



NORTHERN VIEW

ANGLICAN PARISH OF
NORTHLAND-WILTON

MARCH 2016

Terry our Interim Priest Writes

During March we continue to journey through Lent towards Easter. Some of us are part of Lenten study groups gathering around the theme, "Generous Hospitality". A recent reading in the groups was the story of the Good Samaritan, who cared for a stranger lying injured on the side of a road. We decided that the stranger was a Jew; people who Samaritans have as little to do with as possible. Yet a Jewish Priest and a Levitical Jew had passed by the poor injured man! It took the Samaritan, whom the Jews looked on as heretics, to not only tend the stranger's wounds, but transport him to a place of care and to offer to pay for any expenses incurred for the stranger's healing.

Earlier in the session we had read about some French Protestant Huguenots who had been responsible for selflessly

rescuing 5,000 Jews during WW2. It turned out that the Huguenots themselves had been a persecuted community in earlier times. Perhaps this helped them the more to respond positively to the fleeing Jews with the simple, practical, Christian faith they possessed.

Both stories remind us of the practical implications of being Christian. Also, that it's often the most unexpected people and groups who are conspicuous in offering generous hospitality to others, especially those in need like injured travellers and fleeing refugees. Perhaps those who have known, rejection, ostracism and judgment are at the forefront of those who are hospitable.

The concluding dialogue at the end of the parable is perhaps a challenge to you as it was to those who first heard it.

Luke 10:36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' 37 He (a lawyer) said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Remember the lawyer's original question was, 'Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

Terry Alve

Terry can be contacted on his cell phone 027 600 1926 by phone or text message for any pastoral care.
For anything else please contacts the wardens Louise or Nina.

Parish Nominators Update

Bishop Justin and the Nominators have just announced Rev. Paul McIntosh as the new vicar for Northland-Wilton. The installation service will take place at St Anne's on 7 pm Friday 15 April 2016.



Paul's ordination journey began eight years ago when he was accepted for ordination training while working for Alpha NZ. Soon afterwards, he and his wife, Catherine, moved to France for Catherine's diplomatic role in Paris. Through God's provision of both timing and availability, Paul was able to undertake his ordination training and theological degree at St Mellitus College in London, and work at St Michael's Church in Paris. Paul was then ordained deacon in Paris in 2011, and was licensed as curate to St Mark's in Versailles.

In 2012 they moved back to Wellington and Paul was placed in the parish of Karori for another curacy. Paul has had a fantastic ministry experience there over the past four years. And although he's not moving far, he will certainly miss the people of Karori.

Paul and his family, now with two year old Naomi, are looking forward to moving into the community of Northland and leading and serving alongside the people of St Anne's.

Warden's letter

I seem to be in perpetual catch-up mode these days and everything is racing by. There have been many meetings and parish events. It's almost time for the AGM. Thank you to all the parish groups for your work over the past year, and to the convenors for your reports. These are being compiled into a booklet which will be available 6 March so that you can read them before the meeting on 13 April. I look forward to seeing you there. The meeting is being held after the 9:30 am service, about 10:45 am, and is followed by a shared lunch at 12 noon.

I'm attending the Lenten Study based on Generous Hospitality. This year we're sharing this study with St Luke's Wadestown and have two groups – Thursday mornings and 7:30 pm Tuesday evenings at St Luke's. It's not too late to join a group. Check with Terry or I for the location of the morning group which meets at different homes. Hospitality is at the heart of our faith, and generous hospitality is much more than hosting a meal. The parables in Luke focus our attention on how we care for those that aren't normally part of our social circles. There is much material in the resource that we haven't touched yet. There are suggestions about movie nights which would be great to have later in the year in small groups.

There have been lots of opportunities to learn things I never knew about the organisation behind a parish. So here's a challenge for you – offer your name for Vestry 2016.

Hopefully this period between appointments has mostly been seamless for you all, thank you for your patience where it has not. I do heartedly thank those who have helped along the way. Louise has been a great help especially keeping us on task during the appointment process and making sure that we had all our documents ready.

It is also a time to get ready for more change as we prepare to welcome our new vicar Paul McIntosh in mid-April. You'll see a brief introduction about Paul in this edition of Northern View. Terry will remain with us until 10 April.

God bless
Nina

Archbishops' Refugee Submission

The two Kiwi Archbishops have released a submission that they made to the Government about New Zealand's refugee policy. Archbishops Philip and Brown are seeking a more generous refugee quota – and new pathways that will allow refugees to restart their lives here. You can read a story which outlines their submission – and the full submission itself

<http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz/News/Worldwide/quota>

Nominations open for Vestry 2016

Have you ever wondered what Vestry does? Oh no, meetings! Vestry is:

- Elected at AGM in March
- Diversity is encouraged
- Monthly meetings February- December to discuss items about the governance of the parish
- Begins with short reflection and ends with prayer
- Fellowship
- Each member is encouraged to belong to a group (not required to be the group chair) and represent that group at Vestry
- It's okay if you don't know anything about Vestry, questions are welcome
- Not for life! - rotation of service is supported
- Seeking at least two new members for 2016



Vestry Notes – February 2016

This was a short planning meeting held after the Ash Wednesday Service.

We reviewed the calendar of events for the year. We are a busy parish and there are many celebrations and events in a year.

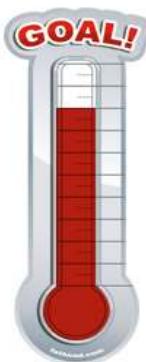
Advertising was discussed. We want to continue to use Neighbourly, the glass door, notice board, wayside pulpit. More suggestions and a working group are to be established to recommend other options. If anyone is interested, please speak to any member of Vestry.

We discussed the family services. Worship group is continuing to evolve this service.

We acknowledged Jacqui and Johnny Lowe for liaising the tenancy and plumbing work at the vicarage.

Vestry meets again on Thursday 10 March to prepare for the AGM.

Nina Hydes



2016 has started slowly. The total received to 29 February 2016 is \$10

Bishop's Letter February 2016

Posted on 11 February 2016

'...to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel...' [Luke 2:32]



Greetings to you all and may God richly bless your ministries this year. I hope you all had a refreshing break with your families and friends.

The cycle of the church year has reached once again the story of Jesus' presentation in the temple. As the contrast of new beginnings and a lifetime of experience is presented, I am reminded that we live lives of pan-generational consequences. This is a story that is played out time and time again too across the Old Testament as the faithfulness (and failings) of our forebears bear fruit long after their deaths, and as God's promise extends across peoples, geographies and time.

Simeon and Anna never saw the fruits of Jesus' ministry – his death, his resurrection, Pentecost, the spread of the Gospel message across the world. Reaching the end of their ministries, they once again were called to trust that the impoverished couple with an ordinary-looking baby would indeed be the catalyst for the change that God had promised.

The writer of Hebrews distils the essence of faith in Chapter 11: 'confidence in what we hope for, and assurance about what we do not see' (NIV). He notes how across God's story, people of faith continued in that faith when they died: they 'did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.'

As people of faith, we may not understand the process as our faith communities change around us, but like Simeon and Anna we need to be looking at the generation to come. They understood that the church was being renewed not just for themselves, but for those to come, and were not passive bystanders but active participants in that change process.

On the topic of active participation, this month New Zealand welcomed the first quota of Syrian refugees into the Mangere resettlement centre. As they prepare for their new lives in Aotearoa, please keep this group in your prayers. Keep an eye out too in Movement for ways that you will be able to be involved when those to be settled in Wellington arrive. Thanks to Archdeacon Stephen King for leading the response to this crisis on behalf of all the New Zealand Dioceses.

I would like to encourage you all to write to your MPs to lobby for an increase to the numbers of refugees entering New Zealand each year. In particular, we would like to ask you to ask them to double the annual quota. Please see the Refugee section in this week's Movement for information to support this request, and write to your MP at [MP name], Freepost Parliament, Private Bag 18 888, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160.

Your generous responses to my call for help last year have proved just how able we are as communities to offer assistance where it is needed, and doubling the quota would mean lasting change for so many more families whose lives are desperately burdened.

Thank you all so much.

Blessings
+Justin
Bishop of Wellington

Cathedral News: February 2016

From the Dean

There's no easy way to say it, but I love the American elections. So much so, in fact, that I have subscribed to the Washington Post to keep abreast of all the latest developments. There is no greater, nor expensive, political show on earth. In 2012, over seven billion US dollars was spent, which is quite cheap when you consider the English spent 40 billion US dollars on the Olympics in the same year, and that spectacle lasted only a couple of weeks. The US presidential elections are a magnificent reminder of just how small New Zealand is. Yet, I'm surprised to see just how ridiculous the comments are from Kiwis about the US candidates themselves. Websites and news articles bleat on about how silly the yanks are for considering Donald Trump or Ted Cruz, Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. "If only we could only vote with the Americans, then New Zealand would turn the madness around." But to prove just how small we are, if every Kiwi of voting age were to vote for the same US candidate, our contribution would hardly register statistically. I often feel that NZ is like a Chihuahua nipping at the chunky heels of a rhinoceros.

Politics is about power: it always has been. Sure, candidates often start out with socially responsible intentions, but those who survive for the long haul with ongoing political influence usually have egos the size of a small planet. Or should I say, personal confidence? Perhaps there's a fine line. Nonetheless, it's only people with that kind of personal conviction who can manage others with similar aspirations. Political power is always tenuous. But there are things to learn from these big elections because they tell us something about the health of

our systems and the potential for seismic political and cultural shifts. And that's what we are seeing in the US and possibly around the world.'

The other day Canon Simon and I were practising saying, "President Trump", just for fun. And the reason it's fun, is because he even exists in the race at all. What happened? How did a successful, albeit buffonic, property magnate come television celebrity suddenly arrive as a serious contender for 'leader of the world.' In a word, 'authoritarianism'. Pollsters have ignored it for some 30 years as a political mechanism, but in a time of global terror, fearless authoritarian leadership is highly valued (even if it is entirely unreflective). Likewise , having a person who is not beholden to the wealth of others means there's no kowtowing to the old establishment that tends to get its own way. People have had enough of corrupt deals behind the scenes. Similarly, Bernie Sanders has captured a new generation with a more socialist mindset, and people love him, The old liberals, however, are now living in fear that their version of the establishment is about to collapse too, or at least be completely reconfigured. Whatever the case, neither of the two main groups in the US foresaw what has unfolded.

In the same way, the church is facing unprecedented change and challenge, and I'm not largely convinced anyone has a grasp on what it means. In the middle of change there is a hardening of lines between the old liberals and conservatives, both groups believing that they are the way forward, when in reality they (we) are fighting the battles of a bygone era. No one much cares anymore because the real battle-front has shifted. For Anglicans in the UK, being the state church is running a little thin. In NZ we never were the state church,

but we have had a close relationship with the powers of state; a relationship that is now well worn. Our biggest challenge is irrelevance as we suffer under the commonly asked question about Christianity, "So what?"

Consequently, do we have a future? Yes, absolutely, but not in any way that resembles the last century. Spiritual yearning is higher than it's ever been. Loneliness is endemic. Theism is a long way from dead. Outside the West, the church is flourishing. So we have to think like missionaries, not parishes. And that is perhaps the hardest nut to crack, the reason being that we've never needed to be missionary minded in the established church.

In practical terms, being a missionary is simply telling the Gospel story in ways that can be understood and responded to. If the Good News is that God became human and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus, and God can still be known through Jesus through the presence of the Holy Spirit, then it is the role of every Christian community to work out how to declare that message in their own ever changing community. And it's not easy. We must be prepared to shed traditions which will upset those who want something new, and likewise be prepared to shed traditions which are unhelpful, which of course upsets those who like things as they were. The best thing about seismic cultural shifts is that everyone is somehow going to be annoyed – and that's what makes it so exciting. But what matters most, is that none of us give up on God's church. So far as I can tell, God hasn't.

The Lord's very best be on the ministries and churches of which you are a part throughout 2016.

Dean Digby

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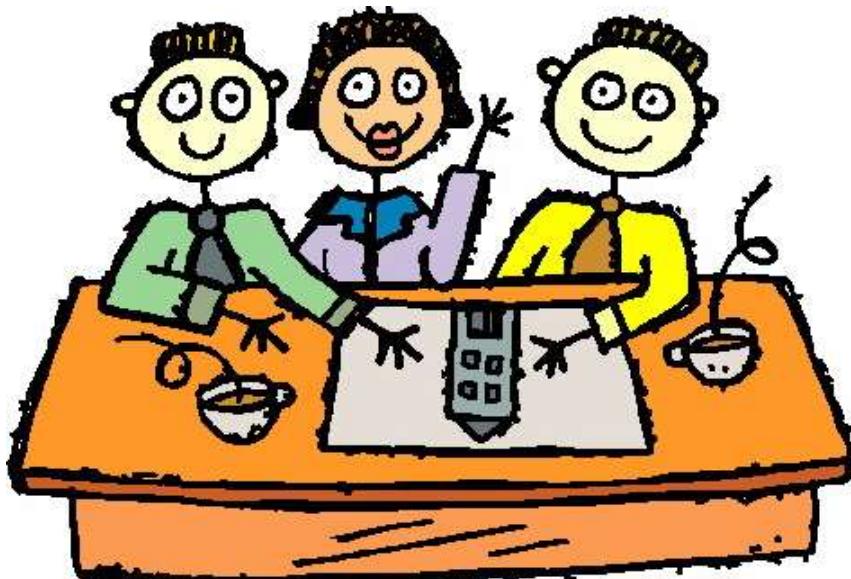
The annual general meeting will be held in March after the 9:30 am church service on Sunday 13 March. It will start about 10:45 am and it will take about an hour. Please bring a plate for the shared lunch which will follow the meeting.

The annual reports have been printed in a booklet and are available in the church foyer for you to read before the meeting starts. These reports will be taken as read at the meeting.

Nominations for Vestry and Synod Representatives are open. If you'd like to know more about what's involved please do speak to Nina, Louise, or one of our current team: Michael Chapman, Elizabeth Newman, Jacqui Lowe, Sue Batley, Julia Hayes and Hugh Cordery.

Updates are being accepted for the Parish Electoral Roll. Please contact the Wardens if you wish to inspect the roll. Parishioners can only be on one Parish Electoral Roll.

Written notice of any items for General Business needs to be in the hands of the wardens by Sunday 6 March.





Children's Church and Messy Church:

We had a great time at Messy Church in February. We made beautiful tangled pictures with wool on the floor, played with gloop (it's sometimes a solid and sometimes a liquid), chiselled jelly babies out of ice and some of us learnt finger knitting.

Then Terry told us the story about the presentation of Jesus in the temple and about the wise and patient elderly people, Anna and Simeon. Terry taught us a very old but very beautiful chant based on the words from that story in the Bible.

It was so hot that we had ice creams for afternoon tea. Yum!

Our next Messy Church is on Sunday 20 March at 2pm. See you then.

Julia

Thursday Munch

We are looking forward to meeting again on Thursday March 24 at 11.30 am.

Thursday Munch is a little social event for anyone who is free to attend at that time every 4th Thursday. There is sometimes a short talk or one of Tony's famous quizzes, but mostly it's an opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with old friends. There is no charge for the food. A koha is welcome if you wish to contribute. See you there.

Lorna

Coming up...

- First Friday of the month 6pm (**1 April, 6 May**) – **Pot luck** dinner in the hall, all welcome
- First Saturday of the month (**2 April, 7 May**) – **Blokes Breakfast** from 8:45 am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome.
- Second and Fourth Fridays (**11 March**) **Free Food Friday** from 5:30 pm, BBQ sausages outside the hall
- Third Sunday, **Messy Church, 20 March** from 2pm in the hall
- **Craft Group** meets on second and fourth Sunday, (**13, 27 March**) in the hall 2-5 pm, all welcome – there is an extra meeting on **6 March** to prepare for the Nursery Sale
- **Thursday Munch** Fourth Thursday, **24 March** from 11:30 am, all welcome in the hall
- **Lenten Studies** daytime study group **Thursday** 11th February – Thursday 17th March in homes; evening study group **Tuesday** 16th February – Tuesday 22nd March 7:30 pm St Luke's, contact Nina for more information
- **AGM** Sunday 13 March after the 9:30 am service
- **Nursery Sale** for children's goods and plants Friday 18 March from 6pm in the hall

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

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MARCH Services at St Anne's

Sunday 6 March Lent 4, Reconciliation

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

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

Sunday 13 March Lent 5, Knowing Christ

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Children's Church

Sunday 20 March Lent 6 (Palm Sunday), Humility

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Children's Church

2:00 p.m. Messy Church

Thursday 24 March Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Remembrance of the Foot Washing, the Last Supper and Gethsemane

8:30 p.m. Overnight Vigil follows in St Anne's (offers to keep the Vigil to Michael Chapman 475 9979)

Friday 25 March Good Friday

9:30 a.m. Gather in St Anne's to begin a Good Friday Procession to St Thomas More Catholic Church

2:00 p.m. Devotions at the Cross in St Anne's

Sunday 27 March **EASTER SUNDAY**, Resurrection

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Children's Church

Sunday 3 April Easter 2, Resurrection 2

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

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

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

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