

# St John the Baptist Anglican Church

## Newsletter May 2017

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### A note from Stan...

Tena koutou katoa! Greetings to you all. I cannot believe that we're nearly halfway through this year! Where has it all gone amidst our busy weeks? April has been one of the busiest for me. As well as marking my anniversary with St Johns, we've conducted Easter services, observed ANZAC Day and held the first of our garage sale.

Easter has always been a solemn time for me. It's like watching the movie Titanic – it's an amazing story and we know what the outcome is. Like the Titanic story, it cannot be written any other way. Jesus has to go to Jerusalem, he must get betrayed, there has to be a trial and a crucifixion. How else can the son of God make the supreme sacrifice, and die for our sins?

Despite the joy of Easter Sunday with "He has risen!", I retain a slight regret and some bitterness. I want to yell at all those that laughed and jeered as Jesus carried his cross to Golgotha, "Ha! Who's laughing now? He has risen!" I want to confront Caiaphas and the priests and question their wisdom and faith at pursuing a crucifixion. Obviously ranting and raving at these people would achieve nothing. The story, like that of the Titanic, can only unfold in a certain way... and I give thanks that the Lord died for my sins.

ANZAC Day has always been special for me. I've, had a father, two uncles, a brother, two cousins a grand uncle and great grand uncle serve in the military. Most of them served overseas in the conflicts that New Zealand was involved with.

I am a returned service man, and I spend much of the day remembering my family, and those I served with over 28 years in the Army. Many thought of the day as one where the old vets would get together and drink too much, talking rubbish only they could understand. Which was true. These people would talk to other veterans about experiences that they could not explain to their families. Only their mates understood.

Servicemen are amazing men and women. Their care for each other and for completing a mission well, their ability to get on with people are traits that have endeared them to communities all over

the world; in Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Croatia, Solomon Islands, and Afghanistan to name a few. So I was proud to help out when asked at the Northcote War Memorial Hall.

I've noticed that with the passing of time, the crowds have become very big with the theme not always bound to the dawn landing of the ANZACs. As a close friend of mine explained, "Now it's not so much about history as serving one's country." That works for me.

Finally the Garage Sale. I honestly think we've got a good reputation for providing interested people with some quality goods. Hence the crowd that arrived despite the drizzle. The amount sits at \$4,400.00, similar to the last two sales in April and October last year.

Thank you once again for all who took part: whether you contributed, displayed, sold, cleaned, made tea or all of the above, your involvement was a wonderful example of faith at work. We will do it again next October.

Kindly,

**Stan Pilbrow**



South Auckland Choral Society and  
Mt Albert Methodist Choir  
present

# Requiem

John Rutter

# Benedicite

Andrew Carter

Organ Janet Gibbs  
Soprano Elizabeth Mandeno

2.30pm Sunday 7 May 2017  
Hawkins Theatre, Papakura

Conductor Iain Tetley

TICKETS Adults \$25 Students \$10  
Online at Eventfinda, or at Hawkins Theatre  
Life Pharmacy, Roselands, Papakura  
or phone Pat James 09 267 1839  
Email: [patowen\\_james@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:patowen_james@hotmail.co.nz)

7.00pm Saturday 13 May 2017  
Mt Albert Methodist Church, Mt Albert

Conductor Mark Rosser

Phone Ruth Allen 021 814 937  
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## In and around St John

**Sunday Services:** 8am, 9.30am, Eucharist.  
5pm (study/discussion group). All welcome, come as and when able.

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

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

**Men's Supper & Bible Group:** 7.30-9pm twice a month on a Wednesday. Check the weekly service sheet for each venue.

**Next Garage Sale:** 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Joy Russ Dance** – Monday 8.30-9.30pm.

**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.

**English Folk Dance** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 7-10pm

**Early English Dance** – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30 – 10pm

**AlAnon family support group** – 3-5pm first Sun of each month.

**North Shore Stitchers** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### May 7 Easter 4

Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Epistle: 1 Peter 2: 19-25

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

### May 14 Easter 5

Reading: Acts 7: 55-60

Epistle: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Gospel: John 14: 1-14

### May 21 Easter 6

Reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Epistle: 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

### May 28 Easter 7

Reading: Acts 1: 6-14

Epistle: 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

### June 4 Pentecost

Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Epistle: Numbers 11: 24-30

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

## EASTER FLOWERS

Weren't they just gorgeous? The flower 'girls' would like to thank a generous donor for her gift of some money which meant we could 'spend up large' and showcase our beautiful church after the austerity of Lent.



## PASTORAL CARE REPORT

Two months in this role have passed. Thank you to everyone who has advised me of a pastoral need, and for suggestions to develop the role.

One suggestion was put forward at the Ash Wednesday Service, for a regular Prayer time in the Chapel. The Prayer Book provides a number of Offices which are not always used. During Lent, Stan used Morning Worship (equivalent of Matins) with the printed version also giving the Evening Worship (Evensong) options. Daily Services include Morning and Evening Prayer (for each day of the week), Morning and Evening Devotions (also for each day of the week), Midday Prayer.

From Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, working in brackets of seven weeks, I will use each of these Offices. The first seven weeks Wednesday 10am will be Morning Prayer. The next seven, 12 noon Midday Prayer, and the third bracket will be 2pm Evening Prayer. Then the cycle will repeat using Morning Devotion, Midday Prayer, Evening Devotion. The focus will be on Prayer for the Parish.

It will be on the Pew Sheet each week and if anyone would like to come and join me that would be appreciated.

Also, on Ascension Day, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at 10am.

Vivienne Hill (The Reverend)

## WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP

The Evening Women's Fellowship meets this coming Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May in the St Jude's room at 7.30pm.

The speaker this month is Stan, our vicar, with part two of his life story. Should be riveting!

Welcome to you all. Any enquiries to Rosemary Saunders at 489 5830. Thank you.

## PAINTING OF CHURCH FOR SALE

St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, Northcote, watercolour, \$195, by Dawn Manley.

The painting, which is a copy of the one in the car park hallway, is in Stan's office for viewing at Stan's convenience.

## MEN'S SUPPER

10<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> May. 7.30 - 9pm

Come along for a great time with the guys from church. Chat, laugh, discuss, read a Bible verse or six, listen to Mike Patterson on some of his favourite stuff to do, and have a great supper.

10<sup>th</sup> is at Peter White's place

31<sup>st</sup> is at Matthew Davies place.

Just bring a shareable plate of supper.

Call Richard, 4199 026 or Peter, 419 4380 for more details, and/or read the weekly Service Sheet notice.

## GARAGE SALE — SALES FIGURES

E Junk	\$347
Centre Court	\$501
Electrical	\$387
Plants	\$125
Cakes	\$352
Jewellery	\$180
Clothes	\$683
Books	\$421
Shoes	\$352
Toys Hall	\$143
Toys St Jude's	\$119
BBQ	\$172
Linen	\$278
Misc.	\$340
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,400</b>

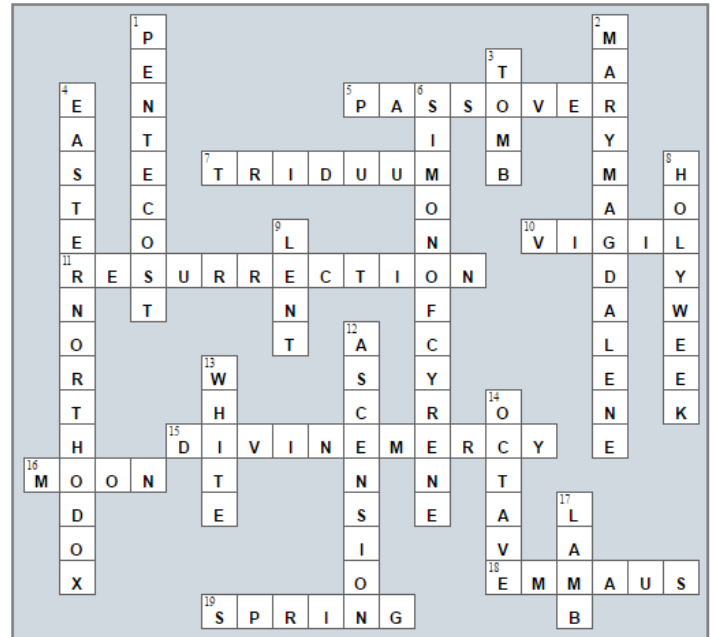
## A CONCERT BY TWO PREMIER SCHOOL CHOIRS

Cantare from Westlake and Euphony from Kristin Schools present a program from their repertoire prepared for ChoralFest Conference in Brisbane in June.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 4pm at the Takapuna Methodist Church, 427 Lake Rd. Entry by programme and suggested donation of \$20 in aid of the organ upgrade project.



## ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**Vicar:**

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