



NORTHERN VIEW

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Paul writes

Thank you to all of you who could make it to my installation service on Friday 15 April. It was fantastic to see you all there and celebrate together our new partnership. It was also great having Bishop Justin with us, and he was certainly in fine form!

Like any new relationship it's always good to get to know one another. So I'm out visiting, hearing your stories and how you connect in with the life of this parish. I've had chance to visit some of you and I look forward to meeting more of you. And if you'd like a visit sooner rather than later, then don't hesitate to be in touch.

We have successfully moved into the vicarage on Farm Road, and are very grateful to the parish for all the hard work put in to make the vicarage sparkle. We feel very welcomed. And please put Sunday 8 May in your diaries as we'd love you to join us at the vicarage for our house blessing at 11am. And if

you're wondering who I'm referring to when I say 'we', I'm married to Catherine (for 8 years) who works for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and we have an adventurous two year old daughter named Naomi. Catherine and I both work part time as we share the care of Naomi.

Back to getting to know one another, I thought for my first 'appearance' in the Northern View it would be good to share a few of my passions and interests with you so you know what makes me tick.

Firstly (and in no particular order) I enjoy surfing, when time and weather allows! I grew up in Hamilton and enjoyed many summers with family at the beautiful white sandy beaches of Pauanui, on the Coromandel Peninsula. I find it very refreshing to be in the salt water, and it's such an exhilarating feeling standing up and riding a wave. It's almost as if I'm connected to creation - especially when I fall off!

Another interest is photography, in particular photographing nature. It allows me to slow down and focus (literally) on the here and now, and to be present in the moment. Life can get so busy, and it's all too easy to be preoccupied with the past or the future and miss out what's happening right in front of you. Also it allows me to enjoy and appreciate the beauty that is around us.

A great passion of mine is helping people - whether they be church-goers or not - explore questions like, 'is there more to life than this?' or more philosophically, 'what does it mean to be human?' Sometimes questions are more powerful than answers. So I enjoy having chats with people about faith and what's really going on for them. It's amazing what conversations open up with other parents down at the playground with Naomi!

I enjoy being connected with the community. And as a church I believe it's important for us to do life together, and invite others to join in with us.

In all of this it's knowing Christ and following him that gives my life purpose and meaning. It's not always easy, but it is always an adventure. And I love being on this adventure with others. We can't do it alone, and we're not expected do it alone. For love to grow (which is one of the prime purposes of being a Christian) we need to be in relationship. Relationship with one another, and also in relationship with the author of love.

I'm looking forward to our life and ministry together as we seek to be the church at the heart of the community.
Every blessing,

Paul



Warden's letter

It's been a very busy month getting ready for Paul's arrival. Thank you for taking part in Paul's installation. It was a privilege to share in the service. Thank-you to everyone who carried up symbols representing worship and life in the parish, helped with welcoming and hosting our visitors. An installation is a very colourful service.

On Sunday 8 May we will be commissioning the 2016 Vestry and Synod representatives at the start of the service. There are two papers stuck on my fridge which have been there for a couple of years. Just like all the other important notes, like a current shopping list, the school term dates, the church duty roster, I do read the duties of warden and vestry occasionally. As well as the legal functions that these duties have, there is the responsibility for the well-being of the vicar and parishioners, spokesperson, and a list that reads much like being a disciple.

For most of my life I understood that disciples were Jesus' followers those who carried on his teaching and evangelism. My enlightenment on the extension of disciples came when I attended a training session a few years ago and heard Justin speak about Christians all being disciples.

At each Vestry meeting we read a text from the bible and reflect on what it means and the message it has for our parish today. The current readings have focussed on the teachings that reflect on governance and the parish goals. If you'd like to discuss some ideas about putting our goals in practice, or to offer to help lead some of these initiatives we'd like to hear from you.

In April I attended the Diocesan training day held at Tawa with about 400 others. There was an extensive list of sessions available, and I had to choose three. The sessions were very well organised, prepared and delivered. I hope to see some of the material about them on the Diocesan website soon. I attended a short briefing on the new Health and Safety legislation; Why children are leaving the church; and The art of neighbouring – serve where you live. There was a lot to take in and reflect on.

I've also had the opportunity to catch up with my family as my daughters have visited home during their holidays. It was great to have time to share what we've been doing. Graeme and I also hosted Mike Hawke when he came to preach at the services a couple of weeks ago. I enjoyed hearing about his ministry and mission work. I especially enjoyed last Sunday when I could sit in the pews and enjoy the service with everyone else. Yes I did have a job – I finally worked out how to format the file for the music on the datashow, and master the buttons to move the slides forwards and backwards. My next task is to write it up so that others can do it too.

God Bless

Nina

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Bishop's Letter April 2016

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In just over three weeks, clergy and lay representatives from all around the Province will gather in Napier for General Synod. As most of you know, hot on the agenda is the *Way Forward* document, which seeks to provide a framework for blessing same-sex relationships, and a way to allow those who disagree to keep their integrity. This has been (and will continue to be) a big, long, conversation.

The *Way Forward* document rides off the back of Motion 30, the agreement settled upon at the 2014 General Synod. The passing of Motion 30 was really miraculous – I felt that the Spirit was clearly present in that conversation in a tangible way.

In Motion 30, the Province (that means all of us!) committed to live in two viewpoints. We have committed to live in unified diversity – moving beyond trying to agree that one theology is 'correct', and acknowledging that a spectrum of theology exists.

The *Way Forward* has given us a draft mechanism to exist in this diversity – the question is whether it works?

In exploring this question, the Diocese has over the last eight weeks held two rounds of public meetings, held conversations with members of the LGBTI community, and attended individual parish meetings. Others have provided their feedback by email into my office.

Thank you to all those who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend these meetings, and to provide feedback. I have deeply appreciated everyone's input and am proud of the way we have engaged in conversation. There is still time to contribute if you feel moved to do so; please email your thoughts into rebecca@wn.ang.org.nz. All feedback will be taken by the General Synod representatives to Napier in May.

I realise that some people are new to this conversation. I encourage you (and those who would like to explore again the background to these documents) to read the discussion papers released for the Diocesan Synod in 2013. Your clergy and Synod Reps should have copies of these. I encourage you also to read the *Commission on Doctrine and Theological Questions* (dated March 2014), which can be found as part of this year's [General Synod papers](#). This sets out the background to the spectrum of theology around this issue.

Please keep all those involved in General Synod in your prayers. They have a heavy responsibility to listen to the working of the Spirit.

+Justin
Bishop of Wellington

Link to the General Synod papers:

<http://www.anglican.org.nz/News/General-Synod-Te-Hinota-Whanui/GSTHW-2016-Reports>

Motion 30:

<http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz/Features/Extra/Anga>

Way Forward document:

<http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz/News/General-Synod/Way-Forward>
(a paper copy is on the table in the foyer)

Vestry Notes – April 2016

The meeting on 7 April:

- Reflected on Romans 12:8-18
- Reviewed the minutes of the AGM 13 March 2016
- Approved Financial report
- Discussed the latest maintenance

The Romans bible reading was about relationships. Love must be sincere and actions genuine to be love.

It describes gifts, and asks that we give support to the church people, saints (we too are saints), extend hospitality to strangers. We need to hold one another as devotion born of love and family experience.

We discussed caring. Are we holding each others' backs to champion needs with a generous spirit? This led to a discussion about the parish caring goals, and support for establishing "small groups".

Vestry meets again on Thursday 12 May 2016.



Nina Hydes



Messy Church meets again this month. We hope that you all enjoyed your holidays.

2pm Sunday 15 May in the church hall

Thou art O God, the life and light
of all this wondrous world we see.,;
its glow by day, its smile by night,
are but reflections caught from thee.
Where'er we turn, thy glories shine,
and all things fair and bright are thine.

When day, with farewell beam, delays
among the op'ning clouds of e'ven,
and we can almost think we gaze
through golden vistas into heaven -
those hues that make the sun's decline
so soft, so radiant, Lord! are thine.

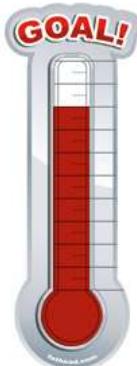
When night with wings of starry gloom,
o'ershadows all the earth and skies,
like some dark, beauteous bird, whose plume
is sparkling with unnumber'd eyes -
that sacred gloom, those fires divine,
so grand, so countless, Lord! are thine.

When youthful spring around us breathes,
thy spirit warms her fragrant sigh;
and ev'ry flower the summer wreathes
is born beneath that kindling eye.

Where'er we turn, thy glories shine,
and all things fair and bright are thine.

T. Moore

Missions 2016



We need a top-up to be on-target to
reach \$1500 this year.
Mission boxes are in the foyer.
A new thermometer will track our
progress.

WANTED: Volunteer to manage one-time bookings for the hall. Please contact Rosemary Tomlinson or Johnny Lowe.

Coming up...

- First Friday of the month 6pm (**6 May, 3 June**) – **Pot Luck** dinner in the hall, all welcome
- First Saturday of the month (**7 May**) – **Blokes Breakfast** from 8:45 am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome.
- Second and Fourth Fridays (**13, 27 May**) **Free Food Friday** from 5:30 pm, BBQ sausages outside the hall
- Third Sunday 2pm (**15 May**), **Messy Church** in the hall
- **Craft Group** meets on second and fourth Sunday, (**8, 22 May**) in the hall 2-5 pm, all welcome
- **Thursday Munch** Fourth Thursday (**26 May**) from 11:30 am in the hall, with a quiz or guest speaker and lunch
- **Blessing** at the vicarage 14 Farm Road, Northland **8 May** 11am after the 9:30 service and morning tea in the hall

Please note, casual, one-off hall bookings are not being accepted at this time until a new administrator is appointed

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MAY Services at St Anne's

<u>Sunday 1 May</u>	Easter 6
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	All Age Worship
<u>Thursday 5 May</u>	Ascension Day
7:00 p.m.	In the Church
<u>Sunday 8 April</u>	Easter 7
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	Eucharist and Children's Church
<u>Sunday 15 May</u>	Pentecost
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	Eucharist and Children's Church
2:00 p.m.	Messy Church
<u>Sunday 22 May</u>	Trinity Sunday
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	Eucharist and Children's Church
<u>Sunday 29 May</u>	Te Pouhere Sunday / 9 th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	Eucharist and Children's Church
<u>Sunday 5 June</u>	10 th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	All Age Worship

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