



NORTHERN VIEW

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OCTOBER 2015

Dear friends,

Thank you so very much for the last nine and a quarter years here, for all that we have done together and all that we have been to each other. I have so many lovely memories of my time at St Anne's: it is a special place and you are very special people. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the gifts I was given after my final service on Sunday 27 September: you are so very generous! I will treasure the pounamu earrings and pendant and will wear them with pride when I go to Waiapu. Alister and I – and some dinner guests, no doubt – will enjoy the wine (and the whiskey), and he is already planning barbeques in Waipukurau and using the BBQ tools from the blokes. The quilt from our Craft Group is so precious: thank you to all of you who were part of

making it. It will have a place in my study in our new home, and every time I look at it I will think of you all. My thanks for all the other gifts and cards and other messages over the last few weeks – and to Jacqui and Susannah for preparing a lovely album of photos so that I can remember St Anne's, Northland, and its people. Alister too says thank you for the friendship and the fun, and the working together over the past years, and for the BBQ tools!

As I say my farewells to you, what I most want to say – as well as THANK YOU! – is what I said at the end of my final sermon. Be yourselves, the selves God is calling you to be: a salty, caring, praying community that changes the world around you. Keep telling the stories of this place, not to lead yourselves back into the past but to launch yourselves into the future. *And follow Jesus – because that's what it's all about.*

May God bless you all so richly in the years ago, and may you know yourselves to be a blessing to others.

Deborah

Installations Saturday 10 October 2015

Rev'd Deborah Broome (Waiapu Diocesan Ministry Educator) – in the Cathedral

Rev'd Alister Hendery (Central Hawke's Bay Vicar) at 4.00pm at St Peter's Church, Waipawa



Alister and Deborah with +Justin at Synod

Welcome to Rev Terry Alve

Terry will be our visiting priest for the Pet Service on Sunday 4 October.

On Sunday 11 September Terry will join St Anne's as Interim Priest in Charge – like the role that Alister had. Terry lives in Tawa. He has a supervision and spiritual direction business. His wife Margaret will join us for some services.

Terry will be working in the parish on Sunday and two other half-days, likely to be Wednesday and the other day working around our parish events. His days off will be on Monday and Tuesday.

The Vicarage phone is still "live" and messages will be cleared daily by the wardens. Terry can be contacted on his cell phone 027 600 1926.

Update on Appointment of New Vicar

The parish nominators were busy preparing new smart goals and working through the documents requested by the Board of Nomination, but the fair and other immediate priorities affected progress. We are working to complete the documents so that the position of Vicar at Northland-Wilton can be advertised.

Thank-you for attending the parish consultation on 6 September. Vestry will be working on the ideas raised at that meeting. A summary of the consultation can be found on page 11.

Parish Nominators

Warden's letter

As I re-write this letter I'm wrestling with producing this month's Northern View. My family have wisely left the room as I complain "Why can't I turn the text sideways?", "Why won't the text box move?"

Why do even the simplest tasks seem insurmountable when change is part of the mix? I did master an earlier version of word-processing years ago when such programs were new, but find it a struggle to keep up-to-date and get frustrated when syntax changes name, moves to another tab, or the process completely changes.

It was wonderful to see everybody at Deborah's last service on Sunday. Deborah and Alister have packed up and the truck has come and gone to take them to Napier.

I'm finding some of the changes frustrating. I have to remind myself that change also provides an opportunity to learn. As warden life is very busy at the moment, and mastering Microsoft Word doesn't feature that highly on my priorities. So I'm asking for help. Can I have some volunteers? This is to collect information for the monthly newsletter, photo's, cartoons to add some fun, someone to type up bits and pieces that can be put into the newsletter and sending them in to me. I will master text boxes, and by the time I finish this month's publication I'll have mastered pasting things into text boxes ready to publish.

Thank you to the several people who have offered to work on the pew sheet. I share your frustration with mastering a new skill, rounding up all the information, and loudly applaud your efforts to keep us all up-to-date. The job is being shared at the moment so keep sending me any notices or changes for the pew sheet, preferably by Wednesday night and I'll pass these on. I hope to improve the format as I learn.

Louise and I do thank everyone who has already offered to help during the interregnum. We look forward to working with Terry Alve, and would like to keep his administration work down so that he can focus on ministry, activities and pastoral work.

Thanks also go to everyone who helped with the spring fair. I'll borrow a few words from Elizabeth Newman, here **"Just so well done. Thank you for all the hard work, preparation, organisation of stalls, great team work and the positive attitudes to doing this well!! It's so paid off!! Onwards and upwards!! Congratulations"**

Special thanks to Elizabeth and Tony for having the courage to steer us in some new directions, keep us on track, and sort out last minute hassles with trying to move everything when their careful fair plans got disrupted by double bookings. Well done to you two! The hall looked well-ordered and welcoming. The day itself worked out smoothly on the day thanks to your input.

God Bless
Nina

Synod 2015

A copy of the Synod team report is on the table in the foyer. This is a brief extract.

Bishop Justin challenged Synod to regain confidence in the power of God to change our nation and people's lives. He talked about what it means to be movement (not an institution) – held together by love; honourable; empowered; and in need of diversity, and issued a new Lenten challenge. Guest speaker was Chris Marshall, who holds the Diana Unwin Chair in Restorative Justice at Victoria University of Wellington. The report has notes on the budget, and Governance changes. 2016 Diocese Priorities: Child Poverty; Climate Change; and Generous Hospitality.

Note from the Editor – Volunteer requested to provide Book Review of "Trees, Trees, Trees!" (You can do something about climate change)



Messy Church - The Biggest Party Ever

We had a great time at Messy Church on 20 September. Our theme was the Biggest Party Ever (Luke 14: 15-23) based on the story Jesus told about a man holding a feast where the guests decided they had better things to do than to come along. They had plenty of excuses. The man holding the party wasn't daunted (although pretty miffed!) that the people he had invited wouldn't come. He sent his servant to invite people off the streets and from the fields instead. Even the poor and crippled were invited.

Our activities reinforced the theme. We did a "Too Busy" obstacle course, made Messy Church invitations, decorated party plates full of pictures of party food, and transferred jelly baby guests between plates using only chopsticks. Then we acted out the Bible story. What fun!

Maybe we can ask ourselves whether we are ready to join the party with God or are we too busy thinking of excuses.



Julia and Nicholas busily competing in the Too Busy Obstacle Course with Miles looking on.

Bishop's Letter for September 2015

Posted on 16 September 2015 <Just before Synod met>

“Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full”. [Luke 14:23]

Kia ora whanau

As I write I am on pilgrimage with a group of young men and women from our Anglican schools, travelling around sites of significance to the faith story of our Diocese. What a privilege it is to refresh our understanding of the courage and tenacity offered by those who sowed the seeds of the gospel in our part of New Zealand.



The life of Octavius Hadfield, our second Bishop of Wellington, has particular resonance as I think about the events of the last couple of weeks. Hadfield never stepped out of the public arena when there were issues which affected the marginalised and oppressed. He understood the significance of the welcome he had received from the Te Ati Awa people, and worked hard to protect the rights of those who had offered him such generous hospitality. His persistence came at the expense of his reputation amongst his ‘own’ people, and he was resoundingly pilloried in the public arena.

In the same way I am so grateful that this week I have witnessed the same courage in us – on Thursday night Amnesty International hosted a refugee vigil at Parliament and it was wonderful to see so many of you there. Following my letter out to you all the Sunday before last, the beautiful and generous responses to the refugee crisis have resulted in the church being able to offer concrete assistance to the Red Cross. It will be wonderful to see how this plays out – thank you all so much for your caring and compassion as we explore ways to make God’s kingdom come.

I ask for your continued prayers and ongoing lobbying for refugees, and for Syrian Christians who are in many cases more marginalised than their Muslim brothers and sisters. Please pray also for our world leaders as they make decisions which affect the lives of so many.

I also ask for your prayers as our Diocese holds its Synod this weekend. Our theme, ‘Offering Exquisite Wine’, parallels the generous hospitality offered this week by so many of you, and it will be exciting to see how we can develop this further over the coming year.

Blessings

+Justin

Bishop of Wellington

Prayer Resource



The Parish Worship Group has published a resource on how to pray. Copies are on the table in the foyer with extra copies available on request. This is a wonderful resource and guide for personal prayer.

Vestry Notes

The September Vestry meeting focused on Gratitude and Appreciation as a way of capturing some of our experiences over the past few years. Each Vestry member came ready to share these three things:

- I really enjoy ...
- I am really thankful for ...
- I am energised by ...

What fascinated and delighted us was the things we shared in common, as we gave thanks for the time we spend with one another and the others at St Anne's, the way we enjoy working together (at events like the fair, and working bees) and also relaxing together. Another common element was the joy and the fun provided by our parish children. It is the people that make our parish, and we enjoy being part of one another and serving those around us – being 'the church at the heart of the community'.

The meeting concluded as usual with a time of prayer, with vestry members giving thanks for the past few years with Deborah and praying for her and for Alister in this time of transition.

Vestry meets next on Thursday 15 October.

Parish Consultation

This meeting was facilitated by Roger Wigglesworth, Board of Nomination representative, and attended by twenty-five parishioners.

The Goals were amended:

- **Spirituality:** Parishioners report a deepening of their faith that leads to greater spiritual confidence;

- **Community:** Grow the weekly parish attendance by 10% per year over three years;
- **Caring:** Building relationships and providing care within the parish and externally

In groups, and then shared, the meeting discussed how the parish wanted to achieve these goals. There is a will to work more cohesively in growing the Kingdom of God, and it will continue to involve work from parishioners and leaders.

Coming up...

10th October Installations of Deborah at Waipu Cathedral, and Alister at St Peter's, Waipawa

Craft Group meets on 2nd and 4th Sunday **11th** and **25th October** in the Hall 2-5 pm, All welcome to pop in

Free Food Friday, 9th and **23rd October** from 5:30 pm, BBQ sausages outside the hall

First Friday of the month (**6 November**) - **Pot luck** dinner in the hall

First Saturday of the month (**7 November**) – **Blokes Breakfast** from 8:45 am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome.

Services are held at St Anne's, on the corner of Northland and Randwick Roads.

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OCTOBER Services at St Anne's

Sunday 4 October **Pet Sunday**

8.00 a.m. Special Service with Pet Blessing
and Eucharist

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Sunday 11 October **Ordinary Sunday 28**

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist

Thursday 15 October

7:15 p.m. Vestry Meeting (hall office)

Sunday 18 October **St Luke the Evangelist**

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist & Children's Church

Sunday 25 October **Ordinary Sunday 30**

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist & Children's Church

The church building is open during the day – do come in