

St John the Baptist Anglican Church

Newsletter June 2016

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A note from Stan...

Greetings from the front office.

Winter has begun to extend its chilly strands into our homes and places of work, and I have discovered the wonders of a heat pump at home and a gas heater at work.

It has been another period of firsts: first Vestry Meeting, first Warden's meeting with Doug Dempster and Pru Giles, and first contacts with local social service workers. I have also had the pleasure of meeting with Karen Perrett to coordinate home and communion visits.

A glad first was a meeting with a couple who wish to be married in our church early next year. What was supposed to be a discussion about wedding arrangements extended into a wonderful session about marriage and faith. Another glad first was meeting the Reverend Cate Thorn for the first time and working with her. What an awesome person – a keen intellect, a genuine sense of care for people, and a deep solid love of the Lord.

Unfortunately, the reason for Cate and I working together was my sad first – the funeral of Selwyn Atkinson. This was a beautiful occasion and it was lovely to see members of our congregation gathered here at St John's with family and friends to celebrate Selwyn's life.

It was my privilege to celebrate three special Sundays – Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Te Pouhere (Constitution) Sunday. A sermon written for Trinity Sunday has always been an issue for me and used to struggle with explanations. However, the use of a simple size 7 egg has helped immensely.

The month of June will see home visits begin in earnest. It is my intention to 'prove' our nominal roll by calling on people on our list and arranging a home visit. If a visit is inconvenient or not

required, that's fine. It is merely a way to establish contact, particularly with those who may not be able to travel to St John's for regular worship and fellowship.

May our Father bless you and please, stay warm and dry this winter.

Kindly,

Stan Pilbrow

Takapuna Methodist Church
presents

JAZZ VESPERS

music to heal and inspire

Sunday June 19th
at 7pm

Featuring:
Barry Brinson
Jazz Keyboard

Jazz Choir

Skat-a-Tak
Takapuna
Grammar School



In and around St John

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

June 5 10th Ordinary

Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

Gospel: Luke 7: 11-17

June 12 11th Ordinary

Reading: 1 Kings 21: 1-10, 15-21a

Gospel: Luke 7: 36-8: 3

June 19 12th Ordinary

Reading: 1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a

Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

June 26 13th Ordinary

Reading: Galatians 5: 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62

July 3 14th Ordinary

Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Epistle: Galatians 6: 1-16

Gospel: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20



WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP

Women's Evening Fellowship is having a busy two months in June and July. Our two meetings as usual plus our annual morning teas for the Cancer Society.

The June meeting is going to be our annual potluck dinner together instead of in July. We will meet at 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start. All members welcome.

You will be contacted re food and other details near the time. Date is Tuesday, 14 June. We have our main course first, then a short meeting as we sit at the tables, followed by dessert and tea and coffee.

The July meeting is one for all to mark in your diaries: we are throwing open to the whole parish as we feel it is so important. Murray Anderson, a parishioner, senior ambulance officer and TV star on Monday nights in the Rapid Response programme, is to demonstrate the use of defibrillators to us all. Date is Tuesday 12 July at 7.30pm in the St Jude's Jude's room. Murray is a most effective and amusing teacher, so this will be instructive and fun! Followed by a delicious supper! Non-members most welcome, entry by gold coin donation, please, to help with funds for St John's ambulance.

Lastly, but very importantly, the Fellowship is once again providing morning teas after the 8am and the 9.30am services on Sunday 3 July. \$5.00 charge which goes to Hospice North Shore. We have been heartened by the generous response to this event in the past and hope you will continue to support Hospice in this way.

Thank you all.

Rosemary Saunders.



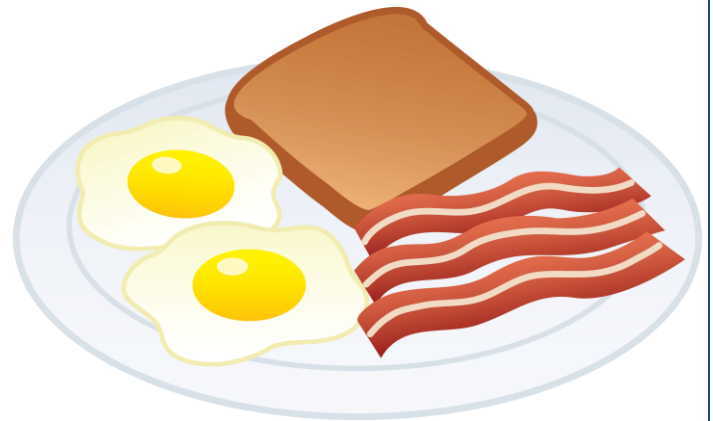
MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd June at Peter White's house - 14 Vincent Road Northcote Point, from 7.15am to 8.15am.

A full cooked breakfast, with some good fellowship, and a look at a Bible reading together.

All welcome, just RSVP to Peter for catering purposes on or before the 21st June.

peter@wpi.co.nz, or phone / text 021 755 345, or Landline 419 4380.



ST JOHN'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN DEFERRED

Vestry has been discussing the St John's annual stewardship campaign.

For many years this has been in form of an annual golden offering envelope. Provided on the Sunday closest to the feast day of St John the Baptist (24 June), parishioners are invited to place in the golden envelope an additional offering for the work and ministry of St John's. Introduced many years ago, the golden offering envelope was the means St John's used to boost annual giving as part of its stewardship campaign.

Vestry has agreed to defer this year's annual stewardship campaign until a suitable need arises.

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**Solutions to last month's puzzle**

Blessings crown the head of the righteous
(Proverbs 10:6) NIV

QuoteFall

The object of a QuoteFall is to construct a quotation by selecting from available letters in the vertical columns. The letters in each column of the puzzle will go into the squares immediately below them, but not necessarily in the order they appear. A word broken at the end of a line will continue on the next line. A black square indicates the end of the word. When you have placed all the letters in their correct squares, you will be able to read a quotation across the grid from left to right.

QUOTEFALL No.42

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