

## Kate Sheppard: National Heroine and Christian Reformer

A few weeks ago, celebrations of the 125th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage took place around the country. On 19 September, 1893, a bill was passed in the New Zealand Parliament giving all woman over the age of 21 the right to vote.

At the time it must have felt like a cultural tsunami breaking over our young nation and it remains one of the best examples of our 'social experiment' role on the edge of the world. It would take the centres of cultural influence, Great Britain and the United States, many more years to grant woman's suffrage - 1918 in Great Britain and 1920 for the whole of the United States.

Through her leading role in the Women's Suffrage movement, Kate Sheppard has rightly cemented her place as one of our most famous citizens. Her image replaced the Queen's on our \$10 note in 1991. But how many know that Kate was motivated to build a better society because of her Christian convictions?

In 1885 Kate Sheppard became a foundation member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the fledgling group began campaigning for women's suffrage in 1887. From the beginning members of the WCTU were motivated by a belief in God and in Christ as the King of the nations and as such was to be honoured in government and reflected in the moral tone of society. Members were encouraged to observe daily "noon-tide prayer." In 1890 members declared "that the

foundation of all our work lies in the acceptance and practice of the Gospel of Christ." Feminist writer Sandra Coney concedes that "all the prominent early feminists were active Christians."

The churches themselves were not generally in favour of this new movement. In 1892 *The New Zealand Presbyterian* was concerned that "The women's rights movement" was turning "women into a class, to place them in opposition to men". Although some individual Anglican Bishops were sympathetic, their synods consistently refused to endorse the movement. Denominations more closely tied to the prohibition movement such as the Baptists, Salvation Army and Methodists were more supportive.

Looking back, the Christian women of the WCTU were inspirational. They addressed a whole range of social ills and significantly influenced colonial New Zealand. Following a vision of building a compassionate, civil society they undertook both social service and social justice projects. They ran night shelters and soup kitchens. They helped to rehabilitate women prisoners, offered nutrition, cooking and sewing classes and provided pre-school care.

However the new-found power of the franchise enabled them to engage politically as well. This included repealing the Contagious Diseases Act which protected men but not women involved in prostitution, raising the age of consent for sexual

activity to 21, suppressing gambling, equalising the conditions for divorce for both men and women, reducing smoking and preserving Maori fishing rights on Lake Rotorua. Many of these issues have a strangely contemporary feel about them!

That Kate Sheppard was a practicing Christian and was deeply motivated by the gospel of Christ hardly gets a mention in the secular media. And yet she is our champion! She served the community using every advantage at her disposal to improve the lot of the suffering and the vulnerable. Kate Sheppard is our William Wilberforce or Mother Theresa.

But the most important question for us in 2018 is What are the contemporary issues of injustice that we need to engage with? What is God calling us to do to make our communities a better place? How can we relieve the suffering among so many families today? Is it about housing, health, drug misuse, domestic violence, pornography, bullying, poverty, unemployment, etc. Just recently a parishioner came to me with the idea of setting up a grief counselling programme. Another parishioner is in the process of establishing a misuse of drugs support ministry. Let us seek to be a parish at the forefront of social change for the better. We have the highest motivation of all - to work with God to bring about his kingdom of love and goodness.

Canon Mark Chamberlain

## House And Garden Tour

Saturday 24 November, 11am – 4pm

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# Connecting With God Through Alpha

We are nearing the end of our current Alpha course and have been delighted in leading a number of guests through the videos and discussions so far. Alpha continues to be a stimulating and inspiring course that supports all those involved in further understanding what faith means to them and the desire God has to connect with us all. Below, we are grateful that two of our guests have provided a small insight into their journeys.

**Ric Fletcher:** "After three years, having driven past The Alpha course sign numerous times, I thought it was time to visit Saint Barnabas, to explore the meaning behind the question mark. The Alpha course leaders made everyone feel very welcome and facilitated discussions in such a way that I felt comfortable throughout every session.

The videos, the discussion afterwards and the sense of community have far exceeded all my expectations. The 30 minute videos and commentary stimulated discussion and thinking. Some of the big questions that every person faces in their journey of faith are discussed in a safe, friendly and compassionate way. It's a journey of exploration for everyone, one that I highly recommend everybody should take to discover the richness of God's graciousness and peace."

**Braeden McInnes:** "For me Alpha has been an amazing experience, one where I have learnt and grown a lot from. I have since been lifted from a valley I had been stuck in for some time after spending the day out at Te Waiora House for the Alpha weekend.

In the beginning I didn't really know what to expect from Alpha. I believed that my faith was not very strong. I started wondering why I was a Christian. I joined Alpha to learn more with others who were also searching along with figuring out my own reasons for being a Christian so I could feel like I owned my own faith. I felt like I needed to know exactly why I was Christian. But then I found that the 'why?' is not nearly as important as being connected to God in an active relationship. All God wants is a relationship with us and that's the most important thing, because no matter how small your faith is, nothing will be impossible (Matthew 17:20)."

We continue to pray and ask you to do the same, for those attending as they look ahead to continuing their journeys of faith in small groups and amidst our church community. If you are also keen to attend this course in the future do let us know and check out the Alpha website. [www.alpha.org.nz](http://www.alpha.org.nz)

Becky and Peter George | Alpha Coordinators




**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.

## New 24-7 Youth Worker Matt Robb Begins

This month we are very pleased to welcome a new member to the youth ministry team at St Barnabas – Matt Robb. Beginning in early October, Matt will be joining the 24/7 Youth Work team along with Matt Meek and Dave Bosma, at Christchurch Boys High School. He will also become one of our key youth leaders here at the St Barnabas Youth Group.

Matt grew up just down the road at St Christophers, Avonhead where he has had a wide variety of experience working and volunteering in both children and youth ministries. Since June this year Matt has been working with kids in America at Camp Cody, New Hampshire – but will be back soon and is excited to get into this new role. I asked Matt a few questions to help us get to know him better...

**Why are you passionate about young people?:** I'm passionate about working with young people because I see so much potential in the younger generation and it fills me with so much joy when I am able to help them develop into the awesome leaders that they are.

**What excites you about working at Christchurch Boys?:** I can't wait to start at CBHS because I love sports and helping people. That's what I want to do as a career, so really it just ticks all the boxes of what I want to be doing with my life down the track.

**What will you miss about America?:** I'm going to miss all the friends that I have made and all the experiences that I've had. It has been a dream and I have loved every second of it. That being said, the first thing that I'm going to do when I get home (besides hugging my Mum - of course!) is have a good old barbecue with my Dad and the rest of my family and friends.

**What are you most looking forward to about joining St Barnabas?:** I'm really looking forward to being a part of St B's because of the warm welcome I have already received from people around the congregation, and because of the church's vision for the youth group. I'm fully on board and I am truly excited to be a part of this church family.



## Popular House and Garden Tour Coming to Fendalton Soon!

There are so many magnificent homes and gardens in our community and we often just pass them by without being aware of them. However on Saturday 24 November all that can change! The St Barnabas House and Garden Tour presents a rare opportunity to stroll through and enjoy some of the most beautiful gardens in our city.

The St Barnabas House and Garden Tour is a hugely popular event held every two years. This year it will include nine properties and is billed as a day of 'fun and discovery.' There is a particularly 'special' garden among the nine as well as a cake stall at one of the homes.

The Tour is a major fundraiser for St Barnabas and enables important ministries such as work among children and youth to continue. So why not support the next generation by gathering a group together and making a day of it. It really is that enjoyable!

**DATE:** Saturday 24 November from 11am to 4pm.

**TICKETS:** Available from the Parish Office at 8 Ti St (cash or cheque only) or Eventfinda (booking charge applies).

**COST:** Early Bird rate - \$40 from 1 October – 11 November  
\$50 from 12 November – 23 November  
\$60 on the day

The organising group would like to thank all the home owners who agreed to open their homes – your generosity is much appreciated indeed!







## Association of Anglican Women

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### Daytime Group

Wednesday 3 October at 2pm in the Tui Room. Angela Brown will be speaking about the parish Children's Ministry. A fund raising 'High Afternoon Tea' will follow. \$5 per person.

**Leader:** Madeleine Price  
**P:** 354 4299 **M:** 021 188 5138

### In Betweens

Tuesday 16 October at 7.30pm in the Hall. Ali Jones will be speaking on "Public Relations and Communication" looking at the mantra of the 80s, 'Girls can do anything'. Has the pendulum swung too far one way?

**Leader:** Trish Carrick-Leslie  
**P:** 351 5179

## An Interview with Peter Carrell – Bishop Elect of Christchurch

Bishop elect Peter Carrell is well known to many in our parish. His ordination as bishop and his installation as the 9th bishop of Christchurch will take place at the Christchurch Boys' High auditorium on Saturday 9 February, 2019. The following comments have been taken from an interview he gave with Anglican Taonga recently.

**What are some of the challenges that face our Diocese?:** "There is one challenge to rule over them all. That is what I call: 'the spiritual earthquakes' that are following our physical earthquakes. The tectonic plates that are shifting in our society so that in the 21st century we become more and more secular. In other words, in society at large, we've forgotten about God. As someone wisely said: 'We've even forgotten that we've forgotten about God.' That's a huge tectonic plate shift in spirituality. It's a stress on all our ministry units and our missional projects. That's our greatest challenge. To meet that, and to respond to it. And to see it as an opportunity, and not as something that will drown us. We need to understand our situation, and to theologically reflect on what it means for understanding who we are and what the Gospel is. And then, and only then, we need a strategic vision, and from that vision, a strategic plan, and a will to implement that plan. I'm really excited about building the teams that will make this twofold response. New things will happen, and they are really exciting."

**What place do young people have in your plans?:** "I will have failed, if we are not a younger diocese within 10 years. Bishop Victoria rightly emphasized the raising up young leaders as a key plank of the diocesan strategy. I want to affirm that. But I also want to stretch that out to say – we need not only to continue raising up young leaders but raising up young people in the everyday congregational life of our church. There is an indisputable need for a bishop to be a 'pastor to the pastors.' But I don't want to be a bishop who is smoothing the ruffles on the pillow of a dying church."

**What is your position on the blessing of same-gendered partnerships?:** "Christchurch is a theologically broad diocese. It includes some Anglicans who are delighted by that decision – and some who are deeply disturbed by it. I will try and lead the diocese towards a deeper understanding of being Anglican: to live with difference and to not divide because of it. I'm prepared to authorise blessings where I'm satisfied that this will enhance the unity of the ministry unit concerned. I myself will not bless same-sex partnerships. I believe that marriage is between a man and a woman and I will uphold that teaching of our church. (But) in my view... our mission to our diverse population is diminished when the church is not perceived to love and care for those who identify themselves with the LGBT community."

**What personal attributes will you bring to your role?:** "I find I have the strength to reach out to people, to build bridges across difference, to build teams, and to be able to receive criticism...In my style of leadership, I am permissive: I like to say to people - here's the task – get on with it." In his candidate profile for the August electoral college, Peter listed a number of personal attributes – including being an arranger, connector, developer, includer and strategic thinker. He had since reflected on another strength, which he thinks undergirds the others. That underlying strength, he says, is "that I am a deeply secure individual in my inner being."




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# What Jesus Commanded Us To Do

Unless you're in the army, you probably don't like being commanded to do something! However at the centre of the Christian way of life is the command of Jesus to tell others the good news about God's love and saving plan. Just before Jesus' ascension he said to his disciples "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." Matt 28:18-20.

This is the Church's mission. This is our mission. Every Christian's God-given purpose! Ordinary Christians obeying the command of an extraordinary God.

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We, Church Army NZ, holding the Office of Evangelism in the Anglican Church, are called to equip all the saints to participate in telling people about Jesus.

Understanding kiwi culture and the many challenges in this time in history, we can equip ordinary Christians

to confidently and competently share Jesus with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Through this equipping we can help people understand and embrace the Good News of Jesus. Then we can obey our commanding officer Jesus, and fulfill the Great Commission in our day.

*Monika Clark, National Director, Church Army NZ*



*Monika (third from the left) with her family.*

## St Barnabas Grounds – Tranquility and Inspiration

In 2017 Vestry adopted a landscape design for our site. It had been prepared by two landscape designers who are part of our parish – Leicester Murray and Chris Glasson. Don Mackenzie, Greg Brown and Ann Masters have been implementing this plan for some time now and good progress has been made. Poor trees have been removed, our listed trees have been pruned and new, more suitable trees have been planted.

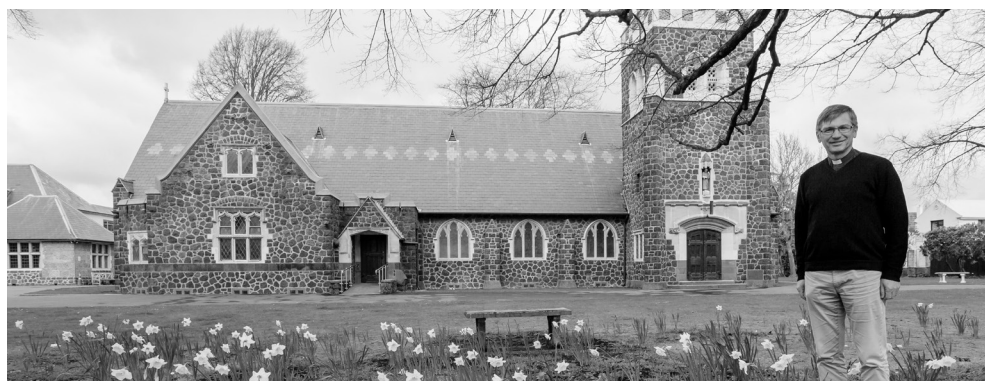
As well as that new lawns will be established at the east end of the church, around the playground and around the new valve house. These new lawns will be established from seed and so will need careful watering.

Now that we have a new western boundary fence and the south boundary has been tidied up, bark gardens with treated wooden edging will be installed in the next few weeks. This will help to retain the bark and provide a clean and tidy look to our boundary fences.

There are still a number of trees to be planted along with replacement box hedging for the car park area. The cost of the trees and shrubs has been generously covered by a donation in memory of Joyce Buckenham. The position of our seats has yet to be determined and the existing concrete seats need to be repaired.

In years to come, as the trees and shrubs mature, we can all have a sense of satisfaction in our beautiful church and gardens that provide so much inspiration and tranquillity to the many people who walk through our grounds.

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered in helping with our grounds – this is a tangible way of blessing our church community and the wider community – thank you!





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## All Souls Memorial Service

When we lose a loved one, we need time and space to grieve and to release our loved one into God's care. And every year around All Souls day St Barnabas offers an opportunity for those who have lost loved ones to gather, remember and give thanks.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service at 5pm on Sunday 4 November. We invite you to bring a flower and place it at the front of the church during the service. Everyone who attends finds this a healing time as the words of our faith support and encourage us.

Let us continue to hold fast to the hope we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Gift Cards from St Barnabas

Are you constantly looking for cards to send to family and friends – Thank you, Sympathy, Birthday and Christmas Cards? St Barnabas has a solution for you! Purchase Note and Gifts Cards from the parish office and help with parish fundraising.

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Note Cards (A5) are \$10 per 5 cards and Gift Cards (smaller) are \$10 for 10 cards. Both the Note Cards and Gift Cards are blank on the inside. Phone Adrienne Moore on 351 5915 for special orders.



## What's Coming Up?

**Sat**

29th Sep

### Gothenburg Combo

All are welcome to this classical guitar concert by one of the top musical groups from Sweden. Drinks and Nibbles at 7pm, concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets \$30, \$20 for students available from the Parish Office.

**Fri**

5th Oct

### Deeper Camp

This is a youth camp for years 9 – 13 held at Waipara Riverside Park from 5 – 7 October. Run by Diocesan Youth Coordinator Sammy Mould, this is an exciting event for high school age young people. See Phil Parkes.

**Sat**

13th Oct

### Book Fair

Support the Parish Book Fair this year by donating books to sell and buying second hand ones at the Fair! Doors open at 9am. Re-gifting stall. For more info or to volunteer contact the parish office.

**Sun**

21st Oct

### Operation Christmas Child

Please return your Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes filled with children's gifts. As you fill them be sure and pray for the child and family who receives the gift at Christmas time.

**Sat**

27th Oct

### 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. Also a great opportunity for grandparents to bring grandchildren!

**Sat**

24th Nov

### House and Garden Tour

Put this date in your diary now! It is the day of the St Barnabas House and Garden Tour – a fantastic fundraiser and a wonderful day out. Tickets from the Parish Office.

[www.stbarnabas.org.nz](http://www.stbarnabas.org.nz)

# Vestry News

**Financial Update:** Treasurer Alistair Sheard presented a budget projection to the end of the year which predicts a deficit of \$28,000. Although this is better than the deficit agreed to at our AGM of \$44,000 it is still a concern.

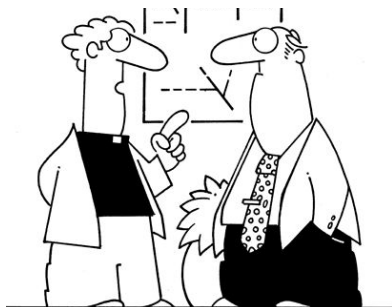
**Works Update:** The church vesteries have been refurbished and new carpet has been laid. Vestry agreed to a quote to establish bark gardens along the south and west boundary fences.

**Staffing:** Vestry received the news that Christine Fokkens had agreed to a trial period as Assistant Children's Worker with responsibility for Kidzone on Sundays. Vestry agreed that the position of Assistant Priest would again be advertised with the hope of securing an appointment by early of next year.

**Columbarium/Memorial Garden:** A small task group is to be set up with Wendy Kingston as convenor, to develop a proposal for a columbarium for the St Barnabas site. This proposal would be brought to next year's AGM to consider. Work had been undertaken on this plan before the earthquakes but some parishioners had asked if this could now be progressed.

**Leadership Course:** The Vicar gave a short report on the leadership course he had attended during the previous week. The company running the course was called Catapult. The course was very professionally run and the Vicar reported that he had gained a lot from it. The Parish Strategy Group would discuss some of the ideas the Vicar has brought back.

**Welcome Booklet:** Convenor of the Communications Ministry Action Team Nigel Yeoh, presented a quote from a design company to produce a new Welcome booklet for the parish. It will contain information about the parish and our ministries with a tear-off portion at the back so that newcomers could formally join the parish. Vestry agree to this expense.



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Teach a man to fish and you can sell  
him all of your old gear on eBay!"

**Mooring Post deadline  
November Issue  
Friday 12 October**

## Sunday Worship

### St Barnabas Church

- 8.00am** Eucharist, followed by breakfast (Tui Room)  
**9.30am** Sung Eucharist then morning tea (Tui Room)  
**12.00pm** Togan Service  
**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 for 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:

#### September

- 2 Claire Helene Hellyer  
16 Zara Alice Jacobs

### MARRIAGES

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

#### September

- 8 Jacqueline Renee Van der Meulen and Peter James Wierenga

### FUNERALS

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

#### May

- 1 Beverley Hill

#### September

- 13 Judith Margaret Todd  
18 Peter Douglas Barton  
21 Susan Turner Cronshaw

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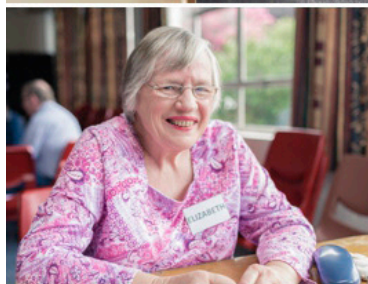
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# St Barnabas English Class



## 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: FRI 10 - 11AM**  
- 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 0 - 11 yrs.  
Christine Fokkens 03 351 7283.