

## Mentoring: Looking After the Next Generation

A few months ago Wales football coach Ryan Giggs had a conversation with All Black Dan Carter that may turn around the fortunes of the Welsh national team! Dan Carter told him about his mentoring relationship with Beauden Barrett. Even though Barrett was nipping at the rugby great's heels, Carter was still willing to encourage, support and give advice to him about his game. Carter said it was for the good of the team. Giggs said "[Barrett] was after his place, but in New Zealand you have to look after the next generation...that's just part and parcel of why the All Blacks are so great".

Mentoring is an intentional relationship where a more experienced person passes on their insights and offers encouragement to a learner. Jesus did it with his twelve disciples. Barnabas did it with Paul and Paul did it with Timothy and numerous others.

It's a way of passing on, not only skills and technical abilities, but also ethics, values and a whole range of intangible, personal qualities. Philosopher of Science Michael Polanyi said that 'we know more than we can tell' meaning that there are a whole range of subtle qualities that defy exact description but form the most important aspects of what we learn from others. A mentoring relationship offers not only technical

advice but the passing on of a whole way of life.

The idea of mentoring young men is a central strategy for the 24-7 Youth Work ministry the parish sponsors at Boys' High. And it's been going so well that in October a third worker will join our existing pair of youth workers. The philosophy of 24-7 Youth Work excludes proactive evangelism. However the real power of this ministry is having youth workers of exemplary character working with students and allowing Christian values to 'rub off'.

This will inevitably lead to more explicit conversations about the Christian faith and it is allowable, according to the 24-7 'rules of engagement', for workers to then answer questions and offer an invitation to youth groups and events outside of school hours.

Just as I write this Phil Parkes and our other young leaders are preparing for Anglicost - an annual worship service in St Barnabas Church, for Anglican young people throughout our city. It will be big and loud and full of expressions of faith in Christ. We anticipate that many will come forward to receive a special prayer that the Holy Spirit might come upon them and refresh and renew their faith. Some may receive Christ for the first time.

However the most important thing our young people need is a mentor - a more mature Christian who can draw alongside them to encourage, pray for and discuss the ups and downs of following Christ in the real world. But most of all the relationship will lead to one person influencing another in subtle ways.

Jesus called the twelve disciples to "be with him and to be sent out to proclaim the message..." Mark 3:14). First to be with, then to be sent out. First to be, then to do. The most fundamental role of the disciple is to be with Jesus, to learn from him, to be influenced by him and to be mentored by him. Yes there was a body of information to be passed on from teacher to learner - the parables of the kingdom for example - but there was also the intangible but vitally important way of life that Jesus expected his followers to live.

When I was a young Christian there was no programme of mentoring that was offered to me. Fortunately and by God's grace I grew in faith in spite of this lack. So in these days, how important it is for us to mentor our young people and our young Christians. So let's "look after the next generation" and invest in their faith in Christ. So who can you look out for, meet with, pray with and encourage?

Mark Chamberlain | Vicar

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## The Ugandan Connection – Kiwis in Cross-cultural Mission

Dr Nick and Tessa Laing have been working in medical support and community justice work with the Acholi people in Gulu Town, Northern Uganda, since 2013. They both grew up in Riccarton and were part of the St Timothy's Burnside parish. Our parish helps support their work, along with the CMS.

Life in Uganda for the Laings is not easy. They live in a grass-thatched hut on the edge of Lacor, a village 10km from Gulu Town. They have chosen to live as the villagers do. They cook on a charcoal stove and they don't have a fridge or TV. Nor do they have plumbing, meaning that they have no running water or a toilet that flushes. They have installed solar electricity which they use to run lights and charge their laptops.

Nick works as a doctor for the local Anglican Diocese and also manages 13 small health centres scattered in surrounding villages. These serve many disadvantaged people. Prayer serves alongside conventional medical treatment and is recorded in the same way. Malaria is a major problem – even Nick has contracted it three times. He knows he is not on the usual career path of a medical practitioner and is happy to forgo his personal ambitions because he firmly believes he is where God wants him to be.

Tessa worked in Christchurch's social justice unit with Jolyon White before moving to Uganda. She is now part of "Wakonye Kenwa," which is Acholi for "The help is amongst us". This is a small group of locals who are trying to bring about positive social change in the Lacor community. Her work has involved setting up support for those with alcohol problems, campaigning for access to clean drinking water – there was one contaminated spring in the area – and leading Bible study groups held under the mango trees, as well as working on a chilli farming project.

Community life for the Laings means tutoring children in English and Maths and co-ordinating the English Bible study at their church, St Catherine's in Gulu. They make occasional visits back to Christchurch – the last being in January 2016 – and always visit St Barnabas to update us on their progress.

September 2017 was a month of mission focus at St Barnabas. As part of this, Anne Shave's Home Group decided to look outwards and sent the Laings cards to encourage them in their work. These cards were really appreciated. Tessa wrote in an email thanking each member of the group individually, saying also: "I can't express what a blessing it is for us to get your messages of love". They are very grateful for the financial support given by the parish which enables them to continue their work. If you'd like to know more about this, go to the Laings blog on <https://ugandapanda.com/>.

Margaret Harper




**Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas**

**Youth Group: FRI 6PM - 9.30PM.**  
- Christian Youth Community in hall. Intermediate 6 - 8.00pm. High School age 7.30 - 9.30pm.

**The Revs: SUNDAY 10 - 11.00AM.**  
- Christian group for high school aged young people.

# General Synod Allows Same Sex Blessing

One item of business stands out from the General Synod of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia which met in New Plymouth, 4-10 May 2018. This was a decision to permit, where bishops authorize a service and a priest to conduct the service, the blessing of same-sex civil marriages or civil unions, providing the vestry of the parish in which the blessing has been conducted have been consulted.

This decision introduces a new rite for our Church, one sought over several decades, and one fought for and against over the same period. As I write there are signs of anxious discussion in some quarters of our Diocese as reactions include both rejoicing and sadness.

Many but not all Anglicans will be aware that this decision is the result of intense debate through the 2014 and 2016 synods, seeking a way forward which honoured both conservative and liberal approaches to same-sex blessings. That is, the decision is not the result of a synodical rush of blood. What was proposed to the 2018 General Synod was accepted as making few Anglicans happy but was a proposal we might actually agree to.

Agree we did, by an overwhelming majority, but not without cost. The Diocese of Polynesia, for instance, made it crystal clear through a separate motion, that they did not agree with the concept of such blessings but valued their belonging to our Three Tikanga Church so much that they would not veto it.

Three members of our own Diocesan team of representatives decided to resign as General

Synod members in order to show the depth of their disagreement with the decision which was made.

As we make our own responses to this decision, acknowledging that we now live within a church which has made space for blessings of same-sex civil marriages or civil unions to take place, it may be very important to note the following. None of us, clergy or lay, are required to change what we believe is right/wrong about sexual relationships. And no licensed preacher is restricted from teaching what they have always taught about these matters.

*Peter Carrell | Director of Theology House*



## Jesus Christ – Good News for all Nations

Words of welcome in twelve different languages resounded at the first Multicultural Service hosted by St Barnabas on Sunday 29 April; and then the congregation were treated to a marvellous spectacle of worship and joy.



The strength of the Tongan congregation, resplendent in traditional dress, was clearly evident when they opened singing a hymn with dance sequence movements. Later, their rendition of the Lord's Prayer in Tongan was very moving.

Ellen Hao, musician from China, played traditional Chinese music on an ancient instrument known as a Pipa. This plaintive and meditative piece with distinctive Eastern tones provided a sympathetic background for a candle lighting ritual.

Dressed in a colourful traditional hanbok Esther Jung represented the Korean people dancing with grace and joy to the music of the hymn "Far Away in the Depth of My Spirit."

A Japanese choir sang two traditional songs in Japanese.

Their green silk and floral tops and exquisite perfectly-pitched music soared heavenward, entrancing all.

Accompanied by the guitar, Vicar Mark and Wendy Kington led the congregation with the song, "He's got the whole world in his hands," which seemed perfectly appropriate for the evening.

Many students from the St Barnabas English class attended. One family from Mexico later commented that it was the best and most welcoming thing they had experienced since their arrival in New Zealand.

Thank you to all the members of St Barnabas who extended the hand of friendship that Sunday night.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

*Olive Lawson | English Language Ministry Convener*



**Tongan's Children Choir**





## Association of Anglican Women

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### Daytime Group

Wednesday 6 June at 12pm in the Tui Room. There will be a charge of \$5 per person for lunch. Guest Speaker: Margaret Harper speaking on "The history of Christchurch City Streets."

Leader: Madeleine Price  
354 4299  
021 188 5138

### In Betweens

Tuesday 19 June at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Guest speaker: Melissa Kelly (ACDANZ/Winston Churchill Fellow) speaking on "Fostering hope, following serious injury or illness and finding a meaningful future".

Leader: Trish Carrick-Leslie  
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## St Barnabas Parishioner Turns 100!

The growth in the number of centenarians in the world is remarkable but reaching 100 years of age is still seen as a cause for special celebration! It is the ultimate sign of a life well-lived! So when Beryl Newman reached her centenary on 16 May, it was cause for celebration not only within her own family but within the wider family of the St Barnabas Parish.

Beryl was born in 1918 in Opotiki in the Bay of Plenty into a farming family. The family moved to Christchurch when she was nine and she attended Marshland Primary School and, later, Avonside Girls' High School. Her father managed a farm until the depression of the 1930s struck. He was then employed in an office interviewing people applying for government help. Although he was on a low wage, the family never went without. They went to the Sanitarium factory for broken Weetbix and researched the cheapest butchers, notably Dixon's in Cashel Street and Shaw's in Colombo Street. Her mother made her gym frock for school and Beryl remembers being embarrassed that it wasn't the same as the other girls' uniforms.

Training as a nurse appealed but her mother said she wasn't observant enough and that teaching would be a better career. She trained at Teachers' College 1936-1937, with a probationary year at Sumner. Country Service was at Waikari, Kaikoura and the West Coast.

The war years were difficult with rationing and uncertainty. Beryl says people now would not be able to cope with the shortage and lack of variety of food. She remembers well seeing the soldiers parading down the street and then waving to them as they left for overseas on the troop ships. There was excitement of course but a sadness knowing that not all of them would return home. One of her brothers died in Greece and she lost a friend in the North African desert.

Beryl and her husband, Edmund, were married in 1943 at Holy Trinity Avonside and had 4 children, 3 girls and a boy, of whom Beryl is very proud, saying they have all worked hard and made their way in life. She was widowed in 2002.

When her children were older, Beryl returned to teaching in Oxford at a sole charge school. The family later moved into town and she taught at Fendalton School for eight years, retiring in 1982. She retains a strong interest in her former pupils and is always thrilled to be recognised and to catch up with their activities.

Church attendance has been important to Beryl all her life. She recalls travelling in a gig to church as a child and her father was a lay reader. When her own family moved into Christchurch from Oxford, they attended St Thomas in Strowan Road. When this was closed the transition to worshipping at St Barnabas was seamless and Beryl felt immediately welcome. She made the best of the congregation's temporary worship space in the hall while fundraising for the repair of the church and then the actual work was going on following the earthquakes of 2010-2011. However, she is very happy to have returned to worshipping in the church and she rejoices in feeling the presence of God in a special building like St Barnabas Church.

Beryl is able to live independently in a comfortable home in Leinster Road with assistance from support agencies and her family. She delights in her very neat garden. Her lawyer came to see her last week and said he couldn't see why she would want to move from there into a rest home.

The AAW Afternoon Group loves a celebration and Beryl is a valued member of the group. So her special birthday was celebrated with a beautifully decorated cake with many candles and a spirited rendition of Happy Birthday at the May meeting.



*Beryl was interviewed by Margaret Harper*

# Learning From Jesus – Engaging With Those Of Other Faiths

On a number of occasions Jesus in his travels met up with people of other faiths, even of little or no faith. Not a great deal different from what we experience today living in a secular society. As Christians this can make us a little uneasy. How do we relate to unbelievers? What can we learn from Jesus in these situations?

The common factor in each of Jesus' encounters was the way he treated all he met with respect - listening to them, affirming the good he saw in them, leaving them feeling blest for having met Him.

Yet at every encounter Jesus did not in the least resile from revealing himself as Lord and Saviour. And often he also questioned those he met about their faith - or lack of it. He challenged them about their understanding of God. He caused some of them to rethink their lives, in some instances to turn their lives around.

There was the materialist, a "man of great wealth", who wondered whether living an upright moral life was all that God required of people. Jesus complimented him on being such a good citizen, held in such high regard. ("His heart warmed to him.") But then he boldly called on this privileged young man to give away his wealth to help the poor, and to 'come, follow me' (Mark 10:17).

Then there was a midday encounter with a Samaritan woman who was drawing water from a well. Jesus talked with her about her personal life and domestic situation, but in an uncritical way that did not embarrass her but rather opened her eyes to her deeper spiritual needs. In the end he was able to speak about himself as the Messiah, but in such a winsome way that, with the return of his disciples, she scuttled off to share excitedly with family and whanau what this surprise encounter with a stranger had meant to her. Could he be the Messiah? (John 4:7f).

Another occasion was when a Centurion, a Roman officer of the Occupation Force controlling the country at that time, came to Jesus to seek healing for his aide-de-camp. Jesus was not at all fazed by this approach from a most unlikely person. He did not rebuff the Centurion because he was a Gentile. Rather Jesus applauded the faith this soldier displayed in approaching him with such confidence, saying publicly "Not even in Israel have I found such faith" (Luke 7:1f).

A further 'outsider', a Phoenician woman, similarly sought out Jesus to heal her daughter. He did not turn her away, but listened carefully to her, gave her a chance to make her case. He also pressed her hard, saying that as a Gentile she was a bit audacious in expecting such attention. She persisted with her plea for help. And her daughter was healed (Mark 7:25f).

Even at the end of his earthly ministry, on trial before Pontus Pilate the Imperial Governor of Palestine, Jesus did not down-play the regal claims being made about him, or the other-worldly kingdom he proclaimed. He was courteous and respectful, realising full well of the challenge to the power of Caesar (John 18:28f).

Gently Jesus heard out each person he met. Boldly he also presented himself as the Saviour of all men and women, and Lord of all life. "I am the way, the truth and the life". What we learn from Jesus' example is our need to listen closely, find common ground, yet unabashedly be prepared also to speak of our own faith in Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Brian Carrell





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## Come to Alpha!

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We talk about the ultimate questions and how we can get the most out of life. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family and work-colleagues for a relaxed night talking about things that really matter.

So why not begin thinking and praying about coming on Alpha. You might also think about who you might bring and pop the question – after all, asking someone to a course on Christianity doesn't need to be awkward! Register through the Parish Office.



## New Bishop

The process to elect a new bishop for the Diocese has now been confirmed by Standing Committee. The steps are as follows:

1. An Arrangements Committee (AC) is formed to oversee the running of the Electoral College. The AC is in charge of the process and outcome, including receiving candidate applications, vetting and presenting candidates
2. The AC consists of Archbishops' Commissary, The Chancellor, The Diocesan Manager, The Vice Chancellor and two Standing Committee Appointees.
3. Applications for Bishop of Christchurch will open on Friday 8 June and close Friday 29 June 2018. Information about the candidates will be given to members of the Electoral College prior to it convening.
4. On Friday 17 and Saturday 18 August 2018, the EC meets and a candidate is selected to be nominated to General Synod.
5. The General Synod votes on the nomination.
6. All going well, a public announcement about the new Bishop, will be made in the first week of September 2018.

## Faith in Film

Be inspired by Christians from the past! All films shown on Wednesday nights at 6.30pm in the Tui Room beginning with soup and rolls. Bring food to share. Discussion follows. Call Don on 388 6882 for more information.

**June 6:** Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556). His contributions to Christianity in England are beyond measure.

**June 13:** Mother Teresa (1910-1997). Charismatic figure and modern day saint who showed the love of Jesus to the poor of Calcutta

**June 13:** Dorothy Day (1897-1980). Sought to make a difference in the name of Christ by advocacy.

**June 20:** Bonhoeffer (1906-1945). German Pastor who actively opposed Hitler.



## What's Coming Up?

**Fri**

**8th June**

### 40 Hour Famine

Many St Barnabas young people will be fasting over the weekend to support the great work of World Vision. There will also be a bake sale. Please support our young people.

**Sat**

**9th June**

### Visit of Prof Paul Trebilco

Come and hear Prof Paul speak about 'Survivor Roman Empire: how early Christians survived and thrived in ancient times and how we can too.' 7pm in the hall.

**Sun**

**10th June**

### St Barnabas Day Celebration

Guest preacher Prof Paul Trebilco will be speaking at all morning services helping us celebrate St Barnabas Day!

**Wed**

**13th June**

### Men's Dinner

All men are invited to our annual Men's Dinner at 6pm in the parish hall. Guest speaker this year is Malcolm Johns, CEO of Christchurch Airport. Tickets \$25 from the parish office.

**Fri**

**22nd June**

### Dinners for Eight

Enjoy a night of fellowship and great food with others from our parish. Pick up a sign-up form from the office and consider inviting a friend or newcomer to our parish.

**Sun**

**1st July**

### St Thomas Day

Come and celebrate St Thomas Day. All are invited to a light meal following the 5pm service.

# Vestry News

**Assistant Verger:** A new position of Assistant Verger was established. This position will serve as a back up to Greg Brown at funerals and weddings and will also involve computer and technical assistance to staff. Braden Ramsell has accepted the offered position.

**Giving from Outreach Fund:** Following advice from the Finance Team, Vestry agreed to make charitable donations to a number of agencies for their work in the community. The following amounts were given; \$4,500 Petersgate, \$2,000 to City Mission, \$750 to Hospital Chaplaincy Service. This will leave about \$3,250 that can be expended on other projects or causes that Vestry feels it wants to support.

**Living Wage:** Vestry agreed that whenever the Living Wage is adjusted this should be immediately reflected in the pay rates that our parish staff receive. This will mean the base pay rate will go up to \$20.55/hour. This represents a 1.75% increase.

**Staffing:** Vestry was informed that Watiri Maina has accepted the position of Pastoral Care Coordinator and would begin this role in early August. Matt Robb has also accepted the position of 24-7 Youth Worker at Boys' High and he would join existing workers Matt Meek and Dave Bosma. He is travelling overseas so will begin early October.

**Discipleship and Evangelism:** Don Rowlands came briefly to address Vestry about the ministries supported by the Discipleship and Evangelism Mission Action Team. The big project coming up is organising an Alpha Course which will begin on Thursday 12 July. A team is being formed to lead this and it is hoped that 50 people will come to the opening dinner.

**Community Van:** I was suggested that after about 5 years of running the community van that we adopt some kind of a replacement strategy. It was agreed that we speak with a member of the local Ward about this because they were instrumental in providing the original funding.

**Payroll:** The new payroll system is due to 'go live' on Friday 18 May. All Employment Agreements have had to be updated and re-signed.



## Sunday Worship

### St Barnabas Church

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

### St Barnabas Hall

- 10.00am** Lifestreams Eucharist with children and youth programmes followed by morning tea.  
**7.00pm** Antioch in the hall for students, young adults where all are welcome.

## Mid-Week Workshop

- 8.30am** Wednesday - Eucharist, in the church.  
**10.00am** Thursday - Eucharist in the 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.

## Register

### BAPTISMS

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

- May**  
6 Freya Atawhai Bayley

### MARRIAGES

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

- April**  
28 Sharon Ruth van Kampen  
and Mark Christopher  
Dowers

### FUNERALS

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

- April**  
27 Frances Jacqueline  
Macfarlane  
**May**  
10 Bessie McLean  
17 Colin Charles de Lambert

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## Beryl Newman Turns 100!



## Children's Ministry at St. Barnabas

**St Barnabas Playgroup: WED 9.15 - 11:30AM.**  
- Creative play for pre-schoolers in the hall  
Helen Wakefield 021 307 878.

**Mainly Music: FRIDAY 10 - 10.30AM.**  
- Music & movement for pre-schoolers and their caregivers,  
followed by morning Tea. Pip Chamberlain 021 085 77640.

**Fridayzone: FRI 3 - 5.30PM IN THE HALL.**  
- After-school club for Primary School children  
and their families. With Meal. Angela Brown 027 335 0105.

**Kidzone: SUN 10AM**  
- Creative Sunday School for children 5 - 11 yrs.  
Angela Brown 027 335 0105.