



Sunday 1st March 2nd Sunday in Lent  
 8.00am Eucharist  
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church

Wednesday 4th March  
 7.00am: Eucharist 7.30pm: Eucharist; 8.00pm Lenten Study

Sunday 8th March 3rd Sunday in Lent  
 8.00am Eucharist  
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church

Wednesday 11th March  
 7.00am: Eucharist 7.30pm: Eucharist; 8.00pm Lenten Study

Sunday 15th March 4th Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday  
 8.00am Eucharist  
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church  
 2-4pm Messy Church (Hall)

Wednesday 18th March  
 7.00am: Eucharist 7.30pm: Eucharist; 8.00pm Lenten Study

Sunday 22nd March 5th Sunday in Lent  
 8.00am Eucharist  
 9.30am Eucharist & Children's Church & AGM

Wednesday 25th March  
 7.00am: Eucharist 7.30pm: Eucharist; 8.00pm Lenten Study

Thursday 26th March  
 7.30pm Vestry Meeting (Hall)

Sunday 29th March 6th Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday  
 8.00am Eucharist  
 9.30am All Age Eucharist

Morning Prayer - 9am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
 The church building is open during the day—do come in



# NORTHERN VIEW

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NORTHLAND-WILTON

MARCH 2015

Dear friends

How is Lent going for you this year? Over the years I have come to value this period of increased focus on God, as a chance to deepen my relationship with God and my relationships with other people. This year our Lenten studies on *Sharing the good news with the Least, Last and Lost* are encouraging us to look for good news wherever we can, to be able to recognise it even when it appears different from what we might expect. The study group that meets on Wednesday evenings is coming to a new sense of how fortunate we are and how much we take for granted. That in turn leads to gratitude—and gratitude is one of the disciplines I try to practise more consciously during Lent. As the mediaeval theologian, philosopher and mystic, Meister Eckhart said, 'If the only prayer you ever pray is 'thank—you', that would be enough.'

I am really looking forward to our Diocesan Hui on Saturday 7 March. Last year, no-one quite knew what to expect, but it was a great day of sharing, finding out what other parishes are doing and learning about our diocesan themes. This year will be the same—do come along!

### Annual General Meeting

**Our Parish AGM will take place on Sunday 22 March, at 11am in the hall.**

The formal agenda will be available closer to the time, in the lobby. Remember that you must be on the parish Electoral roll to vote or be elected to a position. Forms for joining the electoral roll are in the lobby & front tower. The deadline for requesting items of General Business is Saturday 14 March. The Reports book will be available on Sunday 15 March.

### Round the Bays – Sunday 22 February 2015

A group from St Anne's again ran or walked Round the Bays on Sunday 22 February, raising money for Good Shepherd Secondary School in Kagera, Tanzania. Alister Hendery, Tony Dawbin & Elizabeth Newman did the 10km, Deborah Broome ran the half marathon, and Mary Kempster—who had had a hip replacement in January—did Round the Bays anyway, being pushed along the 6.5km course in a wheelchair by her daughter Ann Kendall. Mary got out of the chair and walked the last 150m or so to the finish line on her crutches. You're an inspiration, Mary!

The group met for a team Eucharist the evening before, and afterwards took a team photo. This time we managed to get another photo at Kilbirnie Park after the event.

Sponsorship money is still coming in: we are raising money for Good Shepherd Secondary School that our diocese is building in Kagera, Tanzania.



### Dear Children

It's MY turn to write the letter again—I like that. I've been spending a lot of time outside lately—except when Alister & Deborah won't open the door for me, which is a nuisance. (It can be hard to get good staff these days.) I also help when they have BBQs—I'm a real bloke, so I look after all the BBQ tools. It's been suggested I give up teasing Athena for Lent, but I'm not sure about that.

**Lots of love,  
Pericles (Ewok)**



### Coming Up ...

Friday 6 March: **World Day of Prayer:** 7.30pm, here at St Anne's. Our usual monthly **Friday Social** will be beforehand, starting at 6pm. Bring food & drink to share, or just come along. Please also bring something for **supper** after the service.  
Saturday 7 March, from 8.45am: Blokes' Breakfast at Marsden Café, Karori. All blokes welcome!  
Saturday 7 March: **Diocesan Hui.** Venue: Cathedral 10am-2pm  
Friday 20 March: 5.30-9.00pm: '**Nursery Sale**' - things for gardens & babies.  
Sunday 22 March: **Annual General Meeting**  
Thursday 26 March, 11.30am—1.00pm: **Thursday Munch** in the hall.



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

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## 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?"*

Before the service we will have our usual Friday Social shared meal, and supper will follow it. (Please bring a plate.)

### 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 22 February our current total was \$190.00. That's a little under where we would like to be at this point in the year.

## WARDEN'S LETTER

Dear All

Earlier this week I was sitting on a noisy bus. It wasn't the normal subdued conversations as people caught up with acquaintances on a morning ride to town. It was loud and cheerful excited chatter. This bus was full of first year students heading off for their first day at Victoria University. They were full of questions. Where are we? Does this bus go past the Botanical Gardens? How do I tag-off? How do I top up my snapper card? They didn't seem to mind me answering their questions, and happily chatted about their courses.

New Year seems to prompt lots of new beginnings. I established a new vegetable garden. I've wanted one for ages. I'm beginning to harvest some basil and lettuce. Most of the begonia cuttings are surviving. The potato tops look great.

I was fortunate to have time to catch up with family and friends around the country. It's great to be back at home now. I'm enjoying a return to familiar activities, work, Yoga, Mah-Jong, Vestry and Lenten studies.

On Sunday we'll have our parish visioning day. This year we're focusing on our mission as church at the heart of the community. This is to plan our goals for 2015.

I want to thank the enthusiastic 2014 Vestry team. We completed a review of our operations. I appreciated the fun, thought-provoking ideas and work to tackle some serious questions. We also had many thoughtful discussions about bible studies and discipleship. I look forward to working with our 2015 vestry. Long may the enthusiasm and questions continue.

God bless

**Nina**

It would be good to have some more **baking trays** in the hall kitchen: does anyone have a spare one they could donate?

## 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.)

## Bishop's Letter

### Greetings Family

I hope the New Year finds you relaxed and recharged. Jenny and our family tramped the Heaphy Track in early January and I was again impacted by the beauty of our country. Actually, I must confess the Heaphy Track seems a long time ago as the Diocese launches into another year of mission.



This year has already had some significant moments. Late January we were welcomed onto Ratana Pa. A group of 30 of us, including senior leadership of the Diocese, journeyed to Ratana for the annual birthday celebration of Ta-hupōtiki Wiremu Ratana.

Then last week we hosted the Taizé brothers from France including brother Alois, the leader of the Community. We shared the most beautiful and powerful service with them in the Cathedral on Tuesday night.



In both experiences I was struck with how obviously God's Spirit is working and also paradoxically how often we do not understand what his Spirit is actually doing. It is clear to me that God is present and miraculously working in all sorts of places. However I often struggle to understand the way in which he moves. Part of me just wishes that God would just move amongst us in predictable sensible (dare I say Anglican) ways.

On **Palm Sunday** we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem surrounded by a crowd waving palms, welcoming him as a king. 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' *How is Jesus a king for us?*

On **Maundy Thursday** we remember Jesus eating the Passover meal with his friends. We too gather for dinner, and we wash each other's feet. Foot-washing has been part of the Maundy Thursday liturgy since the 7th century, honouring Christ's washing of his disciples' feet (recorded in John's Gospel), which he did as an example to us. *What is it to serve and be served?* After that, we share in the Eucharist together, recalling Christ's offering of himself and of bread and wine. This leads into the commemoration of the betrayal and the beginning of Christ's passion and death. At the end of the service the altar is stripped. This reminds us symbolically of the stripping of Christ before his crucifixion. The word 'maundy' comes from the Latin *mandatum*, a commandment: Christ's new commandment to love one another.

On **Good Friday** we remember Jesus' trials, & his death by crucifixion. The custom of a ceremonial procession, & reading of the narrative of the trial before Pilate, special prayers, & an act of veneration of the cross is an ancient one, known in Jerusalem since the fourth century. We meditate on the cross of Jesus, using 'the Reproaches' a set of reproofs addressed 'by the crucified Saviour to his ungrateful people', in which the refrain 'O my people, what have I done to you', is interspersed with the repeated acclamation 'Holy is God, holy & strong, holy & immortal One, have mercy on us.'

On **Holy Saturday**, we do nothing, remembering the emptiness felt by the first disciples after the death of Jesus.

In the evening of Holy Saturday we gather for the **Easter Vigil**. This is the first service of Easter, celebrated after sunset (remember, the Jewish day was from sunset to sunset). This is one of the earliest services of the church, dating from at least the early 2nd century. There are 4 parts to this service: the lighting of the new fire & the blessing of the paschal candle; the series of readings; the baptismal liturgy, and the first Eucharist of Easter.

And so we arrive at **Easter Day**, the most important festival of the Church, and we rejoice in Christ's resurrection and the new life open to all!!

Sunday 29 March

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Eucharist  
9.30am Palm Procession & Eucharist  
—we gather outside the Northland shops



Tuesday 31 March

9.00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 1 April

7.00am Eucharist  
7.30pm Eucharist  
8.00pm Lenten Study Group

Maundy Thursday 2 April

9.00am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Last Supper: Eucharist with foot-washing,  
stripping of the Church.  
With Christ in the Garden: overnight prayer vigil in the  
Church.—please sign up for an hour

Good Friday 3 April

9.30am Combined Churches 'Way of the Cross.  
Begins at St Thomas More (Worcester St, Wilton)  
Finishes at St Anne's  
2.00pm Reflections & Prayers for Good Friday



Easter Eve 4 April

7.30pm Easter Vigil:  
Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the first Eucharist of  
Easter: bring your baptismal candle if you have one!



Easter Day 5 April

8.00am Easter Eucharist  
9.30am All Age Easter Celebration Eucharist



Instead I find myself constantly asking “what is the Spirit saying to the Church?” I think for those of us who like to control our reality, it is a challenge to follow a God who doesn't quite fit our expectations.

I wonder this year if God is inviting me to learn to live more in the uncertainty and to try to align my life to what God is really doing, as opposed to what I expect him to do. As we turn to Scripture we do see these two truths: God is at work and he moves in ways often that are beyond our understanding and expectations. As a friend who works in a prison context shared with me from one of the prisoners they worked alongside; “God moves in suspicious ways!”

Let us enter this year together confident in our God, confident in his work amongst us and humbly open to the journey into the unknown trusting in God's goodness.

Blessings

+Justin  
Bishop of Wellington

**Diocesan Picnic/Hui – 7 March 2015**



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—there will be something for everyone.



## MESSY CHURCH

St Anne's Messy Church family gathered on Sunday 15 February, for the first Messy Church of 2015.

We looked at a story Jesus told about a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee tried really hard to keep all the religious rules but in the end he was just showing off, trusting in himself and all the good things he did. The tax collector was a bad person, but knew he'd done wrong and said sorry and asked God to forgive him. Jesus said it was the tax collector, not the boastful Pharisee, who was put right with God. We learned that no-one is beyond the reach of God's love and forgiveness.



Some of us did prayer weaving – to remind us how beautiful the prayers all look and how happy God is when we talk to God. Others did experiments with disappearing writing, to think about how God's forgiveness washes away all our sins when we say sorry.

**NEXT MESSY CHURCH**  
**Sunday 15 MARCH, 2-4pm**



## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH THE LEAST, LAST & LOST

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

Each study begins with a short story and reflective questions which serve as a brief introduction. Scripture is drawn mainly from the Gospels of Mark and Luke. The studies work for both group discussion & individual study.



**Wednesdays at 8pm, following the 7.30pm Eucharist.**

## NURSERY SALE!!!



**FRIDAY 20 MARCH 5.30-9.00PM**

**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

### Vestry notes - February meeting

Our main discussion topic was "What does 'the church at the heart of the community' mean at the moment and "what would we add/goals to achieve this? Some ideas included the concept of what can we do for the community rather than what the community can do for us? Vestry members and the community liked the fact that the church was open to use during the day, our links to St Thomas More and the free basket in the foyer of the church. Outreach activities such as Free Food Fridays, and Thursday Munch brought members of the community in. One gap in our services to the community is new mother space and possibly our monthly craft group could have a crèche or a Mainly Music group. We want to work out the events we wish to concentrate on this year so we do well at everything we plan to do. One way we can achieve this is by having smaller events with fewer people organising.

Deborah will run a gift discernment session after Easter.

Johnny presented the accounts for 2014 & for January 2015. The parish should break even from a cash point of view.