

<u>Sunday 3 May</u>	5th Sunday of Easter
8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	Eucharist & Children's Church
<u>Sunday 10 May</u>	6th Sunday of Easter
8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	Eucharist & Children's Church
<u>Thursday 14 May</u>	Ascension Day
10.00am	Eucharist
7.00pm	Eucharist —Te Ahumairangi Park
<u>Sunday 17 May</u>	7th Sunday of Easter
8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	Eucharist & Children's Church
2.00pm	Messy Church (hall)
<u>Wednesday 20 May</u>	
7.15pm	Vestry Meeting (hall office)
<u>Sunday 24 May</u>	Pentecost
8.00am	Eucharist
9.30am	All Age Eucharist
<u>Sunday 31 May</u>	Trinity Sunday
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

MAY 2015

Dear friends

Driving home today I was listening to National Radio's 'Our Song', a programme where people talk about a song that is special to them and generally a lot of other things as well. A man from up north was talking, and the conversation got onto his involvement with his local Anglican-Methodist parish. I was struck by two things: first, that the interviewer was genuinely interested about how they organised themselves under 'local shared ministry' (ie without a vicar) and asked a lot of relevant and positive questions. The second thing was the ease with which the man talked about his church involvement, and about how his singing was also an expression of his faith. It was a really good reminder to all of us not to be afraid of talking about the God-stuff in our lives (our faith, what we do here on Sundays, the

things our community here at St Anne's gets involved in) - because people *are* interested, and often quite curious.

A 20th century French Cardinal, Suhard, had a lovely summing up of what our life of faith entails. Following Christ, being a witness, he said, 'means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist.' That's the sort of life that we can help each other to live.

And—for it is still Easter:

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Dear Children

Are you having a good Easter? And who had lots of Easter eggs? They are a sign of new life—I knew that already, but Deborah explained that to Pericles, cos he didn't know it. I don't have Easter eggs—though I remember the time that silly dog Abby ate an egg filled with chocolate ginger. But Pericles and I enjoyed celebrating Easter with lots of people.

Lots of love,

Athena



Coming Up ...



Free Food Friday: 8 & 15 May, from 5.30pm- for BBQ sausages available outside the hall.

Craft Group: Sunday 24 May, 2-5pm in the hall. All welcome: bring a project to work on, or just come for a chat.

Friday 5 June: Friday Social, together with Friday Social starts at 6pm: bring food & drink to share, or just come along. All welcome.

Blokes' Breakfast: Saturday 6 May, from 8.45am at Marsden Café Karori.

THURSDAY MUNCH 28 MAY 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.

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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.)

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 April our current total was \$715.00—so we're well on track for our target of \$1500.

WARDEN'S LETTER

Dear All,

I've been ill over the last month which has flown past. In my usual busy life I sometimes wish that time would stop so that I can have a breather and catch up in some quietness. When the reality of my flu really hit, time did just that, but I had no energy to do anything. I listened to the radio enjoying the bits of the interviews I actually heard, I slept, read little and mostly just gave in to the enforced rest and let the stillness and quiet take over. It was a perfect way to spend the end of Lent.

For those like me who hate to not be in charge of what's going on in my life, it takes a real hit like illness to enforce a time to let life happen around me. I really feel like I missed out on the change in season, yet I was a quiet observer and participant. Easter arrived. My family had a brief time all together. I spent some time with my parents. And gradually I recovered some energy and vigour.

It must have been like that for the original disciples when they gave up their lives to follow Jesus. They spent a long time with him always there. But they didn't really understand his teachings until the reality of the first Easter, after the shock of the crucifixion.

So now I'm back and reminded that it's really important to listen more. You'll find me at morning tea on Sundays. I'm usually one of the last to leave and I do enjoy this time to catch up with you. Thank you to everyone who's been keeping life going at St Anne's.

God bless

Nina

Bishop's Letter

Hi family

Greetings post Easter. He is risen.....

I have had a great few weeks – a couple of highlights: the first was the Youth Easter Camp at Feilding. I think most of us agreed it was the best yet. We took 300 young people from around the Diocese. As the Bishop, my highlight was watching our amazing youth leaders work their magic – they were outstanding. Supporting them were “parent help” from others, and these people also worked tirelessly. It was humbling to be part of such a great Team.

Second highlight was the Diocesan Leaders training day on Saturday in Kāpiti. Over 160 Leaders gathered, the majority lay people. Reverend Jon Hartley and Nigel Dixon delivered superb input. However what stood out most of all was the sense of Team and excitement across the Diocese. I came away deeply encouraged that as we change and journey into the unknown that we are not alone; that we are surrounded by a great crowd of courageous people who together are responding to God’s call.

In the last Bishop’s Letter I commented on the difference of call between being a hired servant or a shepherd. I was again reminded of the call to move to being shepherds by the morning Lectionary reading last week:

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?”

He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger

Ascension Day Worship

7.30pm Thursday 14 May



We will gather at Te Ahumairangi Park* for our Ascension Day Eucharist at 7.30pm. (Weather permitting: if it is raining the service will take place in the church.) This is an opportunity to pray for our city with it laid before us. All ages are most welcome. Bring something warm to wrap up in, & a torch—and a folding chair if you wish. There will also be a daytime Eucharist, at 10.00am in the church.

Ascension Day — 40 days after Easter — marks the withdrawal of Christ into heaven, and the end of the appearance of the risen Jesus to his followers. After Ascension Day, ‘Christ has no hands on earth but ours’.

* Just past entrance to Stellin Park. Easy access from carpark—no walk up a bank.)

And after Ascension comes

PENTECOST



Pentecost is the Church’s birthday. It’s the day when the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, came to empower Christians to tell the good news of God’s love and grace to everyone. The story is told in the Book of Acts (the 5th book in the New Testament), chapter 2.

Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning ‘50th’ - originally referring to a Jewish holiday, the festival of Weeks, which occurred 50 days (7 weeks) after Passover.

Pentecost

The disciples were all together when suddenly there was a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Tongues like fire appeared on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Vestry Notes

This month as a special discussion topic we talked about our communities. We discussed the different communities we saw ourselves as belonging to and those the church community connects with. The benefit of discussing this as a group was that we got different perspectives on our communities from activity based to age based. This led us into a discussion on how we as a parish connect with different communities. This will help us to work towards the parish goals over the year ahead. We also identified some groups (single people) in the community that we need to think how we could connect with better.



Come and join the fun!

For 2015 we're asking the question: "What does it mean to be a local church community?" Come and find out on Saturday 9 May from 9.30am to 4.00pm at St Paul's, Paraparaumu

From across the diocese, lay people are gathering to develop their hands-on skills for ministry. Are you involved in the work of your parish or mission unit? Join us!

Come and catch up with the team from the Anglican Centre. Bishop Justin will bring us up-to-date with movement across the diocese. Also attend workshops tailored to your area of ministry.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. Register at <http://goo.gl/forms/WHz501xDem> or with Alan West on email patalan2@slingshot.co.nz

For details of all the workshops available, go to
<http://movementonline.org.nz/679/the-bigger-better-big-day-out-2015-9-may/>

you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" John 21: 15-19

In this passage Jesus reinstates Peter after his denial and commissions him as a shepherd. The part though that always speaks to me is verse 18 as Jesus prophesies over Peter the consequence of being a shepherd. In a Western world that is obsessed with accentuating personal freedom, the call to being a shepherd will lead to us losing freedom as we get older; not achieving greater freedom.

As we journey as shepherds the reality is we experience more and more the truth that as we die to ourselves daily our lives are slowly transformed by Jesus. It is not true the longer the journey with Jesus the easier it gets – the longer the journey as shepherds the greater the cost required of us. Why would any of us choose the life of a shepherd? Because one has come who paid that price as a shepherd to us, so out of gratitude we willingly pick up each of our croziers/crosses and follow him.

May I encourage you as shepherds in the Diocese; may I encourage you to continue to love and feed the sheep that God has called you to. Whether it's our neighbours, prisoners, mental health consumers, our families, youth, work colleagues – all are special to God and need to be constantly reminded that God loves them and offers them abundant life.

Finally I want to thank those of you who supported the work of Oxfam. Jenny's team and my team (well three of our team!) completed the 100km trail walk. Between our teams and your generosity, I think we raised over \$4,000. Well done!

Blessings

+Justin
Bishop of Wellington



MESSY CHURCH

Children and families gathered for St Anne's Messy Church on Sunday 19 April, when we celebrated Easter. Easter is the main festival we have as Church and is much more than a weekend – it lasts for 50 days (right up till Pentecost, on 24 May).

We heard all about the Easter story (with eggs!), and made bead bracelets to remind us of the different parts of the story. Easter is about Jesus dying on a cross on Good Friday – not because he'd done anything wrong, but because it was the only way we could really know that God loves us. We wrote our names on hearts and stuck them on the big cross so we wouldn't forget this. Then on the Sunday morning (Easter Day) Jesus rose from the dead, and met his friends again. And he is still alive today, and that is amazingly good news – too good to keep it to ourselves.



Resurrection buns—when baked, they are empty inside, just like the tomb!

Crosses made out of used matchsticks—something so beautiful coming out of something awful.



NEXT MESSY CHURCH
Sunday 17 MAY, 2-4pm



Working on 2015 Goals

Some of our goals this year are new initiatives that require some enthusiastic people to work together to make these dreams a reality. I'm looking for some volunteers.

Doing Goals: Connecting with the Community

Listen to the needs of the community regarding new activities.

One of the suggested activities was to listen to other groups in society including interfaith and LGBT.

I already have at least one person who's offered to help and am looking for at least two more people interesting in exploring this activity.

Please give me a call to let me know if you can help. It's best to ring me at home during the evening 475 3353.

Thanks in advance.

Nina Hydes

FAIR TRADE MORNING TEA—SUNDAY 10 MAY



Oxfam's Morning Tea is an annual fundraising event that offers a fun and easy way to make a difference to some of the poorest people in the world.

It takes place nationwide each Fair Trade Fortnight—our Morning Tea at St Anne's is on Sunday 10 May—so bring some extra cash that morning for some yummy and fair trade treats.