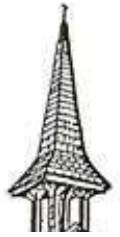


# St John the Baptist Anglican Church

## Newsletter September 2014

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### Cate's Cogitations

Well here we are "the spring has sprung, the grass has ris'" (as the song goes) season. As if in keeping we've had a delightful stretch of fine weather, even if by the time you are reading the predicted rain may have appeared. Over the weekend I observed the beginning migration of families and children to parks and seaside, dipping toes in (still too cold) water, filling playgrounds and the distinct odour of BBQ's first lighting after winter. As if with the sun summer is already being scented in the air.

As mentioned in previous newsletters over the month of September we are going to be exploring our faith response/responsibility to the care of creation. The intention is to link this to our everyday, about relearning how to pay attention to the world around us and about what we can do. I'm aware the issue around environmental fragility and sustainability is currently a sensitive one and has generated some quite polarized positions. The strength of feeling that comes to be expressed can leave us feeling powerless before it. This exploration over the month is to enable us to understand care of the environment as a normal part and expression of faithfulness that is and has always been part of our 'tradition.' You will hear wisdom from a share of voices as well as my own over the month, Peter Mundell on September 7<sup>th</sup>, Vivienne Hill on September 14<sup>th</sup> (when I am away in Christchurch), myself on September 21<sup>st</sup> and Rod Oram on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

September 28<sup>th</sup> not only concludes our month long exploration but as the fourth Sunday of the month is Sunday School Sunday. Vestry thought this gave us grand opportunity to gather together and have ONE service at 9.30am. As it is the Sunday that daylight saving begins it will, of course, feel like 8.30am. We plan for the children

to stay in throughout the service so we can engage in activities and conversations together across generations. It will be a service with communion but will be differently structured, I think it will be rather a lot of fun!!!

Next week, being the first week of September, is the time of year of the Auckland Diocesan Synod. With 2014 marking the bicentenary year Synod is being convened in the Bay of Islands so Tristan, Rosemary and I will be heading up north on Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> and return the evening of Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>. As indicated above I will be away in Christchurch the following Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, for family 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

On the maintenance front the work required to be done on the organ, as mentioned last month, was completed last week, a big thank you to those who were generous in making special donations. Vestry has also confirmed the vinyl that will be laid in the St Jude's room. This work will cost around \$4,000+GST and we hope to have it completed over the next month.

There is a growing group of people attending and enjoying the 5pm reflection and discussion time on Sunday evenings. We have been exploring a series called The Living Questions, an informative and interesting set of video conversations that has stimulated wide ranging discussion. If you would like to learn more or know someone who might be interested to explore more deeply faith as an adult then come yourself and/or invite them to come and join us.

I hope you are all keeping well and able to enjoy unfurling with the warmth of the Spring sunshine.

With every blessing

Cate

## In and around St Johns

**Sunday Services:** 8.00am, 9.30am and 5pm

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

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

**Selwyn Centre:** Wednesday 9.30am – 12noon 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 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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month 11am – 3pm

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

## Readings for the month

### September 7 Ordinary 23

First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

### September 14 Ordinary 24

First Reading: Exodus 14: 19-31

Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

### September 21 St Matthew

First Reading: Proverbs 3: 13-18

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13

### September 28 Ordinary 26

First Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32

## Fellowship Group

Our next meeting is on 9 September at 7.30pm when we will have David Speary to speak to us. He promises to be a very interesting and entertaining speaker. Rosemary will introduce him and Alison will thank him. Karen will lead our prayers and give us a reading and Louise and Frieda are on supper. Betty won the raffle last month. Everyone is very welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

## SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

### ONE SERVICE at 9.30

### (beginning of Daylight Saving)

There will be ONE SERVICE at 9.30am on **Sunday 28 September** a celebration of our month long exploration of our faithful care for creation.

### Selwyn Centre News

**NEXT Wednesday 3 September  
9.30am in the St Jude's room.**

*'Funny things happened on the way to the forum'*

Bring your entertaining memories.  
Fun and games for all!!!

Wednesday 27 August proved to be a most informative morning, we covered everything from Aged Concern's Information Directory to their annual Calendar of Activities (copies available). We've requested a return visit in the New Year to find out all about:

Nutrition for Seniors,  
Driving for Seniors  
Falls Prevention.

### THE LAST GARAGE SALE for 2014 Saturday 11 October at 8.30am

At last it is time to spring clean those cupboards, discard those well-loved clothes, treat yourself to some new china and look forward to preserving and baking!!!

Our many customers will appreciate all the high quality goods you intend to provide for the Garage Sale.

As usual the Sale is Saturday morning but the Hall will be open Thursday 9 October from 1pm and all day on Friday 10 October. Many hands make light work and we all enjoy working together to make the Sale a success.

If you need goods picked up could you please ring Doug and Sally on 418 1448.



### Food Bank

Thank you for the food items coming into the bank. After a tidy up the other day, I could see better how we are getting along so it was easier to list what we can build up:

Council paid rubbish bags	Hand lotion
Laundry washing powder	Hand soaps
Toilet rolls	Hair shampoo
Kitchen paper towels	Pasta sauce
Dishwashing liquid	Tinned corn
Weetbix/cereals	All Tinned fruit
Maggi 2 Minute Noodles	Sugar
Tinned and packet soups	Jellies
Teabags, instant coffee, drinking chocolate	
Small vegemite/marmite, honey, peanut butter	
All jams	

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.  
Matthew Davies

### CHURCH MAINTENANCE

The maintenance projects mentioned in previous newsletters are still ongoing and in process of being organised.

A friendly reminder for your diary of upcoming jobs we need all hands on deck for:-

Exterior wash of the complex: 20 & 27 September

Garden tidy up: 22 November

Thank you in advance for your help.

Matthew Davies

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**Just For Fun****Bible Code Cracker**

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**Codeword Puzzle No. 2**

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**Solutions from last month's puzzle**

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