

St John the Baptist Anglican Church

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Cate's Cogitations

Hi All

Welcome back, to those of you who've been away. For those of us who've mostly been around, welcome to the first monthly newsletter of 2015. Hasn't the weather been glorious!! I've been tempted to complain of the heat but, seeing as its summer, it seems foolish to complain of the weather being as it's supposed to be. I think it's the first summer in a while of which I would say, "This is what summer was like when I was a child," seemingly endless sunny days.

As many of you will be aware we took the opportunity to revarnish the Hall floor while the Hall was less used in the January period. Matthew and Colin have also been busy sanding and repainting the ceiling and walls in the toilets. They now match the colour of the paint in the Hallway and St Judes Room. The varnished woodwork in the toilets, passageway and Hall kitchen have also been sanded and will be recoated. The plan is to achieve this before the regular users of the Hall reconvene for the first term. A big thank you to Matthew and Colin for their steady and sterling work.

As we look to the New Year and the busyness that will soon ensue a brief reminder that Easter is relatively early this year so Ash Wednesday occurs on February the 18th with our usual Ash Wednesday services at 10am and 7pm.

Over last year there has been conversation about how we might increase the frequency of opportunities for children to engage and learn about faith. This would require increased commitment from parents and those providing the

ministry at St Johns. After some discussion we have decided to make the 9.30am service on the second Sunday of the month a space in which we will do worship a little differently, a chance

to explore, ask questions, engage in some activities together. Looking at the calendar we recognise that some of these second Sunday's occur during school holiday times when it is likely families are away. Also that toward the end of the year some of that extra Sunday time may be usefully deployed for Christmas play rehearsal time. What this will require of us is a bit of generous flexibility in this 2015 first year of trying something a bit different. People will be advised in advance of the 'worship done a bit differently' services.

An early reminder for those of you who prepare AGM reports, the AGM is scheduled as usual for the last Sunday in March – this year Palm Sunday, March 29th. It is useful to be able to provide reports two weeks ahead of the AGM, so they can be read in advance. Then there is a week before that to collate and copy, so reports done by the first week of March would be GREAT!!

With any luck, and cunning planning, this magazine will be available on February 1st when Noel Derbyshire will be taking services as Gregory and I will be at the end of a week in Kerikeri - don't forget to congratulate Noel on achieving his doctorate.

Take care and keep well.

With every blessing

Cate

In and around St Johns

Sunday Services: 8.00am, 9.30am and 5pm

Sunday School: 4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am

Wednesday services: 1st Wednesday of the month, 10.00am

Selwyn Centre: Wednesday 9.30am – 12noon in the St Jude's Room

Evening Women's Fellowship: 7.30pm 2nd Tuesday of the month

Craft Group: Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1.30pm in the St Jude's Room

Next Garage Sale: 18 April 2015

Hall Users

Positive Balance Yoga - Mon, Tues, Thurs evenings, 5.45pm – 7pm or 7pm -- 8.15pm in term time

Rowe Dance - ballet classes (taught by Meaghan Rowe) for 3-8 year olds on Mon morning and Wed afternoon in term time.

Jumping Beans - Tues 9am – 12pm in term time

Singing tuition (Claire Martin) Tues, St Jude's Room

Scottish Country Dance - Wed 7.30pm – 10pm in term time

Place for children minded by **Barnados** care givers – Thurs morning, fortnightly in term time

Alcoholics Anonymous support group – each Fri

English Folk Dance - 2nd Fri each month, 7.30 – 10pm

Early English Dance - last Fri each month, 7.30 – 10pm

Soccer for Tots - Sat 9am – 1pm during term time

AlAnon family support group - afternoon on the first Sun of each month.

Shore Stitchers - 3rd Sun each month 11am – 3pm

Monthly public health clinic in the St Jude's Room to administer **BCG injections**

Readings for the month**February 1 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

February 8 Ordinary 5

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 21-31

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

February 15 Ordinary 6

First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

February 22 Lent 1

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

March 1 Lent 2

First Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38

We welcomed Marcus James Alexander Dunn on February 25th, 2015. Marcus was born on 25th August 2104, the first child for Rosah and Paul Dunn who were married at St Johns in 2011.

REMINDER

The Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes services will be held on Wednesday February 18th at 10am and 7pm.

FOOD BANK

Due to the very generous donations given in the Christmas spirit, our food bank filled to overflowing in December. We compiled and gave one Christmas parcel and after some discussion, donated the balance of the contents to our very grateful friends at the Glenfield Salvation Army food bank. We know that the food given, including the Evening Fellowship Christmas treats donation, went to needy people on the Shore.

Thank you for continuing to give food right through January which is noticeable in the cupboard. Please keep giving so we can build up our bank and as the system set up by Interchurch has not "worked" for us, we propose to continue accumulating and at appropriate times deliver to the Salvation Army in Glenfield.

If you are wondering what to donate, we are starting from scratch so all gifts will be most appreciated. If gaps start appearing as our stock builds, I will compile the usual list when the necessity arises.

Regards,

Matthew Davies.

ST JOHNS WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

St John's Women's Fellowship begins again this month with this first meeting being held at Rosemary Saunders' place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9th February.

The address is Apartment A410, 45 Akoranga Drive, Northcote. Directions can be got from Rosemary at 489 5830.

This is a shared meal and includes an informal meeting to discuss plans for the year. It is always enjoyable and relaxed.

All welcome, especially new members.

See you there, Rosemary

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

The process of preparing the hall floor in January for reapplication of polyurethane had a few anxious moments. There were some concerns raised about how many layers of old polyurethane were delaminating. However after consultation with experts in the field we received sufficient reassurance that we continued with the process as planned. Have you seen the end result? Stunning.

Most fittingly, the hall will be used first by the Sunday School then the Yoga group.

The repainting of the toilets is well underway and new much improved LED lighting has been installed by our Mike Patterson. Once finished, the next area to be 'freshened' is the big kitchen.

We anticipate receiving a church roof repainting quote very soon for Vestry discussion/approval.

Consideration is still under way re carpeting the ramp to the hall which it is proposed will be installed once the area is washed and painted.

Matthew Davies.



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Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 232
Matt 2:6-16

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Fleeing To Egypt

ANGEL	APPEARED
BOWED	BETHLEHEM
CHILD	CAREFUL
DEATH	COUNTRY
DREAM	FURIOUS
EGYPT	INCENSE
ESCAPE	JOSEPH
EXACT	MOTHER
FOUND	PROPHET
GIFTS	REALIZED
HEROD	REPORT
ISRAEL	ROUTE
JUDAH	RULER
KING	SEARCH
LORD	SECRETLY
MAGI	SHEPHERD
MARY	VICINITY
MYRRH	WARNED
STAR	WORSHIP

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Solutions to last month's puzzle

Wordsearch 231
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Phrase = God will redeem my life Psm.49:15 niv

