

Sunday 2 August Ordinary Sunday 18
 8.00am Eucharist
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church

Sunday 9 August Ordinary Sunday 19
 8.00am Eucharist
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church

Sunday 16 August Ordinary Sunday 20
 8.00am Eucharist
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church
 2.00pm Messy Church (hall)

Wednesday 19 August
 7.15pm Vestry Meeting (hall office)

Sunday 23 August Ordinary Sunday 21
 8.00am Eucharist
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church

Sunday 30 August Ordinary Sunday 22
 8.00am Eucharist
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church

Morning Prayer - 9am each Morning Tuesday to Friday
 The church building is open during the day—do come in



NORTHERN VIEW

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NORTHLAND-WILTON

AUGUST 2015

Dear friends

It was so lovely to gather for the St Anne's dinner on Saturday 25 July. Seeing people eating and talking with one another, enjoying one another's company reminds me of one of the things I love about this parish—its sense of community.

Community is an essential part of the Christian life. We're called to a life in community, and that means to a life that is bigger than ourselves alone, a life in which each of us can say that 'I, as an individual am not the star of my own life'. That is why so often in the New Testament letters we are pointed towards a set of qualities that only make sense when we are part of a community: humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with one another in love. I love the realistic way that Paul and the other writers acknowledge the difficulties as well as the

joys of doing life together with others: it's not always easy, and that means that when it works, it is all the richer.

Just as our individual lives are not for ourselves alone, so too is our life together as the St Anne's family. When we say that we are 'the church at the heart of the community' we acknowledge that our parish life is bigger than just us: we are here to make a difference in the lives of those around us. It's like that old saying: the Church is the only organisation that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members. So as we look back at our St Anne's Day festivities and look ahead to our parish fair in September, let's ask ourselves how we can make even more of an impact on the people who live and work in Nothland-Wilton and elsewhere in Wellington.

THURSDAY MUNCH
27 AUGUST 11.30am—1.00pm

Thursday Munch is our monthly social event: anyone is welcome, particularly if you are new to Northland and/or live alone & enjoy company.

We meet at 11.30 in the hall on the 4th Thursday in the month, 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. Do come and join in—everyone is very welcome.

Dear Children

Just when I'd got used to running the household on my own (with frequent disruptions from Pericles), Abby the dog comes back! She's been living with Sparky and Katherine in Hataitai (because Sparky missed her so much when she was overseas last year), but she's home for a few days. I might let you into a secret—I've actually missed her. Because Abby can't see and hear too well now, she spends a lot of time just lying around, being warm and friendly. It's good to have her back.

Lots of love,
Athena



PS I gather we're off to somewhere called Napier at the end of September—is that a good place for cats?

Coming Up ...



Friday 7 August, from 6pm: **Friday Social** in hall. Bring food & drink to share or just turn up—all welcome.

Sunday 9 & 23 August, 2-5pm: Craft Group meets in hall.

Friday 14 & 28 August, Free Food Friday: free BBQ sausages at hall from 5.30pm.

Sunday 16 August, 2-4pm: Messy Church, meets in hall.

Thursday 27 August, 11.30am-1.00pm: Thursday Munch meets in hall.

Friday 4 September, from 6pm: **Friday Social** in the hall. Bring food & drink to share or just turn up—all welcome.

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

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Thank-you to all those who have made St Anne's Day donations.

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. Some photos from Kerina are on the wall by the 'thermometer' which tracks our giving.

Our Mission Giving — By 26 July our current total was \$1,090.00—so we're well on track for our target of \$1500.

HANDYPERSONS

ROSTER



One of the things people find useful at St Anne's is our 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. It's a good way for us to help the community we're part 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, Hi everyone

I like to take time to look after my soul and refresh my spirit. I need time to reflect and just let my mind be open. I struggle to find time to do this, but I have learnt this is important to do.

My children complain in summer that I disappear into the garden and can't be found for ages. I try to do this in winter too. The top part of our garden is relatively sheltered from the wind and a little haven outside. This is where our chickens live. The chickens come up to greet me. Of course, the chickens are really just after food, but I like to think they enjoy my company. From the top of the garden I get a fantastic view over Wellington. Being outside and seeing the view refreshes my soul.

When I am in the garden I can practice stewardship of the environment and look after this fantastic planet God has given us. I am into organics and the green way of life. I like to grow food for the family the organic way. I pick the snails and caterpillars and feed them to the chickens as everything has its purpose. I wish I could grow more in the space I have so that we didn't have to buy any vegetables at all. I hope with practice to achieve this in the future.

Some of the garden is there just to look good. I have built little rock hideaways for the lizards amongst my native plants and grasses. The lizards are the least, and lost in my garden with all the cats around the neighbourhood trying to eat them.

Thanks to one of my fellow parishioners I know that you can use mirrors to get more light on those plants, like my lemon tree, that love sunshine. One parishioner gave me a mirror and I picked up another one off the street next to a please take sign. Recycling is great and my plants are better for it. I love that in our Parish we share things to help others. Have you checked out the please take basket in the hall foyer?

I will leave you with this thought - where or how do you look after your soul and your spirit? If we are not fit in health in ourselves and as a parish it is harder for us to help others in the community.

Akuanei, (See you soon)

Louise

Bishop's Letter

Greetings family

What a great weekend! We just had Ministry Conference where leaders from across the Diocese gathered. We invited partners and children, and over 250 gathered at El Rancho in Waikanae.

We were blessed with great Bible Studies from Reverend Dr Peter Carrell, phenomenal keynotes from our very own Chancellor Tony Hill, National Youth Advisor Phil Trotter and StraNdZ Enabler Diana Langdon. The workshop programme was dynamic – a favourite being Reverend Alistar Hendery's on *After the Funeral: Caring for the Bereaved*. A team of people worked with our children to make sure they had an amazing time, and Jane Wilkinson and Roger Wigglesworth ran a great spouses of leaders' afternoon. I was humbled by how gifted the Diocese family really is when gathered.

I personally enjoyed the event as I could relax and just enjoy the journey – so many rich conversations. I played a card game, "Dixit", with the children. Although disappointed that I didn't win, I appreciated that I was playing with some very sharp players! I also enjoyed hanging with our St John's students as they mingled and served over the weekend. It makes me realise that we have gifted leaders coming through in time to pass the baton on. It was great to gather as a wider family.

I was reflecting over the weekend about how often we struggle to embrace the idea of being family whether that's across our parishes, clusters or Diocese. I think that we often struggle to be family together because we feel we personally are poor cousins to somebody else in the family. In reflection I wonder if this is reinforced by our wider cultural narrative of scarcity: that we are competing for a limited amount of resources so if you receive a blessing then that's one less blessing for me.

My understanding as a follower of Jesus is that the Kingdom of God is

PEACE and WAR

A one day seminar from the Wellington Theological Consortium



Saturday 29 August, 9.30 am - 5.00 pm

All Saints Church, 90 Hamilton Road, Hataitai, Wellington

Christian pacifism and peace-making

Professor Chris Marshall (Victoria University of Wellington)

Is just war an option?

Canon Deborah Broome (Director of Wellington Institute of Theology)

The changing nature and ethics of warfare

Professor Richard Jackson (Otago Centre for Peace & Justice)

Politics, injustice and terrorism

Rev'd Dr Jim Veitch (Formerly on Faculty of Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University)

Lest we forget? The significance of Gallipoli today

Robert Anderson (History teacher & Deputy Principal, Wellington College)

Registration: Pre conference waged: \$35.00, unwaged: \$15.00

On the day waged: \$40.00, unwaged: \$20.00

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Replacing Deborah

The process of replacing Deborah has begun as Deborah has agreed that we can start the process while she is still with us.

We have two people in the Diocese that we are working with. One is Roger Wigglesworth who is on the Diocesan Board of Nominations. He is running the appointment process for us. He is our liaison point. He will meet with the four Parish Nominators. The Parish Nominators are: Nina Hydes, Louise Lennard, Elizabeth Smith and Tony Dawbin. We have had one meeting where Roger covered an overview of the process. I'll expand on this below.

Afinate is busy pulling together all the material we have on the financial state of the Parish to give to the Diocesan finance committee. This includes our past accounts, our budget, our forward looking view of the budget and any other financial information on the Parish that will be informative for them. The Diocesan finance committee will assess our financial state of health and what we can afford to pay a new vicar. This is due with the Committee as soon as possible.

The Vestry needs to provide three SMART goals for the Parish to inform a consultation meeting that Roger will chair. Yes, we do have Parish goals already but unfortunately these are not SMART. SMART means specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound. Vestry's job will be to make our current goals SMART.

Our consultation meeting will be sometime in mid to late August. After this the position will be advertised. You are welcome to approach people that you think would make a good Parish priest for our Parish or to let one of the Parish Nominators know you think they would be good. Once the position is advertised there will need to be confidentiality about who has applied, who has missed out and where we are at with interviewing. So if you ask, the Parish Nominators will not be able to give you this information.

Roger has said we should be able to make an appointment from early October. The other Diocesan person Nina and I are working with is Julie Rokotakala, our Archdeacon. Julie is working with us on potential people for the interregnum period. The interregnum period is between when Deborah leaves and when a new vicar arrives. She can also help us to prepare for a new vicar – what systems and changes we might want to make.

If you have any questions please talk to your wardens Nina and Louise.

Deborah's final service at St Anne's will be on **Sunday 27 September** at 9.30am (no 8am Eucharist that day), followed by a shared brunch at which she and Alister will be farewelled.

not a narrative of scarcity but abundance. In the Kingdom of God I can celebrate your good fortune and blessings without feeling like I may miss out as there is more than enough for us all. As a member of God's family I choose to believe that Jesus has come to give all abundant life. I can trust in God's goodness more than our societal myth of scarcity.

Within our parishes, let's choose to be family. Let's choose to not create a "them" and "us". Instead let's realise that God has enough blessings to go round. Also, when we see a part of our family prospering and we are not yet; let's thank God for His goodness instead of feeling resentful that we might be missing out.

I can't help remembering the attitude of the older son in the parable of the prodigal son. The older son resented God's grace on the wayward younger son.

Let's celebrate God's grace for each other – I certainly need His grace daily.

Blessings

+Justin

Bishop of Wellington



SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR ST ANNE'S DAY DINNER & EUCHARIST



Getting ready for the dinner

Eating & talking with friends



The Wisdom Tree: things we learned from our grandmothers



Photos & mementos of our grandmothers were brought up during the service



MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church was on holiday in July, along with all our schools. We hope you all had a good break!

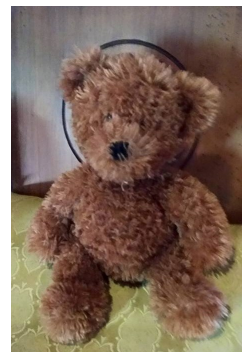
NEXT MESSY CHURCH
Sunday 16 AUGUST,
2-4pm in the hall



Vestry Notes

Vestry met on Tuesday 14 July. We read and reflected on the parables from Matthew about the kingdom of God (Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52) and started reviewing our progress towards meeting the 2015 parish goals. In terms of growing our existing activities (the craft group, boys' group, Thursday Munch, Free-Food Friday, the Friday social, Blokes' Breakfast, and Messy Church) we agreed that the key focus should be on continuing to do these activities well and to keep building relationships. We also recognised that some of our other goals may need to be deferred so that we don't spread ourselves too thin and to make sure that we care for ourselves. Nina provided a helpful review of parish responsibilities and we decided to discuss the matters further at the next vestry meeting on 19 August.

Is this your bear?



Does anyone belong with this bear? It's been sitting in our church for a few weeks now, but it may have an owner who's missing it.

Until we find out its name, we are calling it 'Gladly'.