

St John the Baptist Anglican Church

Newsletter October 2014

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Cate's Cogitations

Happy October greetings to you all! Wasn't last Sunday a bit of fun?! As well as being informative of things environmental in a most accessible way. A big thank you to Rod Oram, his deep understanding of issues and solutions, along with his curiously accessible analogy by M&M (who'd have thought!) to help engage all of our senses. It was wonderful again to have youngsters in our midst, thank you to all of you for your willingness to engage in the 'colour in to create a mural of creation' exercise. We have plans to transfer the coloured in creatures more directly onto the backdrop and then to have the mural displayed in the complex. I also enjoyed the opportunity to explore a theme and hear different voices during the month, I think it helps remind us there is a variety of ways to understand, make meaning and respond to the challenges of life in this world. Also that we each have a contribution to make and are made richer for hearing each other's voices.

Beginning of October brings with it school holidays and also the third and final Garage Sale for the year. The Garage Sale on Saturday October 11th is a BIG GARAGE SALE, all sale options included. Goods can be dropped off from the afternoon of Thursday October 9th and I'm sure all available hands on deck for 8.30am Saturday 11th would be more than appreciated!!

Despite the indifferent weather we managed two successful cleaning of the complex working bee's in September, thank you to the small but dedicated team whose muscle power helped clean the exterior of the church buildings. Keep an eye out for the garden working bee scheduled for November. While on the theme of maintenance, it was decided to complete both recommended schedules of maintenance for the organ while the South Island Organ company personnel were in situ. Although this increased the cost of repairs and maintenance from \$2,200 to \$4,600 such expense is part of our commitment of care for this beautiful instrument entrusted to us.

As some of you may be aware I am currently involved at Onepoto Primary school, assisting in the process to create a space for parents to encourage their

participation in the life of the school and in their children's learning. As the only Decile One School on the North Shore, Onepoto

Primary faces a number of challenges yet it also creates much room for opportunity and development. I am enjoying my engagement with the school community, the staff, parents and children, who just happen to be resident in the geography of our parish. It is good to meet and learn from people whose context of life is quite different to my own.

Our 5pm service each Sunday has a regular attendance and provides a time of exploration and discussion. In keeping with the Care of Creation theme in September we took some time to look at a variety of video presentations nuanced around the topic of our response to the environment. In October we will be returning to the Living the Questions material exploring the next 7 weeks of the series. The overall theme of the 7 weeks is Reconciliation, topics include: Restoring Relationships; The Prophetic Jesus; Evil, Suffering and a God of Love; The Myth of Redemptive Violence; Practicing Resurrection; Debunking the Rapture and Honouring Creation. This will take us almost to Advent, in which time we'll be exploring a series entitled *The Jesus Fatwah: Love your (Muslim) Neighbour as Yourself* in which Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith.

I hope you're enjoying the sunnier weather - all we need are some slightly warmer winds to match. Welcome back to those of you who have been travelling it's nice to see you safely returned.

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: 11 October

Hall Users

Positive Balance Yoga - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5.45pm – 7pm or 7pm -- 8.15pm, as well as Wednesday 9.30am – 10.45am

Rowe Dance - ballet classes (taught by Meaghan Rowe) for 3-8 year olds on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

Jumping Beans - Tuesdays 8.30am – 1pm

Singing tuition (Claire Martin) - St Judes Room on Tuesdays.

Scottish Country Dance - Wednesday 7.30pm – 10pm

Place for children minded by **Barnados** care givers – Thursday morning, fortnightly

Alcoholics Anonymous support group – each Friday

English Folk Dance - 2nd Friday of each month – 7.30pm – 10pm

Early English Dance - last Friday of each month – 7.30pm – 10pm

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

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

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

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

Readings for the month

October 5 Ordinary 27

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46

October 12 Ordinary 28

First Reading: Exodus 32: 1-14

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

October 19 Ordinary 29

First Reading: Exodus 33: 12-23

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22

October 26 Ordinary 30

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46

Evening Fellowship, Tuesday 14 October, 7.30pm

Karen Brown is coming to talk to us about using yoga, exercise and a healthy life-style to keep fit and well and I'm sure we will all benefit from what she shares with us! Gwen will introduce Karen and Sally will thank her. Pru is doing the prayer and reading, Jan and Sally are on supper and Jan is giving the raffle prize.

There will be a trading table and the money we raise will be given to the ATWC. They would be very appreciative of receiving Christmas gifts for children and ask if we could give them unwrapped but with wrapping paper which they could use.

Everyone is very welcome.

FOURTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - 26 OCTOBER

At this session we will be discussing and, hopefully, casting the Christmas play, as well as doing our usual activities. Helpers from the congregation will be most welcome at rehearsals, etc. Please see Karen or Shirley if you'd like to help.

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Our All Saints and All Souls service will be celebrated on Sunday November 3, the occasion on which we remember our loved ones who have passed away.

Request from North Shore Hospital

The roster for services at North Shore Hospital is currently being prepared and Jan Quinn (Chaplaincy Administrator) would like to know if any of you are willing to volunteer assisting with bringing patients to and from wards to the services. She is also in urgent need of organists for each Sunday service. Please contact Jan on 486 8920, extn 2457 or email her at:

jan.quinn@waitematadhb.govt.nz

Food Bank

Adele Ash (whom I mentioned in the July Newsletter as taking up the reins to relaunch Interchurch), hosted a meeting with local churches in September to discuss the proposed system for the provision of food parcels to those in need.

Agreement was reached for an email system to be used to communicate the need of delivery from the Citizens Advice Bureau on the Shore to the nearest geographically locate church, subsequent to bona fide checking.

I am to talk with Adele to confirm we will supply food parcels but will ask for others to deliver on our behalf.

I will keep everyone advised in the Newsletter of progress, especially when our first 2014 parcel is delivered!

In the meantime, I don't believe the food bank list has changed from that in the September Newsletter, so your continued generous giving is eagerly looked forward to with many thanks.

Matthew Davies

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 11 October at 8.30am

Spread the word about the Garage Sale and keep searching for goods that can be sold.

Hall is open from 1pm Thursday 9 October and all day on Friday 10 October to drop off goods.

We need cakes, jams & pickles, household goods, books, china, clothing, linen, toys, plants, shoes and anything else that you think will sell.

The more help we have, the easier it is and all the workers enjoy the time we have together. Any help on any of the three days would be appreciated.

If you need more information or have goods that need to be picked up, please ring Doug, 418 1448.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Saturday 20 September saw seven hardy souls turn out in the atrocious weather and knuckle down to wash the exterior of our complex of buildings. Although water ran down arms (and inside sleeves) from leaky hose joints, the wind bent water streams (usually the wrong way and made a mockery of fine spray!), the fantastic workers carried on regardless making such a difference.

Not content with one go, six came back the next Saturday virtually completing the task leaving only the final "polish" to be carried out.

Peter White, refusing to miss out on the fun, has volunteered his services plus water blaster (for the hard bits) thus concluding this most satisfying job.

In case you were wondering, three wonderful women (Cate, Sally and Ann) proved their equality with men on the work front! Awe-inspiring!

Thank you all very much for giving up your valuable time to carry out this most physical job for another year. The complex is in sparkling form!

ST JUDE'S ROOM FLOORING

Thanks to Colin Couch's patient endeavours, the contractor will be preparing the base and laying the new flooring over the four days commencing 13 October. The finished product will be worth a look at.

Matthew Davies

Contacts

Ministerial Team

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(See Matthew 7:24-27)

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THE FOOLISH MAN HAD TROUBLES LATER IN LIFE, BUT HE HAD HIS WINS AS A CHILD

Bible Code Cracker

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Codeword Puzzle No.3

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More Puzzles at <http://biblewordgames.com>

Solutions from last month's puzzle

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