system be implemented as soon as possible. We rely heavily on our Treasurer Alistair Sheard and Cheryl Earl to do this work. Vestry were aware that this is a time consuming process and thanked Alistair and Cheryl for this.
- **Vestry Upgrade:** Don Mackenzie is going out for quotes for this work which will include refinishing of the woodwork, installation of an under-sink water heater, removal of the redundant hand basin and laying of new carpet.

## REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

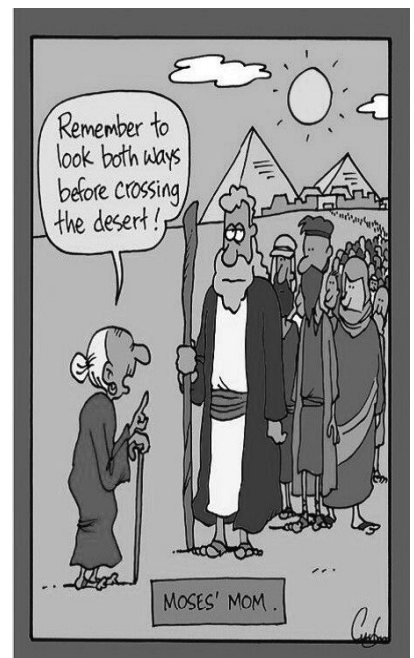
We welcome into the family of God the following children who have been baptised;

August

27 Joshua Qi Lin Chuah

September

17 Poppy Moree Sunderland



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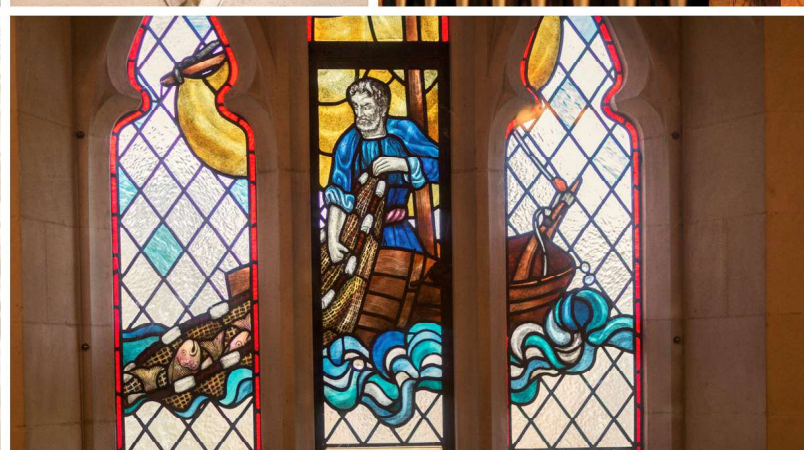
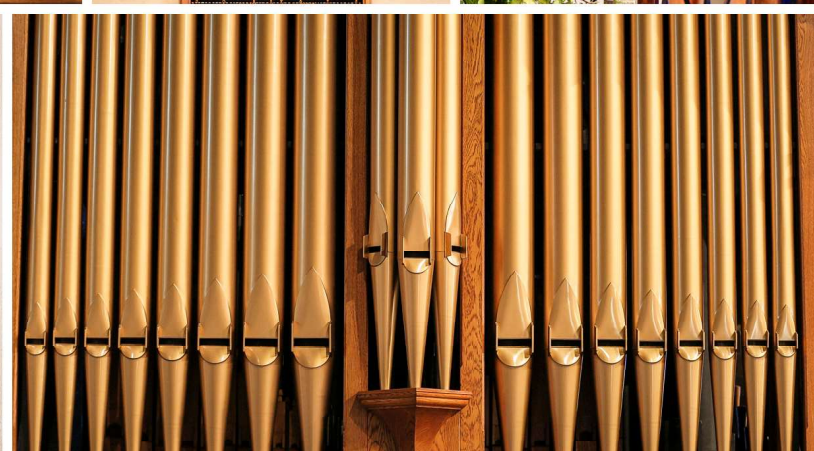
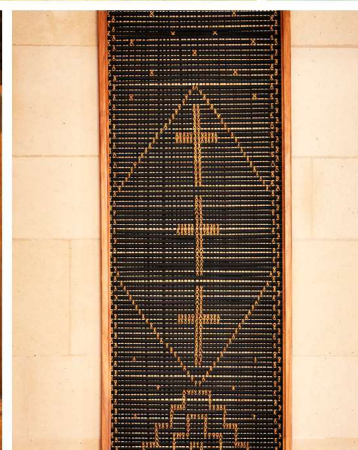
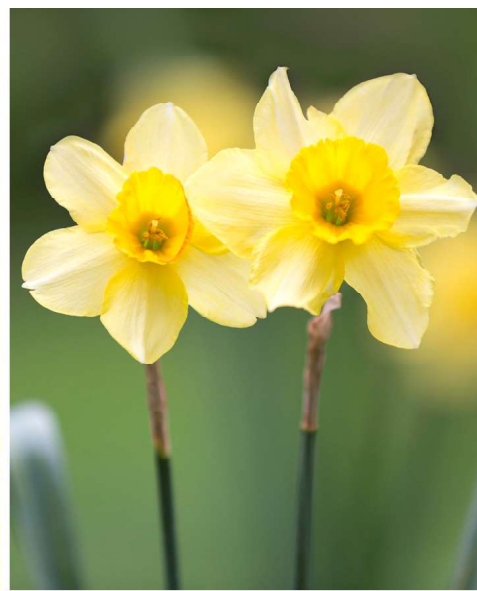
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**Friday 13 October**





**Heritage Week 13-14 October**



## 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.