



# THE MOORING POST

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

## Roll Up Your Sleeping Bags, The Boss May Come Today

One aspect of the epic Antarctic expedition of Ernest Shackleton and his team of British explorers one hundred years ago that receives little attention carries a striking Advent message for Christians. That is the final leg of their journey, their rescue from Elephant Island.

They had already faced unimaginable difficulties in getting that far. Their mother ship, the 'Endurance', had become locked in pack ice for ten months until it was severely crushed and sank. Shackleton then led his team in three lifeboats across 1,300 km of broken ice and open sea to the uninhabited and desolate Elephant Island. Marooned there, 22 members of Shackleton's expedition had to be left behind while on 24 April 1916 Shackleton and four others set out across some of the most fearsome seas of the Southern Oceans in a reconstructed, 23ft long, open and keelless lifeboat - the James Caird - to get help from the whaling station at South Georgia, still a further 1,500km away. Shackleton's second in command, Frank Wild, was left in charge. It would be a further three months, months of unknowing, before their rescuers returned.

Wild and his men waited on the island, surviving on desperately meagre

rations of seaweed, seal and penguin meat. Their chances of rescue were slim. Would the Caird make it to South Georgia? Already 476 days had passed since the expedition had first set out and their feet had last stood on terra firma. Would there be a suitable ship there that could make the journey back to Elephant Island?

Frank Wild daily rallied his fellow crewmen, urging them never to lose hope, whatever the odds, to be always ready for Shackleton's return. Recalling that time, Shackleton later wrote of him:

"Wild had reckoned that help would come in August, and every morning he had packed his kit, in cheerful anticipation that proved infectious...One of the party, to whom I had said, 'Well, you were all packed up ready,' replied, 'You see boss, Wild never gave up hope, and whenever the sea was at all clear of ice, he rolled up his sleeping-bag and said to all hands, 'Roll up your sleeping-bags boys; the boss may come to-day.'"

### Christian Hope

'Hope', for the Christian is expectation and anticipation but without certainty or clarity. It is a firm belief that God will act, without the details or blueprint of how God will act.

Hope always looks forward to

a better time, a better outcome, a better place. It carries us through the most difficult of times, sees us through the darkest passages of life, faces death with confidence rather than despair.

For Israel of old their hope was that one day God would send his Messiah. When their fortunes seemed utterly lost, hope gave them the strength to carry on.

When Jesus was born, some recognised that this was God's Messiah, the hope of the world. But for others he did not meet their expectations. He did not fit their image or advance their interests. So they rejected him.

In our world today little has changed. The birth of Jesus makes little sense to many. Yet others see his coming as the hand of God reaching out to all humankind in love, offering us a gift beyond every other gift – that of a life with new meaning, a life lived to the glory of God, eternal life.

The season of Advent extends that hope to a time when Christ will come again – a future we can look forward to with eagerness and expectation, if hazy in the details.

"Glory to you, Lord Christ; your coming we await; Amen! Come, Lord Jesus."

Bishop Brian Carrell

## Celebrate the First Christmas in Seven Years in St Barnabas

### Sun 24 Dec

- Christingle Service for children – come dressed as Angels or Shepherds! – 4pm
- Antioch Midnight Service in Hall – 11pm
- Midnight Service in Church – candle light – 11.15pm

### Christmas Day

- 8am, 9am and 10.15am – Traditional communion service with carols
- 10am – Lifestreams Christmas Day service in Hall – children bring your presents



*'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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## Leaving Space for the Reason for the Season

During Advent, the season which runs for four weeks before Christmas, commercialism often becomes the reason for the season. Significant levels of stress are felt by many, not least about the financial challenges of providing presents and meals, and how to integrate all attendees at the Christmas meal.

How we deal with stress, particularly during this often frenetic period leading up to Christmas, has significance for our ongoing mental health. Finding ways to acknowledge and use our stress productively is important.

During Advent many people light candles. They are a small light in the darkness of a world which at times seems overwhelmed by challenges. But when the darkness is especially intense, a small light shines all the brighter. Advent is a time for us to focus on the small slivers of light all around us. It prepares us for the sacred celebration of Christmas – the welcoming of God's love, born into the world as a child, a small vulnerable child. We need Advent to remind us to actively look for signs of that love and to join with others to be that sign in the world.

Taking timeout to be still is important if we are to cope with our 'to do' lists. Unless we learn to calm ourselves for periods during the day our nervous system is constantly in a high state of alert. One only has to count the number of times one attends to ones cellphone to understand how being 'constantly alert' to

communication alters our behaviour. We need periods of stillness.

We can all take time to refresh the soul. Whether we do is a matter of personal choice. If ideas of how to do this are limited the following could be an excellent place to start:

**Headspace:** Headspace is a great app which teaches meditation and mindfulness in bite sized sessions designed for busy schedules. There are SOS exercises for meltdowns as well. Brilliant things happen in calm minds. Download this app – it's fantastic!

**Think Ladder:** Think Ladder is a great New Zealand designed app which uses meditation to develop self awareness, mental health and wellbeing.

**Silent Prayer:** Prayer is an essential aspect of Christian life. So often in prayer we are busy suggesting to God what he should do, rather than listening to God. Try praying in silence in a quiet space at least 5 minutes per day. God will be with you!

Rev. Dr Pauline Stewart

## Joins Us At Messy Church!

**Saturday 2 December from 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

Food, fun, faith, family craft and meal together

Imagine a place to come and gather families of all forms, shaped and sizes to have food, fun, faith, family craft and meal together. A place to hear about the Christmas story of the love of God in Jesus – this is Messy Church!

Come join us for the next Messy Church 'Jesus is the Reason for the Season', St Barnabas Church Hall.

## 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 10am.

# St Barnabas Fendalton – Mission Action Planning Process

Recently Vestry and the Parish Strategy Team initiated a process to develop a Mission Action Plan (MAP) for the parish. This may be seen as a church version of a Strategic Plan. The Diocese of London described it this way: “Mission Action Planning is a tried and tested way of putting flesh on to what we say of ourselves as a church, exploring our strengths and the challenges that face us, and putting together a realistic plan for the way forward that God is calling us to.”

So far there have been several opportunities for members of the Parish community to participate in this process, including a Parish Engagement Survey in August which asked people to reflect and provide feedback on the values, ministry and future focus of the Parish in the coming years. We want to thank all those who prayerfully completed the survey. In total we received 83 responses, which is a

fantastic result and has provided a good foundation of data and comments for us to work with.

Following a review of the survey results, the Parish Strategy Team commissioned Rev Stephanie Robson to gather together information and report on trends in the wider community St Barnabas is located in. The results from this “Community Audit” can be found on the Parish website and are well worth a read if you have not done so already. Stephanie then brought together the survey results (Parish Profile), community context and historical information and facilitated a Parish Visioning workshop which took place in the afternoon of 29 October. Around 50 parishioners representing different congregations and ages participated in this exercise. There was a mixture of small group reflection, discussion and brain-storming which was then collated

and summarised.

The Parish Strategy Team will now meet, reflect on and bring together the emerging themes received from all these streams of information, consider the resources the parish currently encompasses and may need and then prioritise these into short and long term aims.

A Mission Action Plan Task group will then be formed in late November to write up and prepare the MAP document which seeks to lay out a Parish vision for the next 5-10 years, with the aim of issuing a draft from Vestry’s review and endorsement in February 2018, and then presenting the draft MAP to the Parish AGM. If you have strengths in this area and would like to be part of the MAP Task Group please contact Rev. Mark or Marcus Read.

*Marcus Read, Vicar’s Warden*

## Answering Why? Releases Energy, Motivation

Usually when we talk about life in the church we communicate from the outside in. We go from the clearest thing to the fuzziest thing. We talk about groups and services, and we invite people to come along and join in to the activities. But inspirational leaders and inspiring organisations - regardless of their size - communicate from the inside out.

Let me give you an example: Diana Butler Bass was asked by an older woman in her church to join the altar guild. This woman said to her “You like to arrange flowers don’t you? I think you should join the guild!” She was a nice person, who had offered faithful service to the church. Almost every week, she showed up early on Sunday morning to set up the altar. She ironed the altar cloth, shined the silver chalices, and laid everything out. It sounded like holy housework to Diana, but instead of saying yes or no Diana asked her “Why?” And the answer came back: “Because I’ve been doing this for 35 years,” she said impatiently, “and I’m really tired. It’s time for someone else to do it instead.” Not exactly an appealing invitation.

Understandably Diana turned the offer down. But then she reflected on what might have happened if the guild woman had invited her to join in, in a different way. What if she had said: “You know Diana, I’ve been serving on the altar guild for thirty-five years. Every Sunday, I wake before dawn and come down here to the church. It is so quiet. I come in to the building and unlock the sacristy. I open the drawer and take out the altar cloths and laces, and always marvel at how beautifully they are embroidered with all the colours of the seasons. I unfold them, iron them, and drape them on the altar. I make sure all the silver is clean and polished. I pour water and wine. While I set the table for

the Lord’s Supper, I’ve often wondered what it would have been like to set the table for Jesus and his friends.

I’ve meditated on what it must have been like to be there with him. I’ve considered what it will be like when we eat with him in heaven. And I’ve learned a thing or two about service and beauty and community. You know, I’d like to share that with you. I’d like you to learn that too.”

See the difference? In the first case, Diana was asked to take on an obligation, one that had worn the other woman down and become rote. In the second, she would have been inviting her into an experience, and a powerful one at that. And that was inspiring. That would have got a ‘yes.’

When we know why we engage in a particular activity, we experience deeper spiritual connections to what we do, and then we have something golden to offer to others. “Why,” inspires. “Why,” speaks to heart and soul, and creates the possibility for other to get on board.



So why do you do what you do? Why does a particular ministry area matter? It is the why that will distinguish St Barnabas from other churches. Why should people come here and be a part of what happens here? Can you answer that? Because in this day and age people are not motivated by doing their duty, or propping up an institution, but people will opt in to an inspiring vision.

*Rev Stephanie Robson*

# Incarnation is the Thing...

"Listen, here is the thing" a well-known Kiwi politician is renowned for saying, wagging his finger when he wants to cut to the chase and name the root cause or meaning of any matter. Years of political polish, it seems, has enabled him to cut through the dressing up and confusion of issues to get to their core truth.

Perhaps the Christian Church needs another like him to address popular perceptions of the rather blurred message of Christmas. Is Yuletide primarily a family celebration, an annual occasion for focus on whanau? Or a welcome season of

goodwill, when exceptional generosity and giving to others offers a healthy riposte to previous months of hard slog and careful spending? Or a community festival with familiar trimmings and old customs that year after year never fail to warm the hearts of children and parents, young and old, believers and unbelievers alike?

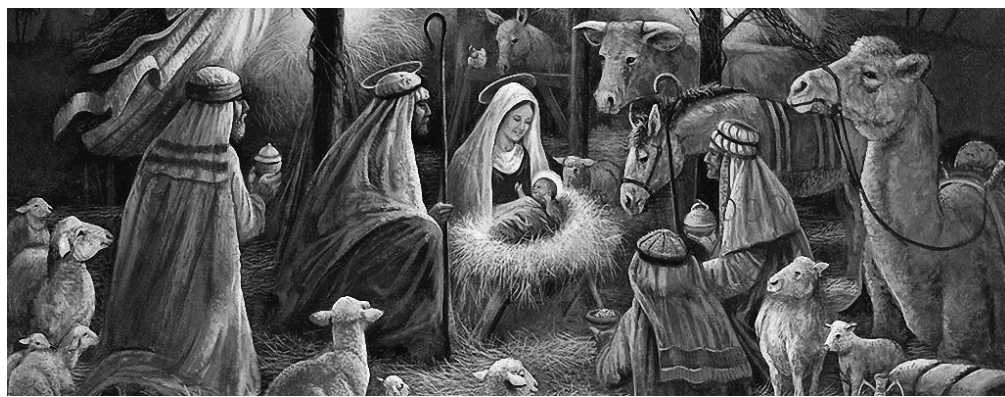
Is Christmas all of these - yet still something much, much deeper than any of them? For Christians "this is the thing" can be summed up in one word, 'incarnation'. That is, the belief that at a dated moment in time, the Creator of the universe, the maker of the world

we know and of the boundless stellar spaces and heavenly bodies we are now discovering, reached out to humanity as the high mark of his creation in the simplest of ways through the birth and life of Jesus Christ.

Not easy to believe. Yet nor is it easy to believe that a pure fluke of nature produced human life in a garden world on this planet alone. The stars and planets of our night sky, and the millions more that astronomers are now detecting in space, as numerous as the individual grains of sand on New Brighton beach, have failed to reveal any signs of other such flukes of nature elsewhere. Could it then be 'God'?

"Here is the thing" that makes Christmas so special, even if all do not realise it: that in a little rural village in Palestine the Creator God who exists within and beyond the many galaxies of space, came to us in the person of Jesus, in a way we each could understand. The incarnation.

*Bishop Brian Carrell*



## Restart Dates for 2018

Selwyn Centre	Monday 15 January
Youth Group	Friday 2 February
St B's Play Group	Wednesday 7 February
English Class	Thursday 8 February
Fridayzone	Friday 9 February
Mainly Music	Friday 9 February
Antioch	Sunday 11 February
Kidzone	Sunday 11 February

Please contact the Parish Office for details for other start dates.

## God's Amazing Love Story Pageant

God's Amazing Love Story is the theme of this year's Kidzone Pageant. The story begins with Elizabeth and Zachariah and God fulfilling their lifelong desire for a child which miraculously came through God's promise. Mary's encounter with Gabriel and then Mary and Elizabeth sharing their amazing love stories leave each other trusting God.

All love stories have their challenging moments and Joseph's decision to privately divorce Mary on hearing her child was placed in her womb by the Holy Spirit is one of those moments. God's amazing love through the angel in a dream to Joseph gives another step in the journey of love.

Can you imagine the most intimate moment of God's amazing love as both Mary and Joseph look at their new born son, the begotten Son of God.

What amazing love of God to choose humble shepherds to be the first to receive the news of the birth of Christ the Lord and to behold him in the stable?

God's amazing love story also brings Magi from the East to worship the King of the Jews and bring him gifts which will help his family in the years ahead.

You are invited to witness the Kidzone children sharing this Amazing love story with you on Sunday 10 December 10am in the Memorial Church, for the first time in 7 years.

*Angela Brown, Children and Families Worker*

# Inspiring Vision for our Young People

As we wind up the year there is a great big focus on finishing up our programmes well and celebrating the birth of Jesus - but we must also dream and plan for next year.

I lead our Youth and Young Adult programmes here at St B's and I'm excited about what 2018 will bring. Our church vision is "following Jesus and extending God's love", and so everything we do with our young people has that at its core. We want to provide programmes and services that inspire young people to become lifelong followers of Christ.

Our youth programme kicks off in January with our Summer Camp. A chance for our youth to re-connect with each other and their leaders and bond as a community in a way that is so unique to the camp setting. We kick off the way we plan to continue – with heaps of fun games, late night shenanigans, great teaching, Bible study, times of worship, prayer and plenty of

food. This camp will be a small scale, everyone muck in and help out, get to know your mates really well type event.

Come Easter time we are joining the annual city-wide Easter Camp, reaching over 4000 teens, for the big, loud, exciting camp that is often a key moment in the faith journey of our young people.



The young adults of St Barnabas have two main foci for 2018: excellent Sunday night 'Antioch' services and authentic, loving and caring Small Groups. Our young adults community has seen growth recently and now have three wonderful small groups, each designed as a place to study the Bible together, ask tough questions, help each other grow in faith and support each other through both tough and joyful times.

These groups complement our Sunday night service 'Antioch' where we hear the word of God being preached in a relevant fashion, as well as seek to encounter God's presence through worshipping as one community.

St Barnabas youth group is open to students from year 7-13, with all those over high-school age classed as Young adults. For more info contact [phil@stbarnabas.org.nz](mailto:phil@stbarnabas.org.nz).

*Phil Parkes, Younger Persons Worker*

## Join a Lent Study Group in February, 2018!

The 2018 Lent studies will focus on 'Hope' from Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Experienced writer Rev Dr Peter Carrell teams up with recently retired Bishop Kelvin

### Hope:

Through Lent with Romans



Wright to produce a fabulous study series that will benefit newcomers to faith as well as old hands. We all need to learn more about hope!

These studies will be ordered in bulk and will be made available through the parish office for all our Small Groups. We encourage as many parishioners as possible to join a group and journey through Lent with a group of others who are seeking to follow Jesus. This can be a rewarding experience as we meet and get to know others as well as the Lord we love and serve.

The Book of Romans is the most challenging epistle in the New Testament. It was written while Paul was in Corinth and is in the form of a major theological treatise. It is Paul's major work – his magnum opus.

Well known Jesuit scholar Joseph Fitzmyer, said that Romans "overwhelms the reader by the density and sublimity of the topic with which it deals, the gospel of the justification and salvation of Jew and Greek alike by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, revealing the uprightness and love of God the Father." Within the epistle a major theme is the hope Christians have in Jesus Christ.

With so much bad and worrying news we hear through the media, our faith is able to support and ground us with the hope of Christ. Everyone is urged to join a group and learn more about the structure and grammar of hope and learn to develop and live with the hope of Christ in our hearts and minds. The availability of the booklets will be publicised when they arrive in the parish office.

### The Studies:

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| 1. Romans 1:1-17  | Hope for the world      |
| 2. Romans 3:19-31 | Basis for hope          |
| 3. Romans 4:13-25 | Hoping against hope     |
| 4. Romans 5:1-11  | Enduring with hope      |
| 5. Romans 8:1-17  | Hope for transformation |
| 6. Romans 8:18-39 | Suffering with hope     |
| 7. Romans 12:1-13 | Rejoicing in hope       |
| 8. Romans 15:1-13 | Abounding in hope       |

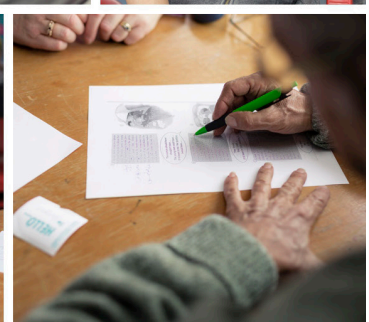
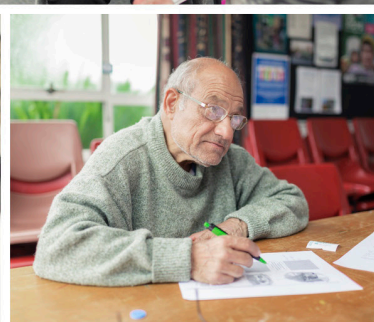
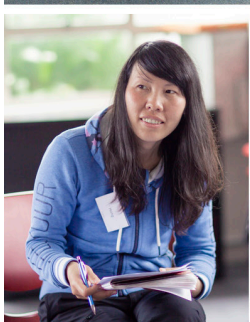




## Some Highlights of 2017











## 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 6 December at 12 noon.  
Christmas Lunch at Marcia and Derek Cockburn's home at 28 Jacksons Rd. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

*Leader: Madeleine Price – 021 188 5138*

### In Betweens

Tuesday 12 December from 5pm-7pm  
St Barnabas Church Hall  
Drinks and Nibbles

Please bring your spouse or partner  
Entry is \$10 payable at the door.

*Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie – 351 5179*

## Make Hope Our Story

*St Barnabas Supports the Christian World Service 72nd Christmas Appeal*

CWS is the international aid and development agency of Protestant Churches of New Zealand. Established in 1945 to help in war-torn Europe, CWS works through 20 partners on the ground in areas of acute need, helping communities survive disaster and overcome poverty. The Christmas Appeal funds this vital work, so much in tune with Christ's gospel of peace with justice.

This year's appeal highlights the 65.6 million people worldwide, more than half children under 18, forced from their homes by fear for their future. We are challenged to help them 'Make Hope our Story'. Week by week through Advent, we will hear stories of the transforming work of CWS through its partners in the Philippines, South India, Uganda, the Pacific and Lebanon. They are working within their communities to make sure vulnerable people are part of their own story in providing healthcare, education, income improvement and preparedness for disaster.



These stories are small snapshots of the change your donation will help to bring. In our services in Advent we follow a profound story of hope as we look towards Christmas and the light that can transform the world. By giving to those far less fortunate than we are we help to make the world a place we want to live in – a place where everyone has enough food, shelter, comfort, peace and respect. We follow the Christ Child.

Please give generously to further the work of CWS. We have won a reputation

for generous giving in the past. Please help us keep it.

Information leaflets, which include a Freepost envelope, will be available in the pew sheets, the Church porch and the Hall vestibule. Please make sure you mention the Parish of Fendalton so that your donation can be credited to our parish total.

*Marie Catanach*

## Cambodian Connection

Recently Anne and Anthony McCormick returned to Cambodia where they have worked for the last 6 years. For the last two and half years they have been based at a 110 bed trauma hospital in Battambang a city with a population of about 200,000. Their patients are the victims of landmines or road accidents.

Anthony has a professional social work qualification and is training the local people who have no experience of this. Anne, who is extremely practical, works to teach patients new skills which help to keep them occupied while they recover and which sometimes help them earn a living once they are discharged.

Sadly a major preoccupation for patients is how they will pay for their treatment. The hospital is partially funded by a Japanese philanthropist but the shortfall is the patient's responsibility. It is common for patients to self discharge prematurely to save money and this regularly has fatal consequences. Often selling a child to traffickers is their only way to pay.

Their neighbours live in tiny hovels, a cobbled together collection of tin, wood and pieces of plastic. These open directly on to a dirt track where food is prepared and cooked and the people bathe and wash clothes.

One of Anne's initiatives is paper making. Nothing is ever wasted. Every scrap of cotton is used as is a variety of

organic material including sugar cane husks. The paper is used for cards which are sold to help fund Anne's work.

Anne and Anthony have to raise thirty thousand dollars a year to fund their Ministry under the auspices of NZCMS. Sadly corruption is endemic in Cambodia. However, in supporting this very capable and committed Christchurch couple we can be absolutely certain that all money we give reaches those who need it.

*Alison Tait*



*Anne and Anthony McCormick*



# Christmas in Egypt

New St Barnabas parishioner and Coptic Christian Ismael (not his real name) speaks about Christmas in Egypt

"As you do in New Zealand, we do in Egypt - the same."

This was the way Ismael described the celebration of Christmas for Christians in the Coptic Church in Egypt, a church of twelve million, founded by St Mark in the first century.

The date of their Christmas Day reflects the feast of Epiphany. Ismael explained that at 6pm on the evening of January 6, a vigil begins and continues till midnight when Christmas Day dawns.



More is made of the nativity scene of the child Jesus, decorated in manger scenes in peoples' homes. Likewise each Church has a large nativity grotto set up in it.

"On Christmas Day, every family goes to

Church, they put on new clothes and have a big celebration at home." There is also a family service on Christmas Day.

I asked Ismael how Christians and Muslims treated one another. He said, "Christians and Muslims are great friends." Acts of violence were perpetrated by a violent faction, and not supported by the general public. "Christians don't make for problems, because Jesus said, 'Peace.' Jesus was a man of peace."

Ismael was born in Cairo and the family moved when he was five because his Father was made president of education in Alexandria. Ismael worked as a teacher in a French secondary school for 41 years, and has also worked over many years in one of the flourishing monasteries in Egypt over the hot, four-month Summer holiday break. What did you do there, I asked. "Anything! I do anything!" This enthusiastic science teacher, and able mechanic would have been a boom. Ismael is approaching the learning of English with the same enthusiasm. He has family in Auckland, and we wish him a great Christmas in our city.

Rev Mary Minson

## Antioch - Vibrant and Growing Community

Isn't it exciting to be a part of a vibrant and growing community? Antioch is an eclectic community of tertiary students, young professionals and new thinkers. We are passionate about reshaping our faith and rediscovering what it means to be Christian in an ever-changing world.

Over the last month we have been engaging with the theme 'This is how I Worship.' Our discussions have been fed by a number of practical and challenging speakers. First up was Phil Parkes who reflected on encountering God through sung worship. He inspired us to break through the sensation of 'going through the motions' and instead choose to deliberately engage with God through the words that we sing.

Our second speaker was Rev. Spanky Moore who focused on prayer as a form of worship. He challenged us to make room for solitude, silence and stillness in our everyday lives. Spanky led us in contemplative prayer and many found themselves deeply immersed in the presence of God.

Finally we heard from Ray Stagg who touched on the need to unite as a community in our pursuit of God's love. He encouraged us to care for one another, grow together and share the good news.

The series ended with a service devoted to worship and prayer. We were rowdy with praise but had moments for quiet reflection too. Throughout the service we were spurred on to be vulnerable before God and each other with one on one prayer on offer. This provided a special opportunity to apply what we had discovered and see God's Spirit at work in our community.

Antioch is open to newcomers and would love to welcome you - join us on Sundays at 7pm.

Matt Chamberlain



## For the Love of God and the Lovells!

During September a number of parishioners offered to help in practical mission projects around the parish.

Organised by Steve Johnstone, Braeden McInnes and Lynn Kim got busy and helped with Mary and Jim Lovell's garden - getting on top of the weeds and generally giving a spring tidy up. What a great way to follow Christ offering practical love and building friendships with other parishioners!

Both Braeden and Lynn attend Lifestreams and Antioch and have just finished their Civil Engineering degrees with



work secured in Christchurch for next year. Thank you guys!

## Symphony Orchestra Fundraiser

The Friends of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra are celebrating Christmas with a Fundraising Dinner in the St Barnabas Church Hall on Wed 6 December at 6.30pm for 7pm. Tickets \$60. Entertainment before dinner. If you would like to attend please contact Patsy Wardell on 361 6046 or [homehosting@snap.net.nz](mailto:homehosting@snap.net.nz) by Friday 1 December.

Payment to the Friends' Bank account: 03 0466440 00 or Cheque to Friends of the CSO to PO Box 20092 Bishopdale.

# What's Coming Up?

## December '17 – February '18

### CWS Appeal

Please give to the Christian World Service appeal this Advent. Envelopes are available at all services throughout Advent. Donations will help refugees, those suffering from natural disasters and those in poverty.

SUNDAY **26**  
NOVEMBER

### Vestry-Staff Christmas Party

Vestry will work through an hour of business from 5.30pm and the party will begin at 6.30pm with spouses and children invited. This is an opportunity for Vestry to thank our hard working staff for a great year!

WEDNESDAY **13**  
DECEMBER

### Christmas Hamper Appeal

This is the last day for food donations for the Aranui Christmas Hamper Appeal. The food will be taken over to the Aruanui-Wainoni parish and hampers full of food will be made up for less well-off families.

MONDAY **18**  
DECEMBER

### Carol Singing

Meet at the St Barnabas car park by 6pm to pool transport or join us at 6.15pm at St Winifreds, 7pm at Fendalton Retirement Village and 7.45pm at Holly Lea. Come and spread the spirit of Christmas! All welcome.

TUESDAY **19**  
DECEMBER

### Christmas Home Communion

Those unable to attend services but would like to receive communion contact Kofe on 351 7064 or kofe@stbarnabas.org.nz. If this day doesn't suit you, Kofe will make other arrangements.

WEDNESDAY **20**  
DECEMBER

### Youth Camp

All high school aged youth are invited to Glenroy Camp for Summer Camp! Contact Younger Persons' Worker Phil Parkes on 022 032 3663 for more information.

THURSDAY **25**  
JANUARY

### AAW Hymns of Praise

We celebrate this special Sunday with a service of Hymns of Praise in the Church at 5pm. Hymns will be specially chosen by AAW members from both groups who will speak briefly on why their choice has significance.

SUNDAY **4**  
FEBRUARY

### Ash Wednesday

This year we will be combining with members of the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish at St Barnabas. The service will include the imposition of ashes and begins at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY **14**  
FEBRUARY

### AGM Reports

All ministry leaders are asked to write their reports for the AGM booklet by this date. If possible please submit to Marion by email. These reports are of great encouragement to all the parish.

FRIDAY **23**  
FEBRUARY

### Community Fun Day and Parish Picnic

A free, fun-filled day for all the family. 12 noon – 3pm on the Church lawn. Bring a picnic and enjoy the day! Live music, food, bouncy castle, old style running races and the annual 'tug 'o war'!

SUNDAY **4**  
MARCH

### Quiz Fundraiser

Bring a team of four to the Quiz night fundraiser. Interesting questions, raffles, wine and nibbles – lots of fun for all! 7pm in the parish hall.

SATURDAY **17**  
MARCH

### Parish AGM

2018 AGM will be in the Hall beginning @ 7pm. Agenda will include reports, finances and election of officers. Let's celebrate what God is doing among us and seek God's will for the future.

WEDNESDAY **11**  
APRIL



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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

- 10am 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

- **2018 Budget:** Alistair Sheard presented the first draft of the 2018 budget. This showed an unacceptably high deficit and Vestry discussed ways to contain our expenses and increase our income. There will be a Fair next year as well as a Stewardship Programme.
- **Legacies:** Maurice Walker has produced a Legacy brochure and it is hoped that this can be printed and inserted into all the Mooring Post magazines in February. Through this exercise it is hoped that parishioners will consider leaving a legacy to the parish in their will. This is a way of blessing succeeding generations.
- **Pastoral Care Staffing:** A robust discussion took place on the ways and means we can carry forward the very important pastoral care ministry currently undertaken by Kofe once she leaves the parish. It is important that we have a good transition and that next year we continue to develop this ministry.
- **Building Forum:** The Works Team reported that a Building Forum was to go ahead on Sunday 26 November. This is for the purpose of developing a scope of work for the Hall and Admin Building as a first step toward their repair and improvement. All parishioners have been asked to come and contribute their ideas.
- **Landscape Plan:** Don Mackenzie presented the Landscaping Plan that had recently been prepared by the Landscaping Team. It was a detailed plan showing suggested placement of new plants and trees and the removal of others. The Works Team is to convert this information into a table so that the work can be prioritised. Parishioners will be invited to contribute financially to aspects of the work.
- **Lifestreams Service Times:** Vestry received information about the Lifestreams service time and feedback the Vicar had received. The Lifestreams oversight group had recommended that the time be changed from 9.30am to 10am. Vestry agreed with this recommendation.

## REGISTER

### FUNERALS

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

#### October

- 28 Alisoun Margaret Masters  
31 Marjorie Joyce Garrett  
31 Raymond Stanley Newton

#### November

- 10 Norman David Hardie  
13 Alison Ruth Wanty

### MARRIAGES

*We extend our good wishes and prayers to the following couple recently married:*

#### November

- 17 Jessica Harvey and Nicholas Robinson

## Happy Christmas!

**The Mooring Post Editorial Team wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**If you've got a good story, or come across one during the summer, we'd love to hear about it!**

**Get in touch with our Vicar Mark and let him know!**

**February articles due Friday 12 January**

# Christmas at St Barnabas

Come and join us this Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Saviour!

*'And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.'* Luke 31-33

## Children's Christmas Play

Sunday 10 December @ 10am in the Church

All welcome to this combined service

## Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

Sunday 17 December @ 5pm and 7pm

- 5pm Join us for a traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols in the Church, telling the story of Christmas with the combined St Barnabas and Schola Cantorum choirs followed by light refreshments.
- 7pm Antioch – an informal service of Lessons and Carols telling God's big story of redemption through the birth of our Saviour. Followed by supper.

## Christingle Service for Children – Christingle means 'Christ Light.'

Sunday 24 December @ 4pm

- A special service for children and families re-enacting the Christmas story where children come dressed up as Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary or Joseph.
- Each child receives a special wristband and invited to submit a photo of themselves on holiday this summer. Winners acknowledged on Sunday 28 January.
- A mixture of traditional and modern carols and all children will receive a Christingle.

## Christmas Eve Services

Sunday 24 December

- 11.15pm Traditional Midnight Service with candle-lights and choir in the church – begins with carol singing. Formal service begins at 11.30pm.
- 11pm Antioch Midnight Service in the hall – contemporary with band beginning with supper. Service itself begins at 11.30pm.

## Christmas Day Worship

Monday 25 December

- 8am, 9am and 10.15am in the church – traditional Communion services with carols
- 10am Lifestreams in the hall – Family Christmas Communion with carols, contemporary songs and children's talk. Children bring your Christmas presents!



# Christmas Joy 2017

Join Ali at this special time of the year to capture the spirit of Christmas with some festive and personal favourites in this intimate and heart-warming concert.

Friday 15 December, 7.30pm and Sunday 17 December, 2.30pm at The Piano 156 Armagh Street Christchurch.

Ali's special guests this year are the Voices Co. Youth Ensemble. Contact Patsy Wardell on [homehostingltd@inet.net.nz](mailto:homehostingltd@inet.net.nz) or 351 6046 to make a booking. Tickets \$34.

## Children's Christmas Play

Sunday 10 December @ 10am

Everyone is invited to our annual Children's Christmas Play entitled 'God's Amazing Love.' This will be a combined service in the church with the Lifestreams Band providing most of the music.

We will also thank the teachers for another successful year and pray for the children. Special Christmas Party for the children.

## St Barnabas Young Adults Summer Calendar

- Dec 24: 11pm Antioch Christmas Eve Service  
St Barnabas Hall
- Jan 7: 5:30pm Beach Hangout, Meet at Cave Rock, Sumner. BYO Food.
- Jan 14: 7pm Night Prayer and Worship  
Sign of the Bellbird
- Jan 21: 7pm Eucharist and Worship  
Sign of the Takahe
- Jan 28: 5:30pm Beach hangout, Meet left of The pier, New Brighton. BYO Food
- Feb 4: 5:30pm BBQ hangout at Parkes Family home. Bring BBQ food.
- Feb 11: 7pm Antioch Service Launch  
St Barnabas Hall

See facebook for more details or email: [phil@stbarnabas.org.nz](mailto:phil@stbarnabas.org.nz)