

# St John the Baptist Anglican Church

## Newsletter October 2016

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### A note from Stan...

Tena koutou katoa. We are now into the second month of spring and as the earth warms, the leaves come back to our oak trees and the spring flowers really take off.

Vestry has made the sad decision to remove the oak tree from the car park behind the church. The ruling came about after considerable discussion, investigation and reporting by vestry members. Concern was expressed at the effect the tree was having on the car park, neighbours fences and houses. The heavy leaf fall of previous autumns and the root-spread have potential to cause harm and vestry did not want to expose the church to any such major expense. When the church was first built and developed, the two oaks had pride of place and served their purpose as markers to our iconic building.

I can report that the decision to purchase an audio-visual, multi-media system for our church has been made. A sub-committee is currently seeking best and final offers from interested organisations for submission to Vestry. Watch this space.

You will no doubt be aware that the local body elections are in full swing. Obviously, they are being slightly over-shadowed by the United States presidential election in November. Our elections end at midday on the 8 October 2016. Can I please encourage you all to vote? Make your votes count. We may wonder how our individual votes are going to make a difference. They will, when combined with other like-minded voters! Let us exercise our democratic right to express how we feel about our local decision makers and the issues of our area.

Kindly,

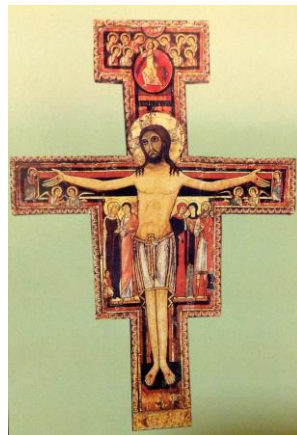
**Stan Pilbrow**

### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI AS EXPERIENCED BY ROSEMARY AND JOHN

John and Rosemary Saunders visited old Assisi during their travels last month. The old medieval walled town is set on the hill above the modern town. Rosemary kindly sent some photos for our October newsletter; perfect given we're celebrating St Francis on the first Sunday of this month. St Francis died on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and this is the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death so big celebrations are under way. At the time of emailing, a fortnight of events were to begin.

Below left is the crucifix (taken from a postcard) which was venerated by St. Francis in St Clare's church (Basilica Di Santa Chiara).

Below right is the baptismal font in the San Rufino Cathedral where St. Francis and St. Clare were baptised.



The photo below is taken in the crypt in the huge Basilica of St. Francis and is of his tomb where he is buried.



## 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 Breakfast & Bible Group:** 7.15-8.15am fortnightly on a Wednesday.

**Craft Group:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1.30pm in the St Jude's Room

**Next Garage Sale:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

## 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.

**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

**Alcoholics Anonymous** support group - each Fri evening

**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

### October 2 27<sup>th</sup> Ordinary

Reading: Lamentations 1: 1-6

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

### October 9 28<sup>th</sup> Ordinary

Reading: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Epistle: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

### October 16 29<sup>th</sup> Ordinary

Reading: Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

### October 23 St James of Jerusalem

Reading: Genesis 33: 1-11

Epistle: Acts 15: 12-22a

Gospel: Matthew 13: 53-58

### October 30 All Saints' Day

Reading: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Epistle: Ephesians 1: 11-23

Gospel: Luke 6: 20-31

### November 6 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary

Reading: Haggai 1: 15b-2: 9

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

**GARAGE SALE**

8.30am Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Goods and workers needed from 1pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and 9am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Workers need to be here at 8am on Saturday for an 8.30am start.

If you have goods to be picked please ring Stan on 480 7568 or Dick on 444 8531.

**MR FRANK WHITING**

On Monday the 26 September, the Church of St John the Baptist was host to the memorial service for Mr Frank Whiting who, with his late second wife, was a long-time member of our parish.

Mr Whiting was born in 1915 and was baptised at St Matthews - in-City. During the Second World War, he joined the Royal New Zealand Navy Volunteer Reserve and was trained in electronic warfare. Toward the end of the war, Mr Whiting transferred to the New Zealand Army, posted to the coastal batteries of the Royal New Zealand Artillery (RNZA). His final military posting was as the camp commandant of Fort Cautley at Narrow Neck.

Mr Whiting's connection to the Royal New Zealand Artillery led him to be associated with the Artillery Band, members of who played at the memorial service. A homily was delivered by Colonel Barry Dreyer, the Colonel Commandant of the RNZA.

Mr Whiting's son Roger delivered the eulogy, while other members of the wider family delivered words of tribute. The last post was played by a bugler at the end of service. Speakers described Mr Whiting as a true gentleman; always well dressed, meticulous, generous and stubborn. He is survived by his son, daughter-in-law, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

**MEN'S SUPPER**

At our Men's Suppers we really do have a great time. We have one of our guys chatting about part of their life, and then we read a chapter from the book of James and have a short discussion about it, and then we do supper. And do we really "do supper"? Each guy brings a shareable supper dish and it turns out to be a great spread. But one of the best parts is the fellowship we enjoy with each other's company as we chat together.

In October, we will meet on the Wednesdays, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The venue will be announced later, but give Peter a phone call (419 4380) or Richard a call (419 9026) if you want more details. Come along guys and let us enjoy your company too.

**WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11 October at 7.30pm and Pru is going to tell us about her recent trip away. She and Wendy had a great holiday and I'm sure we will be well entertained as we hear about it. See you there.

**HYMNFEST**

Come and sing!

Hymns from the past

An hour of reminiscing or learning!

Sunday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, 4pm

St Mark's Anglican church, 95 Remuera Road

Organist: Neil Shroff

(D.o.M. St Andrews Epsom)

Em Cee: Brian Millar

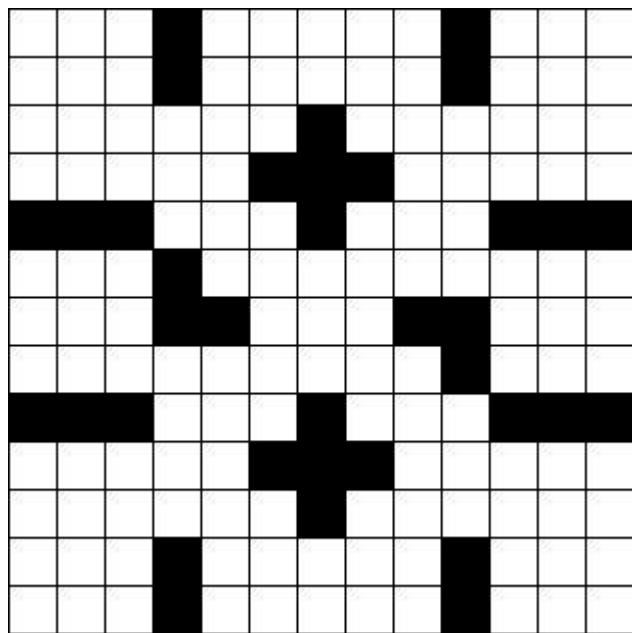
(D.o.M. St Mark's)

Cuppa to follow.

Voluntary gold coin donation

Words provided: if you have your own copy of 'Hymns Ancient and Modern' please bring it (four-part harmony singing is encouraged!)

## Fill-in puzzle



<b>2 letters.</b>	GOB	TOW	<b>5 letters.</b>	RATHER
GO	ITO		CORAL	SIMEON
IS	ITS	<b>4 letters.</b>	GOATS	TOHIDE
	JOB	AMNO	HEWHO	WASHED
<b>3 letters.</b>	KEY	BEDS	MINDS	
AIR	LIE	EASE	NOSES	<b>9 letters.</b>
ALL	LOG	HOLE	ONTOP	DIDNOTEAT
AMI	MEN	INAT	ORISA	TOLODGEIN
ARE	NEW	ITIN	RAGED	
ASI	ORI	JOHN	SMOTE	
ATE	OWE	MEON	WEIGH	
BED	PEN	NIGH		
CAN	RAM	ONLY	<b>6 letters.</b>	
DOG	ROB	OWED	ASAMAD	
EAT	ROD	SING	NOARAB	
GAD	SET	WEAK	ONAPOT	
GEM	SEW	WRAP	OTHERS	

## Solution to last month's puzzle

