

Sunday 1st February The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

8.00am Eucharist
9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church

Sunday 8th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thursday 12th February

7.30pm Vestry Meeting (hall office)

Sunday 15th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.00am Eucharist
9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church
2-4pm Messy Church (hall)

Tuesday 17th February

6.30pm Pizza & Pancake Party (Hall)

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday

7.00am Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
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8.00pm Lenten Study group

Saturday 21st February

6.00pm Eucharist for the Round the Bays team

Sunday 22nd February 1st Sunday in Lent

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

FEBRUARY 2015



Flatters' Supplies sale Saturday 14 February!

Dear friends

Does anyone else find this time of year exciting? The holidays are over and everything is starting up again, and I'm wondering what God will have in store for us this year. Last year had a number of delightful surprises for me, including travelling with my daughter to Europe and the chance to take some overdue study leave and finish my Masters; this year I'm not planning anything so exciting (but then this time last year I didn't plan those things either!). Last year also saw our parish solidify some things we've been doing for a while—like Messy Church, Thursday Munch and Free Food Fridays—and also branch out in new areas like strengthening links with St Anne's Porirua and coming to grips with the report *From Anecdote to Evidence* on what helps churches to grow. Where will 2015 take us?

What I do know is that God calls us to reach out to others with love, to exercise radical hospitality, to use the gifts we have been given to help each other to build God's kingdom, sowing seeds of hope in all the communities we are part of. How will we do those things? Our Parish Visioning Day on Sunday 1 March might help us start to answer that—so do come and be part of our discussions. And the season of Lent, which begins on Wednesday 18 February, gives us an opportunity to draw closer to God and to listen to what God is saying to us.



Children's Church starts again on 1 February
every Sunday in term-time at the 9.30am service.

Our leaders are **Julia Hayes** and **Katherine Broome**.

Dates to note in March

Sunday 1 March is our Parish Visioning day, when we look ahead to what God might do in & through us in 2015. We'll start after morning tea that follows the 9.30am service, continue through a shared lunch, & finish in the early afternoon. More details later.

Then on **Sunday 15 March is our Annual General Meeting**.

One of the things we'll do at our AGM is elect a new People's Warden. Carolyn Cordery is retiring after serving the maximum 6 years as People's Warden. Carolyn has done a fantastic job—but now needs a successor. Start thinking now about who might be our next People's Warden.



Dear Children

Happy New Year! I hope you've had some good holidays. Did you go away anywhere interesting? Pericles (Ewok) and I stayed home and did lots of exploring in the garden, but Abby went to stay in Hataitai, when Sparky arrived home from overseas. It was very quiet without Abby!

All the best to people who are starting a new school!

Lots of love,
Athena



Coming Up ...



Friday 6 February: **Friday Social**, from 6pm

Saturday 7 February: **Blokes' breakfast** from 8.45am Marsden Café

Friday 13 & 27 February: **Free Food Friday**, from 5.30pm: free BBQ sausages

Saturday 14 February: **Flatters' Supplies Sale** from 12.30pm

Tuesday 17 February: **Shrove Tuesday—Pizza & Pancakes**

Wednesday 18 February: **Ash Wednesday** services 7am & 7.30pm

Sunday 1 March: **Parish Visioning Day**

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

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Round the Bays – Sunday 22 February 2015

We are having a parish team in the **Round the Bays** again: running or walking – 7km, 10km, or a half marathon. Team entries close on 31 January, but there is still time for anyone to join as an individual and be part of this. **Enter online, at www.wellingtonroundthebays.co.nz**

People can sponsor the team, or a member of it, with the money going to the **Good Shepherd School** that the diocese is building in Kagera, Tanzania: either so much per km, or an amount for completing the race. Sponsorship forms are in the lobby at church.

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 the end of December we were just \$25 short of our 2014 target. Now we're making a start on our \$1500 for 2015. You will find Mission giving envelopes & boxes on top of the cupboard in the lobby.

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. 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

Dear Friends

As I write this, another one of our perfect Summer days is coming to an end. It's been a wonderful season for getting outside, even though the gardens are now beginning to dry out and a little rain would be welcome!

That's something I like about living in this part of the world – the fact that we have four seasons – relatively distinctly different – with their own flowers, leaf colours, different types of food readily available, and needing to wear different clothes. I've never been sure that I'd like to live in less varied climates – having long runs of hot sunny days (like in Saudi Arabia) or seeing snow all the time (like in Antarctica). Change and variety—even when it is relatively predictable – is, as they say, 'the spice of life!'

As we come up to another parish AGM, change is also in the air. As you'll see elsewhere in Northern View, this will be my last Warden's letter. I've been People's Warden for six years and it's time for a new 'season'. (Quite rightly, the Diocesan rules limit the amount of time someone can serve in the same position.) That means it is time to look around and ask ourselves "what do we want in a new People's Warden"- "what are the skills and attributes this person should have"? When I have observed other Wardens, I see that the way each person approaches it is quite varied. Nevertheless, whoever takes on the role will make a difference to the governance team in the parish.

At this beginning of the year, there are other opportunities to make change – first through our regular Visioning Day when we put on the agenda the changes we believe will build up God's presence in our community. The conclusions from the Visioning Day will be confirmed at the AGM, which is also the time when the new vestry will be voted in, and we have a chance to receive the reports of the different groups within the parish. So please prayerfully consider these opportunities and how you can be part of change here at St Anne's.

Regards

Carolyn

Bishop's Letter (December)

Greetings Family

200 years ago in Oihi Samuel Marsden preached the first sermon in New Zealand; joining with the angels in the Christmas story to proclaim "I bring you glad tidings of great joy" (Luke 2:10).

What is this "glad tidings"?

That God's Kingdom is breaking into our world. That there is an alternative; our future is no longer dictated by our past. In a world caught in cycles of retaliatory violence there is a Kingdom where lion and lamb will lie down together. In a country where one in four children grow up in poverty there is a Kingdom where the King cares so much he is born as a child into a stable, into a context of child genocide and as a refuge. In a world caught in destructive patterns of domestic violence there is a Kingdom where Joseph does the right thing and faithfully serves and loves Mary even though the child is not his. There is a Kingdom which is good news.

How does God's Kingdom come? It comes because God chose to enter our world as a child. He doesn't come in power but instead in a vulnerable, costly and personal way. The scandal of this Kingdom is that the King of "the last becoming the first" lives this himself. God's Kingdom is the way it is because it reflects God's nature and character, a God who transforms the world through personal costly vulnerability.

This Christmas will you join with Samuel Marsden and the angels in proclaiming these glad tidings of great news? Will you join with the God child in transforming the world through the giving of yourself by becoming vulnerable and personally involved to see his Kingdom come in our neighbourhoods afresh this Advent?

May the Christ child enter your world this Advent.

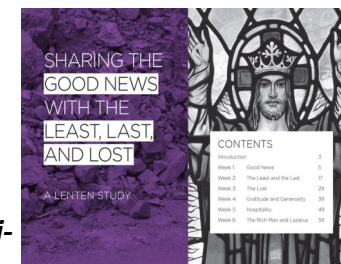
Blessings

+Justin, Bishop of Wellington

Lenten Studies 2015

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH THE LEAST, LAST & LOST

The Diocesan Lenten Study focuses on a key Diocesan theme for 2015: the Last, Lost & Least.



Sharing the Good News with the Least, Last and Lost is a six-part study series written by written by Wayne Kirkland from Naenae-Epuni Parish. Each study begins with a short story and reflective question/s which serves as a brief introduction. Scripture is drawn mainly from the Gospels of Mark and Luke. The studies work for both group discussion & individual study.

Our Lenten Studies are on Wednesdays at 8pm (following the 7.30pm Eucharist) beginning with an Introduction on Ash Wednesday 18 February.

The six studies are:

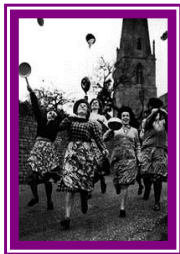
• Good News	25 February
• The Least and the Last	4 March
• The Lost	11 March
• Gratitude and Generosity	18 March
• Hospitality	25 March
• The Rich Man and Lazarus	1 April

We'll need to order the booklets now, so we all have them when Lent starts on 18 February. Sign up in the lobby or let Deborah know you are coming. Cost is only \$5.00 +P&P

THURSDAY MUNCH

Our monthly social event resumes on **February 26**. 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.



PIZZA & PANCAKE PARTY

Tuesday 17 February 6.30pm, in the hall

7.30pm: Pancake Races for all ages

Bring a small frying pan if you can.

Everybody is Welcome

We prepare for Lent by burning our old palm crosses from last year—bring yours if you have one.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 18 February

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of **Lent**, the season of preparation & penitence leading up to Easter. It's a time when we focus on God, a kind of pilgrimage, a journey towards Good Friday & Easter Day.



Historically a time of fasting, the emphasis today is even more on being quiet before God, giving to help those less fortunate than ourselves & spending more time in prayer & other religious activities—'giving up something for Lent' or taking on something new. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the custom of marking on the forehead the sign of the cross in ashes, as a symbol of the frailty & uncertainty of human life, & as a sign of penitence.

Services on Ash Wednesday at St Anne's:

7.00am & 7.30pm Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

LENTEN SERVICES

During Lent (starts on 5 March) there will be weekday Eucharists on **Wednesdays at 7am & 7.30pm**

World Day of Prayer—Friday 6 March, 7.30pm



St Anne's is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer service, joined by friends from St Thomas More, and Wadestown churches. The theme for this service, prepared by women in the Bahamas, is *Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"*

Diocesan Picnic/Hui – 7 March 2015



Join us on Saturday 7 March at the Diocesan Hui – bring a picnic! Bring the whanau too – it's great fun and you're all invited to Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. Come and share your Parish's best experiences, and be resourced to make a difference in your community. You'll find out more surrounding the Diocesan three key themes:

- Last, Lost and Least
- Child Poverty
- Biculturalism

We'd love to see you no matter how far away you are – there will be something for everyone.



MESSY CHURCH

Children and families gathered for Messy Church on Sunday 21 December. We looked at the Christmas story, and made things to help us remember what it is all about. Jesus was born as a vulnerable baby in to a hostile environment—a small bundle of life coming to offer life to all who put their trust in him. Jesus was God's special present to us because he loves us so much. It's our choice whether to 'unwrap' him and have a relationship with him or not.

We made Happy Birthday prayer balloons, to help celebrate Jesus' birthday, animal masks (cos Jesus was born in a stable!) and lots of wonderful angels.



Messy Church starts up again for 2015 on 15 February—the 3rd Sunday in the month. If you haven't checked it out yet—come along and share in the fun!



NEXT MESSY CHURCH
Sunday 15 FEBRUARY, 2-4pm



Looking ahead to March: 'Nursery Sale'

On a Friday night 5.30- 9.00 on March 14th or 21st—date in next *Northern View*.

At this sale we will offer growing plants, suitable for being planted out in the autumn, and clothes, good goods etc for growing babies.

Help wanted?

Cuttings planted out now, to be in good shape for mid March.

Seeds sprouted.

Any garden furniture, pots etc in good shape, and tools welcome.

Knitters, sewers- anyone who could make goods for babies & toddlers, your help would be very welcome. Some patterns are available from the craft group, who meet next on the 22nd February between 2.00 and 5.00pm. All people, crafties welcome.

Flatters' Supplies!!!



When? Saturday 14 February 12.30—4.00pm

Tell your friends & neighbours.

Help wanted?

- a) All donations of good clean household goods, including kitchen goods and furniture very welcome. Think of those setting up flats, moving homes, and what they might need/ want / like!! Please leave any that are small at the back of the church and notify Elizabeth (475-3247) or Johnny of any bigger items.
- b) Someone with a trailer to help on the Saturday – moving goods both ways!
- c) anyone keen to help on the day

Vestry notes

The vestry enjoyed the hospitality of the Hydes family on December 19th, where we discussed the plans for the New Year including the AGM, and the church visioning day.

We also discussed our own preparations for Christmas, spiritual, physical and social, and shared what each one of us was doing towards this. These were as varied as 'making room at the Inn' to focused reading and reflection of the Gospels.

Nina then led us in tuneful renditions of favourite Christmas carols and songs, which we followed with a shared Christmas supper. This was a lovely start to the Christmas social season as well as encouraging us all to focus on the real meaning of Christmas and the learnings from this season. We pray that all parishioners had a happy, joyful and blessed Christmas and holiday season.