

<u>Sunday 5th April</u>	Easter Day
8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	All Age Eucharist
<u>Sunday 12th April</u>	2nd Sunday of Easter
8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	All Age Eucharist
<u>Wednesday 15th April</u>	
7.15pm	Vestry Meeting (hall office)
<u>Sunday 19th April</u>	3rd Sunday of Easter
8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	All Age Eucharist
2.00pm	Messy Church (hall)
<u>Sunday 26th April</u>	4th Sunday of Easter
8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	Eucharist & Children's Church



# NORTHERN VIEW

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NORTHLAND-WILTON

APRIL 2015

Dear friends

We are just about to begin Easter, the great festival of the Church, which runs for 50 days (a seventh of the year). What Easter seems to mean for much of the society around us is a holiday and eating lots of chocolate (a rabbit, bringing chocolate eggs ... and they think Christians are weird!). But we know Easter as the celebration of the mighty acts by which God gave us fullness of life. Easter is when the divine surprise breaks in on us, that Jesus is alive and free and wandering our world.

Easter changes the way we look at life. It says to us that no matter how bad things may get, there is always hope of new life; that death—even the deaths of those we love and for whom we grieve deeply—is not going to be the end. And East-



er, and the meetings between the resurrected Jesus and Peter who had denied even knowing him, assure us that there is always room for second chances and new starts. That is good news indeed, and it is news that can shape our lives—for Easter isn't just something that happened 'way back then': it is something that characterises how we live today. Our challenge is to let the Easter festival we celebrate together influence every day we spend.

And remember, because Easter runs for 50 days, there's no pressure to get all our Easter eggs eaten by the time we go back to work/school/uni: we have until Pentecost (24 May) to do this!

Christ is risen, alleluia  
**He is risen indeed, alleluia**

**FROM OUR PARISH AGM ON 22 MARCH**

**Wardens & Vestry for 2015**

**Vicar's Warden:** Nina Hydes

**People's Warden:** Louise Lennard

**Vestry:** Sue Batley  
 Michael Chapman  
 Julia Hayes  
 Jacqui Lowe  
 Elizabeth Newman

This AGM saw Carolyn Cordery retired as People's Warden. Thank-you Carolyn, for all that you contributed over the past 6 years.

**Dear Children**

I hear lots of you have been away on school camps. That sounds such fun—did you have lots of yummy things to eat at camp?

It's my birthday in April—on 26 April actually—so I'm writing to you this month. I've been staying in Hataitai with Sparky lately, and she gave me an early birthday present. Because I'm getting quite old now, I'm finding it hard to jump up onto things, so she got her friend to make me my very own set of steps up to the bed. Isn't that lovely! So I spend even more time resting on her bed. What is the best birthday present you have received?

**Lots of love,  
 Abby**



**Coming Up ...**



**Friday 10 April: Friday Social**, together with **Free Food Friday**, from 5.30pm- for the BBQ sausages available outside the hall. Friday Social starts at 6pm: bring food & drink to share, or just come along. All welcome.

**Blokes' Breakfast: Saturday 11 April**, from 8.45am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome.

**Craft Group: Sunday 26 April**, 2-5pm in the hall. All welcome: bring a project to work on, or just come for a chat.

**Services are held at St Anne's,  
 on the corner of Northland & Randwick Roads.**

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**Parish Giving & Tax Rebates** Your recorded giving to the parish (via the parish envelope system, direct giving & donations) is eligible for a charitable tax rebate. **If you would like to join either the envelope system or direct giving please contact Elizabeth Smith on 475 3345.**

If you have unused envelopes from last year, please give these to Elizabeth or leave in the tower now.

**Thank you again** to everyone who sponsored our Round the Bays team. Together with money collected in Trentham parish, we raised **\$1200** for Good Shepherd School in Kagera, Tanzania that our diocese is building.

### **Our Parish Overseas Mission Project:**

#### **Kerina Evangelists' College**

We support Kerina Evangelists' College, in Papua New Guinea, a centre for the training of Catechists—lay people who teach about the Bible & Christian life. See some photos from Kerina on the wall by the 'thermometer' which tracks our giving.

**Our Mission Giving —** By 31 March our current total was \$710.00—which is very good for this time of the year.

## **HANDYPERSONS ROSTER**



St Anne's has a handypersons roster — a list of volunteers who can do odd jobs around the house or garden for seniors and others who need this.

These are the little jobs around home (sweeping drives, fixing tap washers, clearing gutters): the jobs that are too small for tradespeople to want to do them. This sounded like a good way for us to help the community we are part of—a way of being 'the church at the heart of the community'.

If you have a job that you need doing, call the Vicarage (475-9085) or Rosemary Tomlinson (475-8765) & they can pass the details on to the appropriate volunteer. (If you would like to make a donation in return, that would be OK.)

## **WARDEN'S LETTER**

Kia ora koutou

I am the new people's warden – Louise Lennard. I have two girls who come to church and a husband, Brian, who supports the parish behind the scenes but is rarely seen in church.

I first came to St Anne's not long after I moved to Wellington. I would walk up the hill from my flat in Thorndon. I came to St Anne's for the small parish atmosphere I grew up with. When I had the energy I would make it to services hot and sweaty after the walk up the hill. I returned to St Anne's when it was time to get my eldest baptised. Not long after that I agreed to be treasurer and I have been part of the parish for the last nine years.

On the odd occasion I have been to the early Sunday service but more often you will see me at the 9.30am service. I am still not a regular weekly attendee. I am seen at church more during school terms as the girls enjoy children's church - a big shout out to Julia and Katherine for their great work with the kids. I have my favourite service and love the sung responses as Deborah prepares communion. Sorry to those directly around me, but I do appreciate being able to sing in an environment that doesn't condemn my lack of musical talents.

I cherish our little parish – it is a great little community. It gives me and my children a sense of belonging to wider community that is supportive and caring. The generosity of the parishioners is fantastic and there are so many ways the church reaches out to help and support my family and others in the community. I look forward to supporting the parish as I take on this new role.

Aroha nui

**Louise**

## Bishop's Letter

### Greetings Family

It was great to see everybody at the Diocesan Hui the other weekend. It was an amazing time of worship, storytelling and empowerment. So thank you for your hard work.

The next time we gather as a diocese will be for the Chrism services. We realise that many parishes no longer do a Renewal of Baptism Vows service so we thought we would do this together. I look forward to seeing those of you who attend to stand together to declare our living faith in Jesus our Lord.

The Chrism services are to be held:

Holy Monday 30 March at St John's, Feilding at 7.30pm

Holy Tuesday 31 March at St Mark's, Carterton at 7.30pm

Holy Wednesday 1 April at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul at 7.00pm

Yesterday I was driving home from attending the wonderful Kapiti cluster meeting and while driving was listening to the radio. The radio was covering the Members of Parliaments' remuneration debate. While I was enjoying the discussion my mind drifted to today's lectionary reading, a passage in John's gospel where Jesus is talking:

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."

John 10: 11-13

As people of Jesus I think we are called to have the same mentality as of Jesus. As politicians discuss appropriate pay, we are called to be like shepherds in the responsibility God summons us to. All of us are invited to care for the "sheep" that God has called us to – for some this maybe children or youth, our neighbours, those in retirement villages, prisoners, our families,

## VESTRY NOTES

The new Vestry met for the first time on 26 March, and began, as Vestry always begins its meetings, with a reflection on a passage from the Bible. This month it was Ephesians 3:14-21 which is particularly relevant to a new Vestry—it's as a licence to dream big.

We discussed our hopes and dreams for vestry and each person's role within it. We hope to help our parish grow and to learn from each other. As our faith grows stronger we hope to be better able to care for each other and the rest of our community. We dream of a joyful noise from St Anne's.

We also did a couple of diocesan things that need to be actioned at the first Vestry meeting after the AGM: recognising the authority of General Synod and renewing local (ie parish) authorisations for liturgical assistants. And we made the palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

Vestry meets next on Wednesday 15 April.

## THURSDAY MUNCH

Our monthly social event happens every Fourth Thursday of the month. We meet at 11.30 in the hall, have some conversation over a cup of coffee, and a little entertainment - perhaps one of Tony's famous quizzes, or a short talk on a topical subject. Then share a simple lunch.

Food is provided, but if you would like to contribute to the koha dish, please do.

Anyone is welcome, particularly if you are new to Northland and/or live alone and enjoy company. Feel free to extend this invitation to anyone you know who might be interested.

See you there!



# MESSY CHURCH



Our theme at our March Messy Church was *Temptation*. We heard how, when Jesus was preparing to serve God, part of his training was to spend time alone with God in the desert, without food or friends – just Jesus and God. But at the end of this time the devil appeared to Jesus and tried to spoil his relationship with God, tried to tempt him into doing things that would upset God. But Jesus was strong enough not to let God down. And he was able to remember Bible verses about what pleases God and put these into practice.

Some of us made mobiles, with pictures of the ways Jesus was tested. Which would you have found hardest to resist? Others made worship cubes and talked about different ways we can worship God. Playing noughts and crosses helped us think about good things we try to do and the bad things we try not to do.



The magnificent temple—like the one Jesus was challenged to throw himself off! But Jesus said no, because he wanted to please God. He said, ‘the Scriptures say ‘don’t try to test the Lord your God’.

**NEXT MESSY CHURCH**  
**Sunday 19 April, 2-4pm**  
**Theme: Easter!**



**Thank-you** to everyone who contributed plants, knitting, clothing and toys to our Nursery Sale on Friday 20 March, and to those who came and helped on the night.



etc. All of us are invited by God to become like shepherds to those we care for and journey with. We choose to care even when the going gets tough, we choose to care even when there are more exciting and glamorous ministries. Why? Because God has called us and we are his friends & servants.

As a Bishop it’s easy for me to remember the call to be a shepherd as I carry around a crozier to remind me that I am not a “hired hand” but a shepherd, and that when I want to run away instead I am called to lay my life down for those God loves. It’s not just the ordained though who are called to be shepherds; we all are. We are all called to care and also to pursue the lost sheep and help them find the abundant life that God promises them.

So may I encourage us to reflect on what it means to be a shepherd and not a hired hand in our ministry and life.

Finally I am again raising money for Oxfam by walking 100km with some other Anglicans. I am excited to be supporting Oxfam’s vital work in reducing poverty and demanding justice for the world’s poorest communities.

If you want to support our team go to this link:  
<http://www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz/otw15/teams/team-lightning>  
Those who take part in the event are hoping together to raise over a million dollars.

It is also true that Jenny has a team and you could instead support her team:

<http://www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz/otw15/teams/team-sunshine>  
However she is ahead of my team in sponsorship ...

Blessings  
**+Justin**  
**Bishop of Wellington**

Our Northland-Wilton parish is in a cluster with St Luke’s Wadestown, Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, and St Peter’s on Willis. Deborah Broome & Alister Hendery are joint cluster leaders.

# From the AGM: OUR 2015 PARISH GOALS

*How can we be 'the church at the heart  
of the community'?*

## **BEING GOALS:** the people we are called to be

1. **SPIRITUALITY:** we are disciples, called into relationship with God.
2. **SERVICE:** we are disciples, called into a life of service to others, especially to the last, the lost, and the least.
3. **CARING:** we are disciples, called to care for each other – for our sisters & brothers in Christ's service, here at St Anne's.

## **DOING GOALS:** the actions identified for 2015

### **A: Connecting with the Community**

#### **1. Build on and grow our existing activities:**

Thursday Munch, Craft Group, Boys' Club, Messy Church, Free Food Friday

#### **2. Listen to the needs of the community regarding new activities**

Possibilities might include: parents with young children; practical help through budgeting services of Christians against Poverty; community projects (eg gardening); other groups in society (Interfaith, LGBT)

#### **3. Make the Community Disaster Plan real:**

Work out responsibilities of parish and its people: what will we all do?

#### **4. Communication, Publicity & Presence: Improve our advertising for services and events**

(so more people know about us & feel welcome) This could include the following: door-to-door, location / placement of posters at more sites, Facebook & other digital media, ads in local papers, reports on events.

### **B: Connecting with God**

1. Facilitate **personal prayer** outside of church setting
2. Explore alternative formats & venues for **prayer groups**
3. Explore possibilities for a different type of service once a month

### **C: Prioritising Growth**

**Finding ways to assist people to "enter" the church**, especially those who want to take that step but don't know how to. This could include inviting someone to come to a service, or to our other activities.

### **D: Bi-Culturalism**

1. Run a series on using **Te Reo in worship**, in order to understand the sections in te reo Maori in NZ Prayer book
- 2.. Prepare for a **marae** visit

**Notes:** These goals will be directed to parish groups for action; some will need a short term project team to implement. Vestry or the parish groups will welcome ideas for practical activities from people, provided that a) it fits with the broad scope of these goals and b) they can find a group of at least 3 others to work with them.

*There will be more information in future issues of Northern View about some of these goals.*