



NORTHERN VIEW

ANGLICAN PARISH OF
NORTHLAND–WILTON

DECEMBER 2015

Terry our Interim Priest Writes

Margaret and I extend to you our hopes and prayers that this Christmas and New Year festive and holiday season will be a blessed time for you and yours. May you find refreshment, peace and renewal of Spirit as you journey through these days.

Christmas is family time for most of us; a time when we draw closer to our wider whanau and rejoice in kinship and times with closer friends. May this be so for you.

At St Anne's the leadership team are wrestling with how to make 9:30am worship more family and especially child friendly and inclusive following an earlier parish consultation. You will notice in our list of Sunday services in this 'Northern View' that we will be attempting to be more all-age inclusive in services leading up to Christmas and through the school

holiday time. When we use the terms 'All Age Worship' and 'Family Communion' to describe our Sunday worship, we will be sharpening our pencils and being quite intentional about:

- offering child relevant content
- keeping the service time succinct
- choosing child appropriate music
- involving children & young people in reading, praying and assisting
- offering no communion at 9:30am on the 1st Sunday each month

I invite you to affirmatively embrace and support changes in these directions. For some of you there will be a cost, even a cross to bear, as we experiment with new ways of expressing our worship. Please pray for unity in the 9:30am congregation, and that the wider community will be drawn to worship with us because we are becoming a more inclusive and attractive church for families.

We are not changing our 8am Sunday service. This will continue to be a quiet, reflective Eucharist.

To God be the glory,

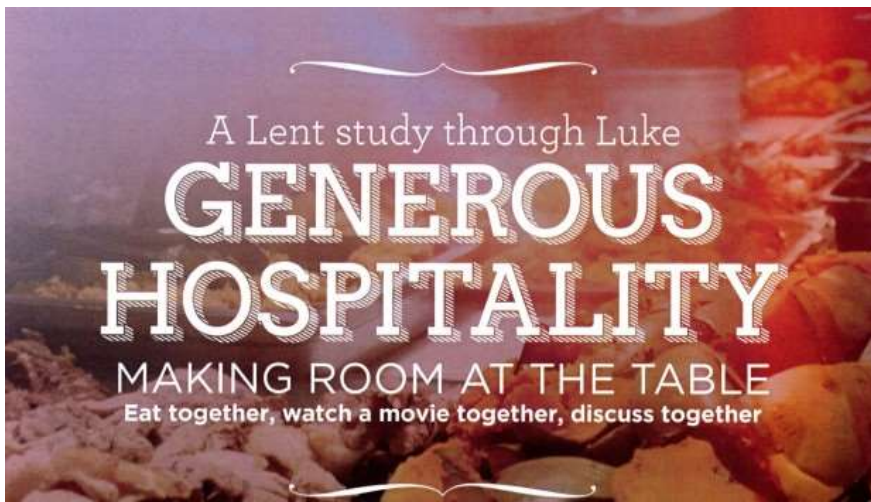
Terry Alve

Terry can be contacted by phone or text message on his cell phone 027 600 1926 for any pastoral care.

For anything else please contact the wardens Louise or Nina.

We are keen to hear your comments about the new family services and ideas that you'd like to be involved with to progress our parish goals.

Louise and Nina



Lenten Studies

In February 2016 we will be using this Diocesan resource Generous Hospitality.

The evening study group begins 7:30pm on Thursday 11 February. If you'd like to attend a day-session, please contact Terry.

Warden's letter

My Christmas cakes are finally in the tins. I usually try to make them in Labour weekend. The weather was so great then that I worked in the garden instead, and I'd forgotten to buy the dried fruit. It takes time to make my cakes, a minimum of two days. I mull over the recipes from prior years, tinker with the quantities required for the fruit that I've stashed for this year's cakes then quietly and orderly I assemble the ingredients, weigh, wash, cut, soak, stir, stir again, divide the fruit into batches, double-line the tins, mix the cake batter, stir in the fruit and repeat the batches until all the fruit is baked.

I enjoy the making. I choose fruit that I like – for flavour and some for sentimental reasons. It's a mathematical challenge to work out the correct amount of batter to keep the mixture in proportion when I've overloaded the fruit content. The smell takes over the house for days. I enjoy eating it and sharing it with friends.

I've also been busy with several working bees, gardening, tree felling, and helping out at the Vicarage. Thank-you to all the other helpers too. I hope that you enjoyed your days out. We make a wonderful team. Thank you to Hugh and Carolyn Cordery for organising and leading the work at the Vicarage. Thank you to Jacqui Lowe for liaising with all the trades-people over the unexpected plumbing job. We've one last working bee this year from 9am on Saturday 20 December to clean the church ready for Christmas. You can pick any job, from dusting, polishing, cleaning and gardening, and it's so much quicker with lots of helpers.

I'm really looking forward to having my family all together for Christmas. It's also time to enjoy some holidays and reflect as another year passes. I might even manage to finally plant my potatoes. I wish you all a happy and joyous Christmas.

God Bless
Nina



Christmas Cake Stall Friday 18 November

All baking welcome –
Stall opens 3:30 pm at
Northland Shops

Please contact Sue Watson
to offer help on the stall

Literacy Programme at Otari School

The Literacy Programme at Otari School began in 2000. This year there have been 10 volunteers, two from St Annes, four from St Lukes and the other volunteers are people who live in Wadestown or Wilton but are not members of either congregation. The convenor is Liz Dovey from St Lukes.

During 2015 the groups of children have come from four classes ranging in age from 5 - 12 years. The teacher selects the children and the books for the programme. Each child either stays in the classroom or goes to the library and reads to the volunteer for 10 - 15 minutes depending on the child's age and ability. The volunteers do one turn a week or relieve when someone is unable to help.

All of the team enjoy working with the children and we shall look forward to hearing from Otari School what their needs will be in 2016.

Diana Steele



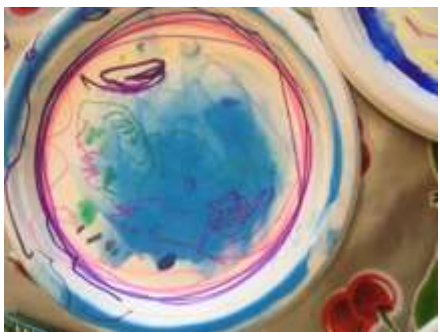
Christmas Cake Raffle

\$2 a ticket available from
Diana Steele

Tickets will also be available
at the Cake Stall



Messy Church in November: Remembering



It was our last Messy Church for the year on 15 November. Our theme was remembering (Psalm 137: 1-8). We looked at the story of the Israelites who were taken captive from their land and ended up living in Babylon, a long way from home. It is a little bit like the people who are forced out of their own countries today because of civil war. Because they were far away, they got homesick and sat down by the river and cried. They sang out to God about their sadness and eventually He brought them back to their land so they could build new lives again.

Katherine talked about how it is good to have emotions like sadness and anger and we can share those emotions with God. We wrote about things that make us sad or angry on paper tear drops and put them on a special tree. We made patterns with felt tips and dropped liquid "tears" on them to make beautiful patterns. We also made musical instruments like harps just like the Israelites used to sing their sadness out to God. And we tried to see how many crackers we could eat without water. This reminded us that the Psalm talked about the sadness of the Israelites being like having their tongues stick to the roof of their mouths.

Julia Hayes

Messy Church and Children's Church take a break over the school holidays and will resume in February.



Christmas Pageant

Sunday 13 December,
10:30 am St Anne's

This is a family service with
no eucharist All welcome

City Mission Presents

Please bring unwrapped gifts for the City Mission on Sunday 13 December. Wrapping paper is also welcome. The gifts will be delivered to the Wellington City Mission that week.



Christingles

The carols and Christingles service is at the slightly earlier time of 6pm this year on Christmas Eve.

From 2pm children are welcome to come to the church hall to prepare the Christingles.

Parish Nominators Update

The parish nominators submitted documentation about the parish to the Board of Nominators late in October in time for the November meeting.

The advertisement for a new vicar is on the Diocesan website. Applications close Monday 7 December.

Please pray for the parish nominators, board of nominators and the candidates who are applying.

Bishop's Letter December 2015

Posted on 17 November 2015

*A voice is heard in Ramah,
mourning and great weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children
And refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.*

Jeremiah 31:15



Over the weekend, news has broken yet again of violence inflicted on a mass scale – this time on Western soil. The horror experienced by the people of Paris is unconscionable. In God's world, no one should be huddling in silence in the basement of a concert hall, holding hands with strangers, and praying not to be found by gunmen. Pregnant women should not have to cling to the outside of first-storey windows, taking the chance that a fall to the street below might be the safer option than to stay indoors. And let us not forget that these atrocities for many in our world are an all too regular occurrence.

This week, Wellington hosts the New Zealand Defence Industry Association conference – where 200 of the world's largest weapons manufacturers will be represented. New Zealand can't claim not to be complicit in the ongoing cycle of global violence.

This is a grim way to begin this Bishop's News! But as we lead into Advent and Christmas perhaps we can look with fresh eyes at the all-encompassing love of God through the redemptive suffering of our saviour Jesus. He reached beyond boundaries of nationhood in the way he engaged with those around him and ultimately commissioned his followers to do the same. He subverted Messianic expectations of a military leader and chose the path of non-violence – and it wasn't just

the case that he had no other choice. We read his words in Matthew's gospel [26:53]: 'Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels' (which in the Roman context of his day represented around 60,000).

Jesus' outstretched arms on the cross gave us his final earthly symbol of God's grace for all people, and we are given the hope that this is not the end of the story...

In the face of global terror it's easy to feel that there is nothing we can do. Yet every time we face up to injustice and hypocrisy within ourselves and in our conversations with others, we edge closer to where God calls us to be. When we choose to use our intellect wisely to inform ourselves about global events, we do likewise. When we lobby and pray for our leaders to make peaceful decisions; when we give our support to those in crisis regardless of their racial or religious background – then we share Jesus' message of all-encompassing love.

And at the end of the day, God transforms his world from the inside out. So when we plead with him for peace within ourselves, that particular fruit of his Spirit ripples out from each one of us. We may not feel that we are doing much, but we are not alone – we have 'him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us'. [Ephesians 3:20]

May God bless us and our leaders as we seek to find new ways to heal deep wounds and bring peace to his world.

On a much more positive note, this Saturday our ordinands for diaconate and priesthood are presented at the Cathedral. Please keep them all in your prayers as they go on retreat from Thursday. May their lives be richly blessed as they fulfil the vocation to which God has called them.

With every blessing to you all
Blessings
+Justin
Bishop of Wellington



Northland Community Carols

At Northland Memorial Community Centre, Woburn Road

5:30 pm Saturday 12 December 2015

Everyone welcome!

Join in singing carols and come as your favourite
Christmas story character
Sausage sizzle to follow

Vestry Notes – November 2015

We read from 1 Peter 1:6a-12. We found that there is glorious joy in faith, trials strengthen groups, and it's not always easy to be good. The joy that goes with us as we share our faith, expressed in the scriptures, gives a reason for being.

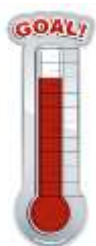
This month we focused on the Spiritual Goals and discussed ways to action some of the ideas raised in the parish consultancy. We agreed:

- Children should also be included in the survey to assess our spiritual being.
- We'd encourage parishioners to share good books. A brief book review can be shared in Northern View, or verbally after church.
- Cell Groups will be offered after the Lenten Study on Generous Hospitality (starts 11 February). Small groups for short bible-study.
- Canvas parish for other topics for study.

Vestry also discussed the Vicarage improvements, and changes being worked on by the Worship group for family services.

Vestry meets again Wednesday 16 December for a brief meeting to discuss urgent business.

Nina Hydes



Thank-you for your generous contributions for our parish missions. Donations are still being accepted.



Tuesday 9 February
2016, 6pm

SHROVE TUESDAY

Bring pizza and
pancakes to share in the
church hall

Bookings Now Open for
Northland Kidz Club Summer Holiday Programme :

18, 21-23 December,
5 January to 2 February

On our “out-and-about” exploring of the Wellington region, we'll be having tours of the Governor-General's residence (Government House), Nairn St Cottage and the Wright's Hill World War II Fortress in Karori. We'll be playing golf at Pirate's Cove, going ten-pin bowling and go-karting, playing laser tag, visiting Somes (Matiu) Island, swimming, and much more !

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20),

8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) ,
or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com)

Coming up...

- **Community Carols** 5:30pm Saturday 12 December at NMCC, Woburn Road
- **Cake Stall** Friday 18th December, from 3:30pm at Northland Shops
- First Friday of the month 6pm **4 December, 8 January** (not 1st) – **Pot luck** dinner in the hall
- First Saturday of the month (**5 December**) – **Blokes Breakfast** from 8:45 am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome.
- Second and Fourth Fridays (**11 December**) **Free Food Friday** from 5:30 pm, BBQ sausages outside the hall
- Third Sunday, **Messy Church**, resumes again after the school holidays
- **Craft Group** meets on second and fourth Sunday, (**13 December**) in the Hall 2-5 pm, all welcome
- **Thursday Munch** Fourth Thursday, is on holiday until February
- **9 February – Shrove Tuesday**, 6pm pizza and pancakes in the hall
- **Thursday 11 February**, 7:30pm **Lenten Studies**

Prayer Resource



The Parish Worship Group has published a resource on how to pray. Copies are on the table in the foyer with extra copies available on request. This is a wonderful resource and guide for personal prayer.

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

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Paper copies of the newsletter will continue unless we hear from you, and spare copies are available in the foyer.

JANUARY Services at St Anne's

Sunday 3 January The Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. All Age Worship (No Eucharist)

Sunday 10 January Baptism of the Lord (10 January)

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday 17 January Epiphany 2

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday 24 January Eve of the Conversion of St Paul

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday 31 January The Presentation of Jesus

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday 7 February Sunday before Lent

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. All Age Worship (No Eucharist)

Wednesday 10 February Ash Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist

DECEMBER Services at St Anne's

(January services on page 15)

Sunday 6 December Second Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Baptism & Eucharist, all age service

Sunday 13 December Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant – (No Eucharist)

Sunday 20 December Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Family Communion

Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve ()

6:00 p.m. Christingle Children's Service

11:15 p.m. Carols and Midnight Communion

Friday 25 December Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Christmas Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 27 December St John the Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Family Communion

The church building is open during the day – do come in