

# St John the Baptist Anglican Church

## Newsletter June 2014

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### Cate's Cogitations

So here I am a month back in the Land of the Long White Cloud - I don't think I'm able to get away with just photos this time. We had a great trip, a busy time - full of sights to see and things to do, a sort of absorb by osmosis experience of cultural difference. I suspect the processing of it all will continue over time.

Returning in time for Marie's funeral and the Garage Sale meant a rather rapid re-entry to parish life. It made me aware how the people of St Johns come together to support one another on such occasions, it really struck me how such support and care truly does express the faith we share. I especially want to thank to Doug and Matthew for shouldering the responsibility of parish oversight in my absence and for all of you who in your own quiet way made sure St Johns continued as a place of worship and hospitality.

The mammoth undertaking of the Garage Sale was again a great success both financially and as a community event. It's interesting how each sale attracts a differently nuanced crowd each time, although numbers seemed lower the sale extended longer in time and it was a good result overall. Thank you to all of you who make it happen, who donate goods and time and energy. As we know the Garage Sale is part of making ends meet at St Johns, yet it is also a way for us to meet and engage with the wider community.

While I was away Shireen Tresslor, our Administrator and the coordinator of the Selwyn Centre, was offered her 'dream Job' in Dunedin beginning in mid-May. Needless to say she and (most of) her family have already relocated to the southern climes. Although Shireen's position as Administrator has fairly recently been created I have found the support and attention to administrative detail she provided of great assistance. It meant we could move from simple maintenance of administrative function to actively raising the profile of and promoting St Johns as a venue and place of public engagement. Although I can continue to administer the new systems Shireen has established, I look forward to

the employing of a person to fill this role and so continue such development.

Sally Naulls from the Selwyn Foundation came and met with the Selwyn Centre group last Wednesday to talk about how it might continue after Shireen's departure as a paid Coordinator. After some conversation a couple of people were suggested who will be asked whether they would like to pick up the coordinator role, we await updates from these enquiries.

We also still need a Treasurer. As mentioned at the time of the AGM the Diocese requires a Parish to have someone hold the 'office' of Treasurer. In the interim period the functioning of this role is being attended to but we need someone with accounting experience to oversee our financial operating. I am aware that we have been very fortunate that for more than 25 years, with Laurie fulfilling this role, we have not had to look for such a person but we do HAVE TO find someone who will be Treasurer. It may be that we need to purchase this time. Please ask around your networks to see if there is someone with such skills who would be willing to give of (or be recompensed for) their time in this way.

Thank you for all the ideas sharing conversation around the questions, "What you expect of church" and "What church can expect of you," I collated the responses I received and with Vestry we used them to guide us as we put a future plan in place for St Johns. This will of course be a transparent process for the future of St Johns depends in this time upon those who are here.

Well, I'd best finish this missive so I can figure out how to create a newsletter in the new style.

With every blessing

Cate

## In and around St Johns

**Sunday Services:** 8.00am and 9.30am

**Sunday School:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month beginning at 9.30am

**Wednesday services:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 10.00am.

**Selwyn Centre:** Meets from 9.30am – 12noon every Wednesday in the St Jude's Room.

**Evening Women's Fellowship:** 7.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

**Craft Group:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the St Judes Room at 1.30pm.

**Patronal Festival: Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> ONE SERVICE at 9.30am** followed by a shared Patronal Party

**Next Garage Sale:** 19<sup>th</sup> July 8.30am. See notice in this newsletter for more information

## Readings for the month

### June 1 Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension

First Reading: Acts 1: 6-14

Second Reading: 1 Pet 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

### June 8 Pentecost

First Reading: Numbers 11: 24-30

Second Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

### June 15 Trinity Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 1: 1- 2: 4a

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

### June 22 Patronal Festival

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Second Reading: Acts 13: 14b-26

Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66,80

### June 29 Ordinary Sunday 13

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-14

Second Reading: Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10: 40-42

## Opportunity for Outreach

**Seasons North Shore** is seeking adults to work with children in Seasons programmes on the North Shore and Hibiscus Coast.

*Seasons* is an Anglican Social Service that runs peer support groups for children who are missing someone important from their daily life due to a death, the separation or divorce of their parents or other major family change.

This is a volunteer role, and would involve you in two 8-session programmes a year (sessions are held once a week for one hour). Full training is provided.

You will need skill or natural ability with listening, group facilitation, and an understanding of children and grief.

If you are interested in working alongside these children, aged 5-12 years, please contact Megan Bowden for further information and an application form – phone (09)4105117 or email [seasonsnorthshore@gmail.com](mailto:seasonsnorthshore@gmail.com).

Since April of last year 115 people have participated in Seasons programmes across our North Shore & Hibiscus Coast areas, hence our need for additional adult Companions.

## Patronal Feast Day

**22 June 2014**

A time to celebrate together

**One service at 9.30am**

Followed by a party morning tea in the Hall

It's Sunday School Sunday and our youngsters will be setting the scene for our post service Patronal Party

Please bring a finger food plate of food to share

## Contacts

### Ministerial Team

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Pastor: Karen Ward 021 232 7205

### Wardens

Vicar's Warden: Doug Dempster 418 1448  
People's Warden: Matthew Davies 418 2790

### Synod Representatives

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Tristan Sullivan-Vaughan 480 8064

### Hall Hire

Sue Grant 410 8070

### Recorder

Wendy McPherson 473 3448

### Women's Fellowship

Rosemary Saunders 4895830

### Selwyn Centre

Shireen Tresslor 440 9194

### Catering Committee

Barbara McIlroy 418 4117

### Office Admin, Newsletter and Website

Rev'd Cate Thorn (for now) 480 7568

## Foodbank Update

### GREAT NEWS!!!

Adele Ash has been appointed as the Interchurch Foodbank Co-ordinator to get up and running again the system of delivering food parcels to those in need.

As a start, in consultation with Cate, I have offered to Interchurch our collective church's food contributions. At this stage we will only be involved as a food collecting point for food parcels that will then be delivered by volunteers from other churches on the Shore.

What a wonderful opportunity we have been offered to re-establish church outreach into our community.

What does the foodbank want I hear you ask? **EVERYTHING PLEASE!** With the emphasis on items that do not "go off" for a good period, not yet knowing the number or regularity of calls we will receive on our stock. If history repeats itself, we all know our contributions will be keenly sought.

Please join in again **NOW** by recommencing your generous regular giving so we can help those in our midst who are less fortunate.

The food basket has not moved from the rear of the church.

In anticipation,

Matthew Davies.

P.S. Shopping lists can be headed "Foodbank" again! Yes?

*Your newsletter is prepared by Cate. You can contact Cate on 480 7568/ 021 022 71048 or you can email her at [office@stjohnsanglican.org.nz](mailto:office@stjohnsanglican.org.nz)*

*The newsletter is published on the first Sunday of the month and the deadline for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.*

# Another successful Garage Sale

Thanks to everyone who worked so well on the day and for the two days beforehand as we got everything ready. There were so many goods donated and we always appreciate how many cupboards and garages must get 'tidied up' so that people can provide things we can sell. The income from the sale is essential to St Johns and we were able to bank about \$4 200.00 - hard work but very worthwhile.

Here are the amounts which were taken on the day and more has been received since then as well as expenses being deducted.

Elegant Junk	437.90
BBQ.	141.00
Centre Court.	845.90
Electrical.	579.00
Plants.	126.70
Cakes.	285.00
Jewellery	168.30
Clothes.	867.50
Books.	325.80
Shoes.	197.70
Toys.	167.90
Children's books.	77.50
Total.	\$4 200.20



Put into your diaries the **date of the next sale - 19 July**. This one is **clothes, shoes and books only** so start sorting!





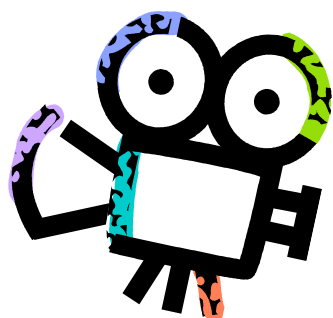
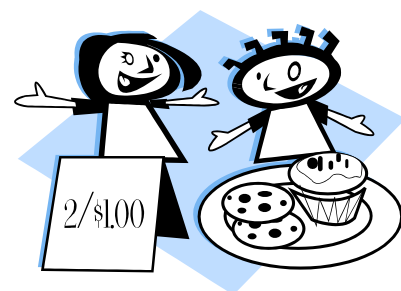


## FELLOWSHIP NEWS:

The May meeting was a hoot! Murray Anderson managed to give a most informative first aid update to our fellowship members and made it lively as well! Thank you, Murray, as everyone enjoyed it a lot.

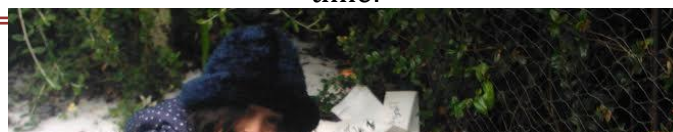
The other success this month has been the morning tea fundraiser for Hospice run by Barbara McIlroy and her team of fellowship cooks.

Thank you so much everyone for coming and being so generous as well. What wonderful people weave in our parish as we had a great chat with each other, lots of yummy food and raised over \$628. Thank you all!



Next month, June, the second Tuesday evening sees us join together in the garden lounge at Northbridge for a film evening.  
Film title not available yet.

However, whatever it is we will have a good evening and a notice will be sent out in time!



One week in for Shireen's family and in snowed!!!

Here's proof

Annalise's first snow and first snowman

