

Advent Hope: Dissatisfaction at the Dysfunction

The technical achievements of our modern world never cease to amaze me. The Civil Defence emergency mobile alert system can warn an entire population of danger in seconds. Solar power technology enables us to generate clean electricity more cheaply than coal. Dockless scooters are revolutionising transport within our cities. And artificial intelligence is already making an impact on customer services in a wide range of businesses. The future has arrived!

But here's a deep paradox in modern life. We enjoy unprecedented success at living in the physical world, and yet there has never been so much dissatisfaction, sadness and depression among ordinary people. Self harm, bullying and abuse seem to be widespread. We enjoy outstanding accomplishments on the outside but inside there is deep dysfunction. So what's gone wrong with us and our world?

That was also the persistent question among the Jewish people at the time of Jesus birth. Apart from a short period of independence under the Hasmoneans, the Jews had been occupied by foreign powers for hundreds of years. In 64BC the Romans under Pompey marched into Jerusalem, destroyed the city and badly damaged the Temple. They had "hatred in their eyes and weapons in

their hands." Suffering and grinding poverty was the order of the day. Living in Nazi occupied France, Holland or Poland gives us some idea of what it must have been like.

It would have been easy to lose hope in these circumstances but the Jewish people were steeled with an underlying hope that kept their culture and religion alive and kept them believing that God would one day deliver them. They prayed for the arrival of a special, godly leader who would put their enemies to flight and usher in a golden age of independence, prosperity and holiness - when Israel's God would be respected and worshiped by all.

We call the four Sundays before Christmas 'Advent' and it's during Advent that we ask the same fundamental question as the Jews did - 'What's gone wrong with us and our world?' We acknowledge our feelings of dissatisfaction - that things are not as they should be. But more importantly we nurture the undergirding feelings of hope that God has not forgotten us.

Theologian Jurgen Moltmann said "Those who hope in Christ can no longer put up with reality as it is, but begin to suffer under it, to contradict it. Peace with God means conflict with the world, for the goad of the promised future stabs inexorably into the flesh of every unfulfilled present."

So during Advent we look in two directions - we look around and we look ahead. We acknowledge the dissatisfaction and we nurture the hope. In other words we look at the angst and heartache in our world and in our own lives, but deliberately and prayerfully nurture the hope we have for a better world. We deliberately feel the 'stab of unfulfillment' but also work toward 'contradicting' it.

Now when there's injustice and when people are suffering, there's a temptation to accept the status quo, to 'knuckle under' and make the best of a bad situation. But our faith would never allow us to acquiesce and give up on hoping for a better world. Our faith in God gives us the greatest gift you can imagine - hope. Ours is not a passive faith that 'hopes for the best' that God will rescue us and pluck us out of our misery. Rather it's the kind of hope that gives us the passion and the energy to work for a better world.

A technical future, with all its material benefits, may have arrived, but there's another kind of future just around the corner. It's the future where God is sovereign, where there is justice and peace for all people and where our dissatisfaction is swallowed up in the consummation of the Kingdom of God. The question is will we cooperate with God to help realise this vision for the human community?

Canon Mark Chamberlain

'Joy to the World!' – celebrate Christmas at St Barnabas!

Sunday 9 December

10am – Children's Christmas Pageant – combined service in church

Sunday 16 December

5pm – Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Church – combined choir

Christmas Eve

4pm – Christingle Service for children – come dressed as Angels or Shepherds!

11pm – Antioch Midnight Service in Hall

11.15pm – Midnight Service in Church – candle light

Christmas Day

8am, 9am and 10.15am – Traditional communion service with carols

10am – Lifestreams Christmas Day service in Hall – children bring your presents!





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Back to the Future – St Barnabas welcomes Jenny Wilkens as Senior Associate Priest

Perhaps there is some irony that I begin ministry among you on Advent Sunday – for as many of you know, this will be for me a Second Coming, having been on the parish staff from 2003-2008. In the mysterious workings of God, I am delighted to be returning to the St Barnabas family and looking forward both to catching up with many of you and also getting to know the many who have joined you over the last ten years.

I am very aware that these past ten years have meant huge disruption and changes for you all through the years of the quakes and since. I have been keeping an eye on you all from a distance and holding you all in my prayers as I watched on your incredible efforts to both maintain ministry during and after the quakes, and to rebuild your lives and homes and our loved St Barnabas church.

Now I look forward to sharing with you the next part of our journey with God. One of my favourite Bible passages is Isaiah 43 where God promises to be with God's people through all the changes and unexpected disruptions in their lives: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (v1). God then encourages us to always be on the lookout for the newness that God is creating: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (v19).

A short bio: I was born in Nelson in 1961. My father Bill was a priest and Diocesan Secretary, and my mother Val was Principal of a school for children with special needs. We were part of the Nelson Cathedral family. I enjoyed learning the piano and viola, the instrument of my Latvian grandfather, and playing in orchestra and chamber groups.

I came to Canterbury University from 1978-1982, completing an MA in languages, classics and history. I lived at Bishop Julius Hall and then flat in Riccarton, part of the College House Chapel and St James' Riccarton communities. I then spent a year in Metz, France as an assistante teaching English before three years of theological study at Trinity College, Bristol. The principal George Carey was later Archbishop of Canterbury and some will recall his visit to Fendalton parish in 2005.

I was ordained deacon by Bishop Peter Sutton in 1987 and priest in 1988. I was curate at All Saints', Nelson and Nativity, Blenheim then Vicar of Picton 1990-1992. I was Associate Ministry Educator for Nelson Diocese 1993-2000 then became an Otago scarfie completing a Master of Ministry. Since my years at Fendalton, I was Canon in Residence at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul 2008-2014 and then Vicar of St Luke's in the City, Christchurch 2015-2017. I've spent 2018 in Nelson caring for my elderly Dad till he died in June aged 96. I'm the proud aunty of six young adults and Graunty Jenn of three babies!

I look forward to sharing with you in the holy newness that our Advent God is always creating among us, and welcoming the infant Christ whose love for us is ever new.

Jenny Wilkens




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.

Christmas in Africa

Margaret Harper interviews Pastoral Care Coordinator Watiri Maina about Christmas in Africa.

As in our country, Christmas is a time when families try and get together. Many people travel from cities back to the villages where the main part of their family might live. Watiri's family of parents and four children always spent Christmas Day with her grandparents who lived in a village 1 ½ hours by car from where Watiri's family lived in Nairobi.

Many people, especially Christians, attend a Midnight Church Service. Watiri's family always went to church in the village in the morning and then came home to start cooking. The meal was not served until 3 or 4 pm so there must have been some rumbling tummies!

The food was not especially Christmassy but whatever was served at any special celebration: a curry of goat, sheep, beef or chicken; Chapati, a kind of naan bread; Mukimo, potatoes with green peas, pumpkin leaves mashed; Pilau, spicy mixed rice. I was intrigued at the thought of eating pumpkin leaves – all that raspy stuff doesn't sound very appetising – but apparently it boils down well and is very nutritious.

Watiri recalled there was no dessert and no Christmas cake. Sometimes there would be as many as 100 people there – all relatives. After dinner there would be a bonfire and much laughter and telling of stories. A big barrel of a local brew was centre stage and men and older women would use straws to drink from it. Watiri couldn't remember presents featuring to any great extent, but for many families it was the one time each year to be given new Sunday best clothes.



Mexican family find a place at St Barnabas

Antonio, Maria and Paulo share some of their thoughts and feelings about coming to a distant country and finding a community at St Barnabas.

Hi Antonio. I understand you've been in New Zealand for a few months now. What country did you come from and why did you and your family come to Christchurch?:

We are a family from Mexico and we love to share experiences, learn about other cultures, nature, and cultural diversity. We believe in the dignity of life and we work every day to build a better life for everyone.

We came to New Zealand in March 2018 and will return to Mexico February 2019. I am a Professor in a Research Centre. My wife Maria is a preschool teacher. We have four children: Nora (31), Gerado (29) Luis Antonio (24) and Paulo Andres (13). The older children are in Mexico and Paulo is attending Kirkwood Intermediate School.

What are some of the differences in culture you have noticed?: Kiwis are very kind and lovely people; they smile when walking past you in parks or streets. Life here is more relaxed and peaceful and the scenery is spectacular. There are many parks, green areas and gorgeous gardens. People love to walk in the hills and parks. One big difference is that in Mexico the steering wheel in the car is on the opposite side and we drive on the left side of the street. Kiwis love rugby. In Mexico the most important sport is football (soccer) but basketball and cycling are popular too.

What do you miss most about home?: We miss our daughter and our sons; we miss our family and the delicious food from Mexico.

Why did you come to St Barnabas English Class?: We wanted to improve our English. The first time we went to the class we enjoyed the different activities, met people from other countries and lovely teachers who share their time, love and knowledge. We come every Thursday because we love our teachers.

Why did you decide to come St Barnabas?: St Barnabas Church has been a great experience for us because it helped us to recover God and Christ in our hearts, to

regain our spirituality and faith in God. We can feel respect, solidarity, love and support for everyone in different spaces and activities. We see a beautiful "community of life". We see happiness with families and the children.

We first came to the Multicultural Service at night. It was great. We remember the different candles and lights. Every light is like people of the world, like every culture in the world, and the vicar said we need to value and respect each other.

Then we started to come to Sunday Services and we discovered activities with the children and young people. We were invited to receive Holy Communion without judgement. The priest knew our names. It was beautiful to feel we were part of a community of love especially when the families are singing and when we see they feel the presence of God. This was an incredible experience for us.

How is Christianity different in Mexico?: In Mexico many people attend church and faith in God plays an essential part in their lives. In our city, every month, different religious activities are organised. In the big cities there is more hopelessness, a faster life and indifference gains space in the hearts of people.



Shoeboxes of Love from St Barnabas

Margaret Harper reports on what happens to the Operation Christmas Child boxes we send each year.

The large pile of filled shoeboxes in the parish office crammed with gifts ready to be delivered to children in need has been a heart-warming sight over the last few weeks. Operation Christmas Child is a charity that has operated for 25 years and as their brochure says "each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way". The shoeboxes are given out by local churches at events across villages and towns in developing countries.

According to the organisers, a gift-filled shoebox could be the first gift of this type that many children will ever receive. All children receive a shoebox regardless of race, gender or religion - it is simply a free gift given out by local churches in their own village or town. Whoever thought that something so fun and easy as packing a shoebox for children on the other side of the world could be such an effective way to partner in outreach with churches overseas.

I decided to challenge myself and chose gifts for a boy aged 10-14 years – more difficult than pretty things for a little girl. I spent quite a long time at the Warehouse selecting items I thought would please both the recipient

and me. Unacceptable items are helpfully listed in the brochure. No toothpaste with my toothbrush!

Go to www.operationchristmaschild.org.nz to get a taste of the joy these boxes bring to children who are so underprivileged compared to the average New Zealand child. 105 boxes from our parish have now been sent overseas. What amazing generosity from our parishioners. Any boxes received now will be delivered to local children who are felt to be in need.

Margaret Harper



Thanks to Trish Carrick-Leslie

Last month Trish Carrick-Leslie stepped down as leader of the In-Betweens AAW group. Trish has been in the role for three years and served faithfully and extremely ably. She was thanked and was presented with a beautiful bunch of flowers by members of the group. Trish embodied so many of the values of AAW – love, genuine care and service – thank you Trish! She is succeeded by Wendy Hollyer.



Advent meditation on Mary and Elizabeth

During Advent we remember how Mary the mother of Jesus, visited Elizabeth and broke into song with the words of the Magnificat. Look at the painting of the meeting of these two women by James B Janknegt. Mary and Elizabeth, like all mothers around the world, are living in the half-known world of pregnancy.

Their moods, ankles and bellies tell them they are pregnant, that something marvelous and terrifying is on the way. Their place in society, as women in a web of family and neighbours, gives them a certain amount of insight and knowledge about what is to come. There will be blood and pain. There will hopefully be a well and happy baby and a well and happy mother by the end.

The painting of Mary and Elizabeth depicts the futures these two babies have ahead of them. What strikes you about how Janknegt has portrayed the two fetuses?

How do you feel about it? What do you imagine the two women are thinking and feeling at the moment the painter has captured? Who else is in the painting, and why are they there?

And what about this hope business? What can Mary's and Elizabeth's experiences of pregnancy show us about the wider picture of God's work in the world through them? What is the source of your hope this Advent?

Based on an article from sacraparental.com



Restart Dates for 2019

Selwyn Centre	Monday 14 Jan
St B's Play Group	Wednesday 13 February
English Class	Thursday 7 February
Youth Group	Friday 1 February
Fridayzone	Friday 8 February
Mainly Music	Friday 8 February
Antioch	Sunday 10 February
Kidzone	Sunday 10 February

Please contact the Parish Office for details of the start dates of other groups

Bishop Elect writes about the meaning of Christmas

What relief there must have been in Kiwi households 100 years ago as preparations for Christmas celebrations were made knowing that "our boys" were safe, following the signing of the Armistice on 11 November 1918. What sadness there must have been that same Christmas, sometimes in the same households, knowing that a beloved son or sons would not be home for Christmas ever again. There is something about Christmas which is emotional about human relationships in a way that Easter and Pentecost are not.

If we learn that a friend might be alone on Christmas Day we worry about that when we never worry about that same friend if they say that they will be alone at Pentecost. So the meaning of Christmas is very closely tied to what it means to be a social being.

I am not sure why that it is but I imagine that it has something to do with Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' and Hollywood Christmas movies about families getting together against the odds. Yet even those narratives embedded in our culture must come from somewhere and that takes us back to the gospels.

There we find Christmas – the birth of Christ is a very social story. A couple make their way to Bethlehem to be registered with a bunch of other people. A baby is on the

way which highlights the "aloneness" of this family when there is no accommodation for them. The baby is scarcely born when people start turning up - shepherds and wise men. Then soldiers begin looking for Jesus, but the family has escaped to Egypt. The story is not finished until the new family can make its way back home to Nazareth.

So, true, there is no family reunion that first Christmas and no heroes battling their way through snowstorms to be home for a turkey dinner, but the story runs high with human emotion. Perhaps that is because a baby is at the centre of this very social story? Turns out, when we follow the story right through to Easter and Pentecost, that the baby has come to organize a family reunion – the reunion of the whole human family. Have we sent our RSVPs into God?

Ven Dr Peter Carrell – Bishop Elect of Christchurch



Join a Lent Study Group in March, 2019!

The 2019 Lent studies will focus on the Holy Spirit from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Our Bishop elect Ven Dr Peter Carrell again teams up with retired Bishop Kelvin Wright to produce a fabulous study series that will benefit newcomers to faith as well as old hands. Life in the Spirit is at heart of the Christian experience and we all need to live more in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 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 Yale Divinity School's website says "Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians is a masterpiece of pastoral theology in which the Apostle to the Gentiles treats a number of issues that have caused difficulties in the Christian

community at Corinth. The issues faced by Paul and his church reflect conditions and issues of the first-century. At the same time they often offer remarkable parallels to issues that confront Christian communities today. Study of the letter provides an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a community of believers, who share many things but disagree on others."

So join a Lent group next year and dig in to 1 Corinthians especially looking at the theme of the Holy Spirit – the dimension of life that enables us to live and love and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The availability of the booklets will be publicised when they arrive in the parish office.

Contents for the Lent Studies 2019

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<i>1 Corinthians 2:1-13</i> |
| Study 2 | The Holy Spirit makes us God's temple
<i>1 Corinthians 6:12-20</i> |
| Study 3 | The Holy Spirit activates gifts in us
<i>1 Corinthians 12:1-11</i> |
| Study 4 | The Holy Spirit unites us in one body
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Leader: Madeleine Price
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In Betweens

Tuesday, 11 December at 5pm in the Hall.

Please join us for drinks and nibbles from 5-7pm. Husbands and partners welcome.

Entry is \$10 payable at the door.

Leader: Wendy Hollyer
P: 351 8520

Students Flourishing at English Language Class

Twenty nine year old Tu Nguyen from Vietnam is in New Zealand studying to be an airline pilot. Concerned that his level of English, outside the vocabulary needed for flying a plane, was not sufficiently fluent, he chose to come to St Barnabas English class.

Tu says that in the class he has learned not only English but also helpful tips about New Zealand culture. He now understands that New Zealand people speak directly and to the point with no hidden meaning. In Vietnamese culture suspicion is rife and it is hard to trust.

At first New Zealand idioms caused him difficulty but he's more confident now. Another example Tu mentioned was that he had no vocabulary about gardens and gardening before attending class. He had never heard the word "florist" before, until the lesson titled "Gardens and Gardening." Now he feels he can chat on this subject!

Tu describes himself as a "non religious" person. It is dangerous to be a Christian in Vietnam and as the government does not trust Christians they are frequently excluded from many job opportunities.

Tu likes the way we respect each other in the English class and has made some friends from different cultures. When he has finished his study Tu will probably return to Vietnam to his family. He likes living in New Zealand.

Olive Lawson



Engaging children with the message of Christmas

Bible Society has once again produced a stunning little book to help teach children about the meaning of Christmas. Called 'The Well Good News of Christmas', this book is a fun, colourful book for adults to pass on the Christmas story to children. It will be available from the Parish Office from December.

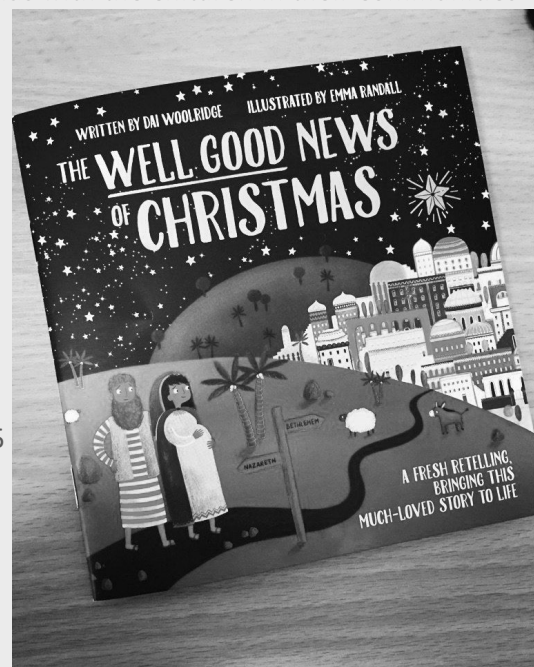
The Bible Society is hoping to reach the 36% of Kiwi kids who have never seen, read or heard the story of Jesus' birth. The book is part of Bible Society's 'Pass It On' campaign designed to encourage and equip parents, grandparents and caregivers to pass on their passion for the Bible to the next generation.

"With The Well Good News of Christmas, people have a fantastic opportunity to share the good news of Christmas with the children in their communities using a brilliantly fun book. It's a story that is still impacting and changing lives today," said Stephen Opie, Bible Society Programme Director.

A childcare Centre Supervisor said "I just received The Well Good News of Christmas book. I absolutely love it. What a great way to tell the story.

We have 45 children on our roll, from Christian and non-Christian families. I would love to get this book to each of the children, 1 – 5 year olds that I teach."

The Well Good News of Jesus will be available at our worship services in December or from the parish office. It's free but if you'd like to make a donation that would be welcome.



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Advent – it's all about the waiting

One of the fun things about being an Anglican is the rhythm of the church year – Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost – with a liberal smattering of saints days and other special celebrations along the way. And yet new generations of Christians don't automatically understand why we have the Church year and what its value might be.

The Church year developed gradually in the first few centuries of Christianity as a way of shaping our whole lives according to the great story of God's redemption in Christ. So the shape of churches often took the form of a cross, Christians 'crossed themselves', the shape of the week emphasized the first day of the week, Sunday, as the day of resurrection – new creation. And finally Christians sought to shape the whole year according to the life of Christ – his birth, death, resurrection, ascension and coming again.

And the very beginning of the Church year is Advent. Advent is from the Latin word 'adventus' which means 'coming' or 'arrival' Advent came into being in the sixth century and was decreed to be a four week period by Pope Gregory the Great.

Advent helps us prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. We are encouraged to patiently wait for the

unfolding of God's plan to send a saviour, just as God's ancient people Israel waited for the Messiah. We especially remember John the Baptist who prepared the way for Christ.

Our temptation during Advent is to be too eager to celebrate Christmas and to stop waiting and begin to celebrate – as our consumer culture pressures us to do. It's hard to wait and to prepare ourselves – our natural instinct is to rush ahead to the fulfillment. But during Advent God calls us to wait patiently for the unfolding of his plan – then we can really celebrate Christmas when it comes!

Advent also reminds us that we wait for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at the end of the age. The one who was crucified for us on the cross, will one day return in glory – what glorious hope we have to live for! So let us have a holy Advent – not rushing ahead but allowing God to reveal his Son in the fullness of time.

Mark Chamberlain



Seasons for Growth: A course about change, loss and grief

The first Anglican Care training weekend for those who have suffered loss, was held at St Barnabas in early November. This innovative educational programme helps people explore their life journey in a safe and creative way. Trained companions assist them on their journey.

Participants have said:

- "The telling of the story in an atmosphere of confidentiality is a comforting situation."
- "It was such a relief to know I wasn't going mad, I was grieving and that is normal."
- "Charting my life story brought me in touch with feelings and issues I had not dealt with."
- "The seasons metaphor makes it much easier to understand loss and to share with others."

Losses are varied but the structure of the course is relevant and helpful to all kinds of loss we experience. Common issues include bereavement, relationship separation, adult children of an alcoholic parent, earthquake impact, retirement, poor health, job loss and child and family loss.

The Programme is offered as a 2 ½ hour session over four weeks, a two day retreat or a three hour seminar workshop.

The programme provides an opportunity for participants to learn and they gain knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable them to respond well to the experience of grief.

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CWS Appeal

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Sun

2nd Dec

Welcome of Jenny Wilkens

All are invited to a parish lunch to welcome Rev Jenny Wilkens as she begins as Senior Associate Priest in the parish. 11.30am in the hall. Food donations for her pantry are welcomed.

Wed

12th Dec

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! At the Haines residence – 40 Tui St.

Mon

17th Dec

Christmas Hamper

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

Tue

18th Dec

Carol Singing

Meet at the St Barnabas car park by 6pm to pool transport or join us at 6.10pm at St Winifreds, 7pm at Fendalton Retirement Village and 7.45pm at Holly Lea. Holly Lea has kindly offered refreshments after all the singing! Come and spread the spirit of Christmas!

Wed

19th Dec

Christmas Home Communion

Those unable to attend Christmas services but would like to receive communion contact Peter Chapman on 027 522 9409 or email halswellchapmans@gmail.com and he will make arrangements.

Fri

25th Jan

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 the whole parish!

Sun

3rd Feb

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.

Sat

9th Feb

Ordination of Peter Carrell

All are invited to attend the episcopal ordination of Ven Dr Peter Carrell. It will take place at Boys' High at 11am. Tickets will be available through the office – they are free but you will need one.

Sun

3rd Mar

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'!

Wed

6th Mar

Ash Wednesday

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

Wed

27th Mar

Parish AGM

2019 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. Several important issues will be discussed.

Vestry News

St Thomas: A letter was sent to the Church Property Trustees laying out a process whereby we hope to dispose of the St Thomas site in the New Year. Vestry has been working closely with members of the St Thomas congregation and good progress has been made with chattels. The building needs to be deconsecrated before anything else happens.

Senior Associate Priest: Vestry were given an update of the appointment of Jenny Wilkens as Senior Associate Priest to the parish. Her accommodation has been arranged and her first Sunday will be on Sunday 2 December. Jenny will complement our existing staff team very well and enable us to make more progress carrying forward our mission in the community.

Mission Action Plan: An update was given of our Mission Action Plan as part of the Parish Strategy Team report. We are making good progress, especially now that Watiri Maina is undertaking pastoral care development work for us. We also hope that Jenny Wilkens will be able to help develop our small group and discipleship ministry further.

Fundraising Update: Vestry received a report on progress relating to our fundraising plan for the year. We agreed at our AGM to try and raise \$30,000 this year in fundraising. So far we have raised \$22,000 with the House and Garden Tour to go. It would appear that the target will be surpassed.

Finance update: The year to the end of October shows a deficit of \$60,363 however Vestry were informed that there were a number of sources of income that were expected before the end of the year that would reduce this amount.

Draft Budget: Vestry discussed the draft budget for 2019 presented by the Treasurer. It indicated that the parish faces a significant deficit for next year. The Parish Strategy Team had already discussed ways to move toward a balanced budget and their suggestions were discussed by Vestry. The budget and suggestions for balancing the budget will be presented at the AGM in March 2019.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVE

Sunday Worship

St Barnabas Church

- 8.00am** Eucharist, followed by breakfast (Tui Room)
9.30am Sung Eucharist then morning tea (Tui Room)
12.00pm Tongan Congregation
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 each month at Fendalton Retirement Village, St Winifred's and Holly Lea.

Mooring Post deadline
February Issue
Friday 11 January

Register

BAPTISMS

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

October

- 21 Malachi Gabriel Vahea
Halaifonua

November

- 4 Cara McGoverne
4 Caleb Aaron Thompson

FUNERALS

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

October

- 24 John Ross Clarke
25 Joseph Graham Edmundson
25 Graham Lester Webster

November

- 1 Rhona Clare Delany
2 Maurice Edward Mahoney
20 Mary Taylor

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Join us for Christmas at St Barnabas!

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

'She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Matthew 1:21

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday 9 December @ 10am in the Church

All welcome to this combined service

Christmas Home Communions

Wednesday 19 December

If you can't make it to worship but would like to receive communion this Christmas please call Peter Chapman on 027 522 9409 and he will make arrangements with you.

Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

Sunday 16 December

- **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.'

Monday 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 27 January.
- A mixture of traditional and modern carols and all children will receive a Christingle.

Christmas Eve Services

- **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

- **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 Carolling!

Tuesday 18 December

Help to share the spirit of Christmas.

Meet at the St Barnabas car park at 6pm or join up with us along the way.

- 6.10pm @ St Winifred's – St Winifred's Place
- 7pm @ Fendalton Retirement Village – Bryndwr Rd
- 7.45pm @ Holly Lea – Fendalton Rd

We've been invited for drinks and nibbles at Holly Lea after the carol singing.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday 9 December @ 10am

Everyone is invited to our annual Children's Christmas Pageant – this year it is entitled 'Story of the Nativity.' This will be a combined service in the church with the Lifestreams Band providing some of the music. We will also thank the teachers for another successful year and pray for children moving on to the youth ministry. A special Christmas Party for the children will take place after the service.



St Barnabas Young Adults Summer Calendar

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| Dec 24: | 11pm Antioch Christmas Eve Service
St Barnabas Hall |
| Jan 6: | 7pm Night Prayer and Worship
Sign of the Bellbird |
| Jan 13: | 5:30pm Beach Hangout. Meet at
Cave Rock, Sumner. BYO Food |
| Jan 20: | 7pm Eucharist and Worship
Sign of the Takahe |
| Jan 27: | 7pm Bottle Lake Forest Walk. Meet at
Corner of Apple rd and 22nd Ave |
| Feb 3: | 5:30pm BBQ hangout on St Barnabas
Church lawn. Bring BBQ Food |
| Feb 10: | 7pm Antioch Service Launch
St Barnabas Hall |

See 'St Barnabas Young Adults' Facebook page for more details, or contact phil@stbarnabas.org.nz