



THE MOORING POST

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

Lent: A Super Time To Resist Temptation

The Super Rugby season is almost upon us! While most of the population has been enjoying the delights of summer, rugby players have been running in the bush and beaches and working out in the gym. They have turned away from the temptations of over-eating, hard drinking and sleeping in, to fully embrace the coach's regimen. It's actually a lot like the season of Lent which is now upon us.

On the first Sunday of Lent each year, the gospel reading describes the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. And this turns out to be a kind of paradigm for all human temptations. It shows how Jesus responded and how we might resist temptation and grow in grace.

The evil one's main purpose in the temptations, was not to supplant God in a crass or obvious way, but to introduce an alternative priority so that Jesus' commitment to God was slowly eased to one side. C.S. Lewis said "Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."

Jesus faced three temptations which increased in intensity. Following 40 days of fasting the evil one said to him "Command these stones to become bread." This temptation covers our bodily appetites such as food, drink

and sex. Note that at this stage Jesus was on the desert floor, indicating that this temptation had to do with our most fundamental human needs. Jesus resists the temptation saying "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Now temptations are rather like ill-mannered children who constantly gripe and nag at their parents to get what they want. Our human desires seem pressing and urgent and they come back again and again. However we are called to resist them and ensure that God alone holds central place in our lives. Of course bodily pleasures and needs are not harmful in themselves. After all God made us as physical beings who experience these desires. However if we allow them to take hold of us, we can end up serving them and God becomes unseated.

The evil one then took Jesus to the high point of the temple. The temple was the centre of political, economic and religious life at that time and so the pinnacle represented the highest place of human esteem, honour and glory. Notice Jesus has moved up from the desert floor to the temple parapet - this is a higher level temptation.

The evil one suggests that Jesus throw himself down and allow the angels of God to save him thus making

an entertaining 'splash' that would secure his fame and popularity. But again Jesus quotes from the scriptures saying "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." He would do God's will in God's way and brook no short cut. For us the temptation to be 'liked' and popular is a strong one indeed but it must not be allowed to supplant God as our foremost commitment.

In the final temptation, the evil one takes Jesus to the highest point of all - a high mountain, where the kingdoms of the earth are gloriously displayed. This time he is offered the most intoxicating temptation of all - power to control and manipulate others. The only condition is that Jesus must bow down and worship him. Jesus responds for the third time saying "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Having resisted these three temptations - physical appetites, popularity and power - Jesus is now ready to undertake the mission that God has assigned to him. As steel in the furnace, these temptations have strengthened Jesus' identity and calling.

Like Super Rugby players, let us this Lent, resist the temptations that come to us by relying on the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. Let's get fit to serve God in the world!

Mark Chamberlain



Community Fun Day!

Bring friends and family and enjoy an afternoon of food, entertainment activities for children, Bouncy Castle, Wateratz. Accessible fun for the whole community!

**Sunday
4 March
12noon –
3pm**

'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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St Barnabas Newly Weds: Maggie and Fraser Paton!

Maggie and Fraser have been coming to St Barnabas since 2013/2014 respectively. Fraser moved to Christchurch to work as a carpenter on the rebuild and is now 30. Maggie moved to Christchurch to attend university and is now 22 and a new grad social worker. They both started going to Antioch and independently moved to the Lifestreams service. They ended up meeting each other in 2015 through a Bible study group and got married at St Barnabas in January this year.



Maggie and Fraser consider their Young Adults Small Group has been like a family - full of care and support for one another. They consider it feels awesome to share in "doing life together" - through all the highs and lows that life brings with others.

Maggie and Fraser also value being able to meet with their mentors Ray Stagg and Christine Fokkens. Ray and Christine have challenged and helped them to develop individually and as a couple and have given them lots of wisdom and support over the last two years.

Maggie and Fraser were asked to answer some questions...

Maggie and Fraser, tell us why you got married?: Being purposeful and committed in our relationship has always been important to us. Getting married embodied this for us.



Has marriage changed the way you look at the things?: Getting married itself hasn't changed the way we look at things, but our relationship together has. Along the way, we've learnt lots about the importance of good communication, forgiveness, considering the impact of things we do on the other person and being a team.

What difference does faith make to your jobs?: Fraser - "My faith affects the way I conduct myself at work. I try to be respectful to others, kind, patient, and honest."

Maggie - "My faith gives me empathy for the people I work with, reminds me there is always hope, and calls me to action for greater equity.

Why are you involved with a church when many young people don't attend?: Attending church sets aside a time and place to focus on God, listen to the message he has for us, connect with his people, worship Him, and to find encouragement for living life with an active faith. Engaging with a community of Christians through church also encourages us when we're struggling in our faith and gives us the opportunity to encourage others in turn.

Thank you, Maggie and Fraser, for sharing your life, thoughts about your faith and your wedding with your St Barnabas Family. Thank you also for your help with youth and young adults in the parish. You make a great team!

Rev. Dr Pauline Stewart

Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas

Contact Phil Parkes 022 032 3663

Youth Group: Christian youth community! Friday nights in the hall. Intermed. 6-8pm and High School age 7.30-9.30pm.

The Revs: Christian group for high school age young people. Meets on Sundays during Lifestreams at 10am.

Supporting Those Wounded in Life

I was interested to read recently of a pilot scheme being implemented for resettling refugees in New Zealand. The task will be handed to small, local, non-governmental groups to undertake a comprehensive approach of provision, support, enabling and an experience of community inclusion. It got me wondering whether a similar approach could be utilised to help address the mental health crisis our country is facing. The good news is that at last the crisis is being taken more seriously.

I am not suggesting that highly-skilled professional intervention is not essential, but that rather than centralising the programme through a large, impersonal, government bureaucracy, smaller, more personal community groups could be mobilised to provide wraparound relational support in people's time of need.

Like all major societal problems, the underlying causes of the mental health crisis are multifaceted in nature. We are all aware of the devastating effect of psychotic conditions and the long-term debilitating influence of personality disorders. Then too, post-traumatic stress disorder arising from various forms of abuse or from overwhelming traumatic events has gained heightened awareness in the public consciousness.



Amongst young people lack of self worth, a vacuum of meaning and a deep sense of hopelessness underlie the resort to alcohol and drugs, and increasingly to suicide.

For those in the so called prime of life, the 'success' culture and the relentless demand for increasing workplace productivity are among the major factors which lead to excessive stress, depression and anxiety.

Psychiatrist Carl Jung once said that in the twilight years reflection on the years that have passed leads to either contentment or despair. In the silence of their own heads many of our community's seniors are facing those twin possibilities.

And then there is loneliness. Feeling pushed to the sidelines of life and increasingly marginalised by decreasing mobility and technological ineptitude among the negative influences, the elderly experience increasing isolation and a sense of redundancy.

Pope Francis hinted at the sort of role the Christian church could play when he spoke of it becoming less a moral watchdog and more a healing community. His vision is for the church to be a field hospital, ministering to the wounded in the battle of life.

Just like the refugee resettlement programme, churches along with other community groups of goodwill, could offer friendship, listening attention, community activities and emotional support which are essential elements in a healing environment for those who have been wounded in life.

Rev John Greenslade

Reflection: Three Years Designing the Mooring Post

The parish thanks Alex Thomson most sincerely for his work as designer of the Mooring Post since February 2015. The following is a 'retrospective' by Alex.

At the time of writing, I recently finished adding the final touches to the February 2018 edition, exactly three years after I started work with Rev. Mark Chamberlain to design our monthly publication. Throughout this time I have published 32 issues, placed over 700 images, copied over 250,000 words and spent 230 hours total editing. However, it still feels like I learn something new with the software package InDesign every day!

Three years with The Mooring Post has taught me three great lessons; 'Patience, Persistence and Problem-Solving'.

Patience and Persistence are important when learning a new skill. Over time, these two attitudes always lead to improvement. My average editing time for a first draft in early 2015 was 6 hours, and I've managed to effectively half that average over the course of these three years.

You'd be surprised how often things go wrong behind the scenes with the Mooring Post - program crashes, printer and exporting failures and time management. However, we still managed to get an issue out every

month!

Doing the monthly issue has not only pushed forward my technical skills (over the three years I have essentially learnt Adobe Indesign, the software used to design the Mooring Post, from scratch) but has also developed my personal relationship skills. Learning to work with new people, manage my time and organise myself has been valuable, and I owe it to St Barnabas for helping me develop myself as a human being.

I begin my tertiary studies in just a few weeks. I will be doing a Bachelor of Information Communication Technologies at Ara Institute. I hope to complete a Master in Forensic Science up in Auckland, and then move out to Europe by 2025.

I would like to extend a massive thank you to Rev. Mark Chamberlain and the Parish for the opportunity, flexibility and patience. I have enjoyed working with you.

Alex Thomson





Association of Anglican Women

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Daytime Group

Wednesday 7 March, 2pm in the Tui Room.

Speaker is Elizabeth Smith speaking on 'Experiences in Asia.' Sales Table.

*Leader: Madeleine Price
03 354 4299
021 188 5138*

In Betweens

Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Speaker is Ben Harris from Infection Prevention and Control, Canterbury Southern Community Laboratories. He will speak on 'Our Microbiome. Who are we? Are we harming ourselves?'

*Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie
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Long Standing St Barnabas Parishioner Cam Moore Honoured

Long-standing parishioner, Cam Moore, was made a Member of The Order of New Zealand in the New Year's honours list for services to the manufacturing industry and the community. He has worked voluntarily in leadership positions in the Anglican Church for many years and he and his wife, Adrienne, have contributed much to the life of St Barnabas Church. He shares something of his life and faith with us:

Can you tell something about your background and upbringing Cam?:

I was fortunate to have parents who were committed Christians and going to church every Sunday was a normal family activity. My father was a wonderful mentor. I was brought up in Avonside and Lyttelton and in 1955 moved to Fendalton. In 1965, the Rev Michael Underhill, then vicar of St Barnabas, persuaded me to teach Sunday School at St Barnabas. I have been a member of the Scout Association and have always been grateful for the leadership training I received. Having been selected at age 16 to attend the World Scout Jamboree in the United Kingdom was a great maturing experience as we travelled by ship (6 months off school). In 1969 I moved to Sydney working in a multi-national British company. After Adrienne and I married (the best decision I ever made) we were parishioners at St Phillips in Turramurra. Our children were born there and at the end of 1976 we returned to Christchurch. We still live in the same home within the sound of St. Barnabas' bells. Our children are now adults and we are proud grandparents to three children who visit from Wellington and Auckland.

Tell us more about your service to St Barnabas: I was brought up to believe that as well as taking responsibility for your family, there should be service to the wider community. Currently I am a sidesman and member of the Parish Finance Sub-committee, having served on the Vestry as a member, chairman and Peoples' Warden. When business commitments grew I finished as People's Warden and nominated the late Pam Chapman, a tireless Parish worker. Her appointment received great acclaim from parishioners as she was our first woman Warden.

What about the Diocese of Christchurch: Governance experience gained in business has been used over the years in helping community organizations including the Hospital Chaplaincy committee, the City Mission Committee, National Anglican Stipend Committee, Anglican Care and helping set up the Lyttelton Seafarer's Mission.

How has your Christianity influenced your professional work life?:

My career has been based on my governance and management skills. My father instilled in me the notion that Christ practiced all the good traits of a good manager. Christ taught and prepared people then sent them out in twos into the market place. My aim with people was to have them leave my employment better people than when they arrived. Taking an interest in their lives and aiming to spend some time each day on the factory floor talking to them brought worthwhile results. I have also never been afraid of speaking out when injustices occur.

Nowadays? Full retirement has not yet happened and I am still involved with the NZ Manufacturers' and Exporters' Association, Diocesan Committees including the City Mission and my interest in the scouting movement has never waned, and is now through my work with the Blue Skies Conference Centre. We have an extensive garden and my pruning skills and expertise in edge-clipping are much in demand. And it would be an unusual Sunday when I wasn't to be seen at one of the St Barnabas' services. I continue to grow in faith – a lifelong journey walking with Christ.



Cam Moore

Just Occasionally

Sometimes, on rare occasions when distractions don't get in the way, just sometimes, the big questions of life strike us head on - in the middle of a sleep-broken night, while damping down the embers of a camp fire and gazing up at the infinity of the night sky, when coping with the death of a close friend and facing up to our own mortality.



Why is there human life on this planet alone among the millions of other astral bodies out there in space that

so far we have found devoid of life? Is there any greater meaning or purpose to our being here on planet earth, other than mere survival of the fittest? As for me, as one individual among the countless billions who have inhabited earth, who cares about me? Does my life really matter to anyone else beyond family and friends? Is there a greater purpose to my living than just securing happiness for myself and those I love?

Then the biggest question of all. Is there a God? What is God like? Can God provide any answers to my search for meaning in life? If there is a God, an all-knowing and all-powerful God, how can we account for the unimaginable evil and mindless violence that persists alongside the indescribable beauty and goodness in our world?

Just occasionally questions like these trouble us, and we seek answers.

The Christian Faith sets out to address these very issues. Finding answers then awakens in us a desire to worship the God we discover, and to learn as much as we can about Jesus the Son of God who came to reveal that God to us and make sense of our lives.

Brian Carrell

Building Faith in Youth at Camp!

The youth of St Barnabas have started the year off with an excellent weekend away at our very own Summer Camp. Our annual stay at Glenroy Lodge, is one of the most important relationship-building times of the year for our young people. We had three nights away and laid the foundation for how we will continue our youth ministry on this year – most notably with the inclusion of intermediate school aged youth.

The camp had three main aims: fun, friendships and faith-building – and I am so pleased that we nailed all three of those aims. Our daily routine featured plenty of games that made the most of the beautiful weather we experienced, one highlight for me being the water-fight we had within half an hour of arriving at camp.

Another being our game of 'Water-slide kick-ball,' a variation on the classic kick-ball game where instead of standing on a dry base to be safe, players must slide along a water slide to the base full of water, making their way round four such slides to eventually get home and score their team a point.

I could tell we hit the friendship goal of the weekend by the way our vastly diverse group of young people interacted with each other. Everyone made a definite effort to make friends with everyone else at camp, age and gender differences only playing a part when it came to small group conversations and sleeping at night. The 'vibe' was very positive with energy levels and enthusiasm remaining high the whole time. That's a win!

Although the things I have listed are important, I am most pleased with the way we were able to build the faith of our youth. The over-all feeling I came away with is that our young people are hungry for the truth of who God is and genuinely open to finding that through Jesus. We had the chance to worship, pray and share communion together, making camp an all around success!

Phil Parkes – St Barnabas Younger Persons Worker



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Ordination of Peter Chapman

An ordination service to the Diaconate was held in the Christchurch Transitional Cathedral at 7pm on Friday, 2 February presided over by Bishop Victoria Matthews. There were six ordinands and provision for attendance of relatives and friends. The service, attended by more than three hundred persons, was uplifting in every way and included a sermon and Eucharist which the newly ordained deacons assisted with.

A memorable highlight for me was the support of some forty St. Barnabas parishioners in addition to a full choir of The Cathedral Singers of which I am a member. Another highlight was the attendance of Pam, my sons from Auckland and friends from outside Christchurch.

I wish to acknowledge the support I have received during training from Vicar Mark, ministry team and parishioners and I look forward to serving the parish in various capacities as a non-stipendiary deacon.

Rev Peter Chapman



Come to the Quiz!

Imagine yourself – a Member of the Small Round Table - huddled with three other peers, discussing the secrets of the world. Enemies are around you so you need to speak quietly lest they hear.

Your only weapons? Your brain and an instrument mightier than the sword. Will you and your team conquer the eight? Will you score high during the bonus break?

The Annual Parish Quiz Night awaits.

- Saturday 17 March 2018 in the Hall
- Tickets \$10 from the Office

Whispers say 2018's Quiz will be easier than 2017's but just as fun!



What's Coming Up?

Community Fun Day

Combines with our parish picnic on the front lawn of the church and will include a bouncy castle, Wateratz, sausage sizzle, games, music and lots more!
12noon – 3pm.

SUNDAY **4**
MARCH

Harvest Thanksgiving

Bring your fruit, vegetables and other food gifts to this special service where we thank God for the bounty of the earth.
All food will be donated to the City Mission.

SUNDAY **11**
MARCH

Parish Quiz Night

All are invited to our Parish Quiz! Lots of fun for all! Come as a team of four or just come and join a team on the night.
7.30pm in the hall.
Adults \$10, students \$5.

SATURDAY **17**
MARCH

Messy Church

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

SATURDAY **24**
MARCH

Easter Camp

All parish youth are invited to register for Easter Camp which runs from Thursday 29 March to Monday 2 April. Contact Phil if you want to go.
Register on the Easter Camp website.

THURSDAY **29**
MARCH

Parish AGM

The 2018 AGM will be in the Hall beginning at 7pm. The agenda will include ministry and financial reports and the election of Vestry members and People's Warden.

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

- 10.00am 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

Staffing: Vestry agreed to fill the Lifestreams Band Coordinator vacancy (5 hours a week subsequently increased to 8 hours). A new position of Youth Intern was also established for 5 hours a week. This is to support Phil in our Youth Ministry. Further positions of Pastoral Care Coordinator (25 hours) and Small Groups Coordinator (5 hours) were also established. These positions will be advertised in subsequent weeks.

Report of the Motion 29 Working Group: Vestry received this report which has been made available through the Diocesan website. This report has to do with a suggested approach to the blessing of same gendered couples in church. Vestry asked that a parish forum be organised so that Synod Reps can hear the opinions of parishioners before Synod which will take place on Saturday 3 March. Subsequently the Vicar arranged for Rev Dr Peter Carrell to moderate this Forum which has been organised in the church for Sunday 25 February at 11.30am.

Parish Fair: Vestry received a letter from a parishioner questioning the wisdom of having a Parish Fair this year. Vestry decided to ask those who have been involved in the past to ask the convenors and to make an assessment as to the energy and commitment levels available to run a successful Fair. Vestry will then decide if we are to have a Fair this year.

Pastoral Care Report: Vestry received a Pastoral Care Report written by Rev Dr Pauline Stewart. This report gives a detailed picture of the state of our pastoral care throughout the parish currently being undertaken in many forms and ways. The report commends the parish on offering generally good levels of pastoral care but gives a number of recommendations as to how we can continue to improve this area of ministry in the future.

Anglican Missions Board: Vestry moved that we pay the annual \$21,672 donation that is usually sent to the AMB and to increase this amount by 1.5%.

Trees: Vestry agreed to a plan originally proposed by the Landscape Team to remove some unsuitable trees from the church site and to replace some of them with more suitable varieties. It is hoped that the removals will be complete by the autumn as this is the best time to plant new trees.

REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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

January

28 Joshua James McDowell

February

13 Lachlan George Clark

FUNERALS

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

January

31 Sylvia May Pearcy

February

12 Shirley Margaret Nicholls

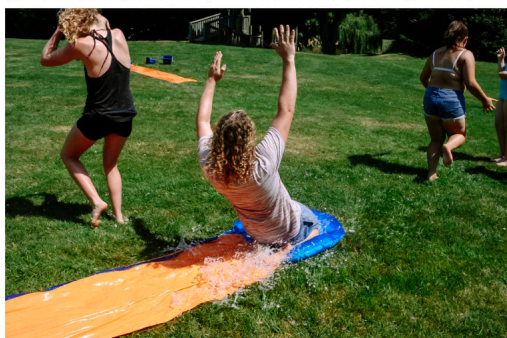
14 Katinka Leslie Sevier

15 Gavin Willis

16 Bruce Arthur Westenra Beckett



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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: 03 351 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.
Angela Brown: 027 335 0105.

Kidzone: Creative Sunday School for children 5 – 11 yrs
Sundays 9.30am.
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