

St John the Baptist Anglican Church

Newsletter April 2016

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Stan Pilbrow – A short biography

I was born on the Karikari Peninsular (40 km northeast of Kaitaia) in July 1952. Through my mother, my Iwi is Ngati Kahu. My father was Pakeha from the Bay of Plenty. My exposure to the Anglican faith began at a very early age. I attended Sunday school nearly every Sunday until I began high school. Church was an important part of Maori rural life. Very few of our life milestones occurred without prayer, a service or celebration at our marae.

In 1970, I joined the New Zealand Army, receiving my commission from the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, Australia in 1973. As well as command and staff appointments in New Zealand, I served in the Middle East with the United Nations, and was a tutor at the Jungle Warfare School in Malaysia. I have worked extensively in the South Pacific on Army and Church projects.

After 27 years in the military, I left to work as a probation officer and then manager in the Department of Corrections. I served with both the Prison and Probation Services.

Attendance at the College of St John the Evangelist was from 2010 to 2015. My time there has had a powerful influence on my life. As well as the immense knowledge I have acquired from my studies at Otago University, Manukau Institute of Technology and Otago Polytechnic, I have had access to important counselling, chaplaincy and ministry opportunities. I have a B Social Services, and need to complete four papers to fulfil the requirements for my B Theology.

In my spare time, I like going to the gym, working in the garden, reading crime thrillers and watching the All Blacks.

Thank you from Michael...

As I head towards my last month with you all, my thanks for your companionship and commitment to keeping "steam up". I have found you to be a receptive and vital community, and I respect and appreciate your desire to bring children and young people into the experience of worship and parish life. Laughter comes easily to you and where there is laughter there is life and insight. Many of you have worked hard through many years and kept the flame burning.

Our lives have been shared and in so doing we have found Christ in our midst. Your vestry has a commitment to finding secretarial help on location within the parish office for a few days a week and that will be a big help for you all.

Janine and I are off to Croatia (package tour) via of course Singapore and a visit to our now two year old granddaughter Grace and daughter Claire. In June we are looking after an Anglican parish in Taormina, Sicily, a community of English speaking people of several denominations. We first met these people seven years ago when we had the opportunity to be with them for two months. The experience of the world wide and diverse Church is very enriching and stimulating plus a great stepping off place for a look round Greek and Roman sites in Sicily.

Enjoy your new Vicar, Stan Pilbrow and many thanks for the ride. Michael.



In and around St Johns**Sunday Services:** 8am, 9.30am, Eucharist

5pm (study/discussion group). All welcome, come as and when able.

Sunday School: 4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am**Evening Women's Fellowship:** 7.30pm 2nd Tuesday of the month**Men's Breakfast & Bible Group:** 7.15-8.15am fortnightly on a Wednesday.**Craft Group:** Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1.30pm in the St Jude's Room**Next Garage Sale:** Saturday 30th April**Hall Users****Rowe Dance** - ballet classes for 3-8 year olds on Monday 2.45-4.30pm, Wednesday 3.45-5.30pm and Thursday 3.30-4.30pm in term time.**Rowe Dance** - dancing for adults, Friday 10-11am.**Rowe Dance** - Personal tuition by arrangement.**Positive Balance Yoga** - Mon, Tues 6-8.30pm, Thurs 5.45-8.15pm in term time.**Weight Watchers** - meet in St Jude's Room weekly, Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm.**Positive Balance Yoga** - Mon, Tues, Thurs evenings, 5.45pm - 7pm or 7pm - 8.15pm in term time.**Jumping Beans** - Wednesday 9am-1pm in term time.**Scottish Country Dance** - Wednesday 7.30pm - 10pm throughout the year.**Northcote Steps** - meet in the St Jude's Room, Friday 7-10pm throughout the year.**Soccer for Tots** - Sat 9am - 1pm during term time**Northern Performing Arts** - Saturday 4-8pm.**Barnardos Kid Start** - fortnightly on a Thursday 9am-12pm.**Life Line** - meet in the St Jude's Room, 1st Wednesday of each month 7-9pm.**English Folk Dance** - 2nd Friday of each month, 7-10pm**Early English Dance** - 4th Friday of each month, 7.30 - 10pm**Alcoholics Anonymous** support group - each Fri evening**AlAnon family support group** - 3-5pm first Sun of each month.**North Shore Stitchers** - 3rd Sun each month 10am - 2pm**Plus occasional use by...**

Northcote Residents Association

Northcote/Birkenhead Boat Owners Association

St Thomas, Syrian Church.

Readings for the month**April 3 2nd After Easter**

Reading: Acts 5: 27-32

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

April 10 3rd After Easter

Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

April 17 4th After Easter

Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

Gospel: John 10: 22-30

April 24 5th After Easter

Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

May 1 6th After Easter

Reading: Acts 16: 9-15

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

INDUCTION OF OUR NEW VICAR

There has been a change to the date so please note in your diaries that Stan Pilbrow will be inducted as our vicar on Wednesday 27 April at 7.30pm. Please come to welcome him as he begins his ministry amongst us.

GARAGE SALE**SATURDAY 30 APRIL AT 8.30AM**

At last the month of the Garage Sale has arrived and we can empty our own garages of all the goods that friends have been kindly donating for months and bring it all along to make this the biggest and the best Garage Sale ever!!

The hall will be open from 1pm on Thursday 28 April and all day from 9am on Friday 29 April for goods to be dropped off. Anyone who can help with the sorting will be made most welcome and we need as many as possible to help sell the goods on Saturday. We all enjoy the fellowship, we have plenty of laughs and many hands make light work so come and be part of the occasion.

Keep sorting through all those things that you don't really need any more and bring them along to be part of the quality merchandise that we offer on sale. If you have goods that need to be picked up please ring Dick on 444 8531.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Vicarage Interior. The complete interior was completed during February thanks to Bryan Gould, and his son Dean, who introduced us to Francis, the wonderful Tradesman Painter, who devoted his annual holiday to ensuring completion on time. The house looks and smells new. A final "housework" cleaning-bee is planned before occupation later this month.

Church Roof Repainting. A contract has been let, the Dulux Roof paint is stored on site, ready, the Waterblaster has been instructed to remove all dirt, moss and lichen and clean water rinse just before painting starts. Work commencement is awaiting scaffolding erection.

THANK YOU FROM ST JOHN'S to the anonymous donor, who has underwritten the roofs repairs work **AND** the brand new dishwasher and under bench oven in the Vicarage kitchen.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The gatherings this month will be on the 13th and 27th April from 7.15 - 8.15am. 14 Vincent St Northcote Point. Great continental and cooked breakfast. Great company and great discussions time. Phone Richard Lewis 4199 026 or Peter White 419 4380.

VESTRY FOR THE COMING 2016/17

Vicar's Warden: Doug Dempster

People's Warden: Pru Giles

Synod Reps: Rosemary Saunders and Louise Collenette

Vestry: Angela Anderson; Bill McSweeney; Peter Mundell.

Thank you to the above for being willing to govern our parish life.

WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Evening Women's Fellowship meet on the 12 April but the venue is different this time. We are meeting at Northbridge Residential Village (Garden lounge) for our annual film night. The film is almost decided upon but not quite! Start time is 7.30pm and someone (probably John) will meet and direct people to the Garden lounge from 7.15pm.

All welcome! Come and join us for a fun night. Enquiries to Rosemary Saunders, 489 5830.

**MICHAEL'S SERMONS**

A selection of Archdeacon Michael Smart's sermons can now be found on our website at the following link:

<http://stjohnsanglican.org.nz/michaels-sermons/>

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Hall Hire

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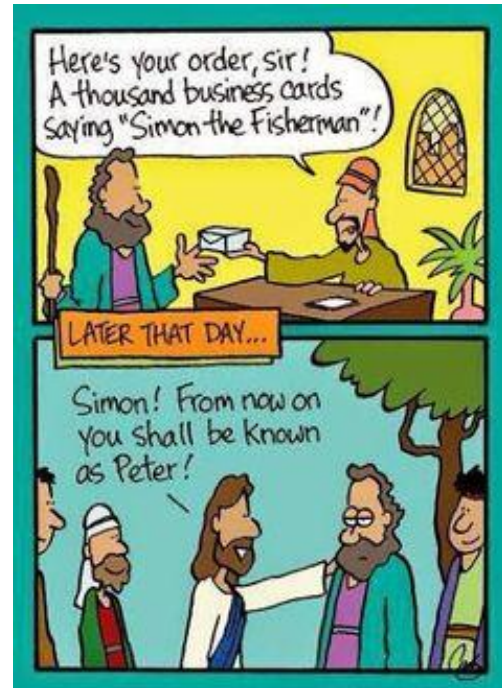
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GAC TO PERFORM ON 24TH APRIL

Please join us for Michael's final service at St John on Sunday 24th April. Members of the Greater Auckland Chorus (which includes Natalie Roffey) will be performing as part of his farewell.

**Solutions to last month's puzzle**

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress. Psalms 63:1-2 N.I.V.

Cryptogram

Another Cryptogram for you. Remember that basically the trick is to start with common small words and progress up to bigger less common words.

BIBLE-CRYPTOVERSE (Scripture verse in code) No.14

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