



NORTHERN VIEW

ANGLICAN PARISH OF
NORTHLAND–WILTON

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5 Sundays Later

By the time you read this I will have been doing interim priestly ministry among you for five Sundays. We focused on St. Francis on 4 October before asking, 'Where is God?' on the 11th. On the 18th my favourite saint Luke led us into a healing focus that was continued a little on the 25th as we identified with Job, David & Bartimaeus who each had moved from difficulty to a place of blessing. As I write, I am preparing for All Saints (Sunday 1st) and All Souls' (Monday 2nd) days as we begin November.

In between Sundays I have begun visiting you, eating with you, meeting with groups and on Tuesday 27th celebrating the life of parishioner Pat Sapsford. I have also been party to discussions about two weddings and a baptism. You are a busy bunch!

It has been a joy and privilege getting to know the St Anne's community of faith. My first impressions are as follows:

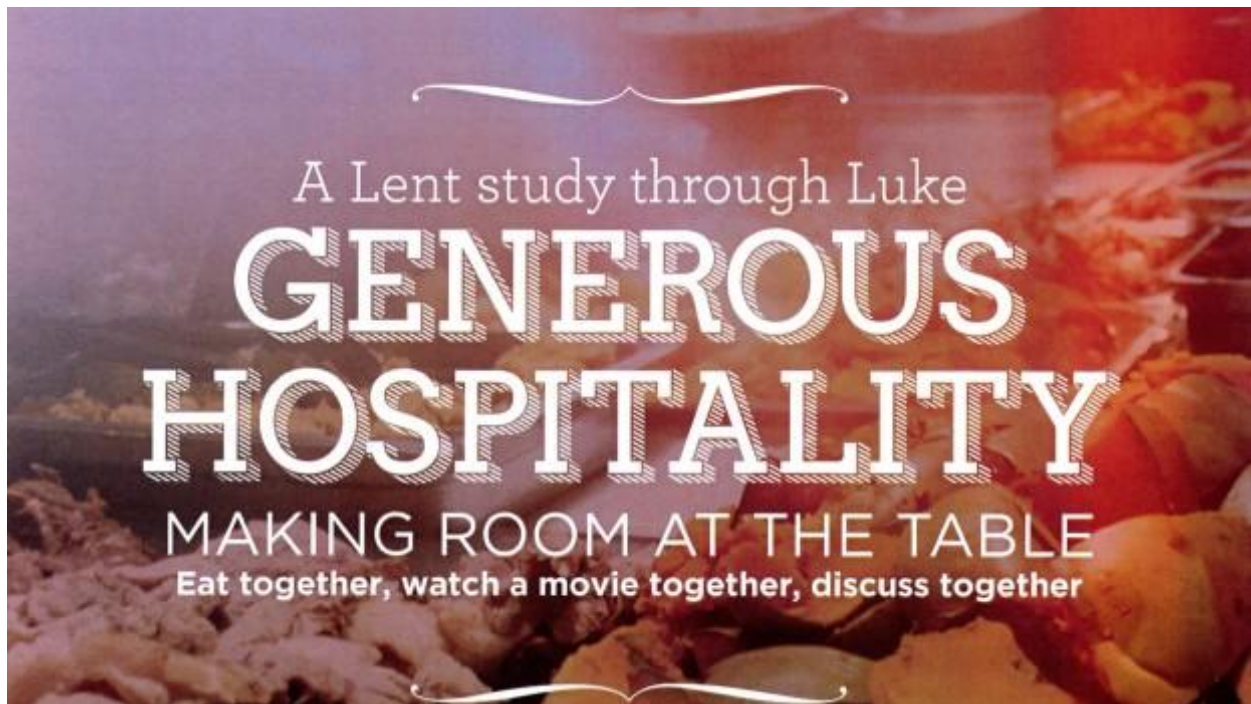
- You are transitioning well from Canon Deborah's long ministry among you while living positively with the change that her parting has been for you.
- There is a genuine and costly commitment by you to make a meaningful difference in your community; indeed you work hard to be 'the church at the heart of our community' of Northland.
- You have an incredible deposit of faith at St Anne's that expresses itself in your worship response, in your deep sense of Christian fellowship, and in your pastoral and evangelical concern for others.

When we considered St Luke, I spoke about Mason Durie's, 'Te Whare Tapa Wha' model for holistic wellbeing. Te Whare's four four walls depict wellbeing in terms of: family (te taha whanau), physical, mental or psychological and spiritual (te taha wairua) wellbeing. I wonder if one of the invitations God offers the St Anne's community is to explore together how we might find deeper holistic wellbeing both as individuals and in community. As I think about ways this invitation might find feet, I'm drawn to the proposed diocesan 2016 Lenten study – Generous Hospitality (see image on page 3).

Just a thought!

Terry Alve

Terry can be contacted on his cell phone 027 600 1926 by phone or text message for any pastoral care. For anything else please uses the contacts on page 11 or the wardens Louise or Nina.



Warden's letter

Kia ora koutou

We are in a period of obvious change with Terry Alve starting as our interregnum vicar. It is great to have Terry with us. This is a sudden but not unexpected change given Deborah moving on to follow God's calling. We had lots of change while Deborah was our vicar too. Deborah and the parish together have undertaken lots of changes over the last nine years that I have noticed. We now have Messy Church, Thursday Munch and free food Friday's amongst other things.

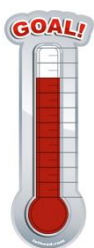
These changes happened over time so were part of an overall progressive change as part of our vision to become the church at the heart of the community. A number of the changes were outside our regular and very established services so we're not as obvious or confronting. However, they are significant changes to the way we are as a parish.

Going forward we will try some more new things. Some we will like as a parish and embrace while other changes won't work for us as a parish. This is a continuation of what we have been doing as a parish with Deborah and will continue to do with the new vicar (when appointed).

When we try things we will need to try them more than once so we can give them a real go. If you are like me, the first time might be a "what's this all about?" with a "I'm not sure I like this." However, a second time gets to greater understanding of how it can help make things better. I remember Brian, my husband, suggesting we pay more for broadband when I was home with Allegra. I was resistant to change and didn't think it would be worth it. I resisted but now fully appreciate having made the change and the benefits it brings. This small change to faster internet access also opened up further positive changes that I didn't even anticipate at the time but do now.

In making changes I want us as a parish to make changes that strengthen our faith, help us to live our lives in a way that embodies our faith and to be a church at the heart of the community. What can you do to help the parish on this journey?

Noho ora mai, stay well
Louise



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towards our parish missions target.
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Messy Church in October: I'm not doing that!

At Messy Church in October, we learned about Jesus washing his disciples' feet before the last supper (John 13:12-17). As we all know, feet can get pretty dirty and smelly. In the days of Jesus the lowly members of a household would wash people's feet; perhaps the servants or children. By washing his disciples' feet perhaps Jesus was showing us that he was the servant king. His actions remind us that by serving others we can come closer to God.

We did some great messy activities that reinforced our theme. We found treasure (marbles) in a tub of dirty, gloopy clay. Then we washed our treasure and could keep it or give it to someone we love. We also made servant king puppets. On one side we decorated a person as a great king, complete with grand clothes. On the other side we made the person a drab, lowly servant. Our last activity involved decorating towels which we could use next time we need to do a cleaning job, to remind us of what we learned at Messy Church.

And, of course, we had afternoon tea. Eating together is an important, and fun, part of Messy Church.

We'll see you at Messy Church on 15 November, 2 pm for more activities, a short worship and afternoon tea.



It's almost time to start practices for the **Christmas Pageant**. We have a new writer who has started work on the script. If you'd like to be part of this pageant, please speak to Julia Hayes.

Bishop's Letter 22 October 2015

You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it [Isaiah 45:8]

Kia ora whanau,

Today we are a calendar month from our Synod gathering and it has been a good time for me to reflect back on how we might take Synod forward in the future.

The relatively light agenda on the table enabled us to focus on the bigger picture of our *direction*, our *principles*, and our *accountability* to one another:

Direction – Reverend Ellie Sanderson led us with skill through the Exodus story and helped us to understand our need to use active perception to discern where God is calling us as a Diocesan family; trusting that God's ideas might be very different from our own.

Principles – the insightful teaching offered by Professor Chris Marshall offered us a process of working through thorny issues to develop respectful and trusting relationships with those whose opinions we might find difficult to accept.

Accountability – in our mandating of people for Diocesan roles and our trusting of them to fulfil them.

This Synod for me was a reminder that the gathering is a 'big picture' place, where we move from micro management to tackling big decisions with trust, honesty and respect.

Thank you too to all those who have already offered their enthusiasm and ideas for ways to take forward our three Synod challenges for 2016: child poverty, climate change, and generous hospitality. It's going to be exciting to see what

initiatives we can develop over the next year and I'm looking forward to seeing how this mission plays out.

This month I also had the privilege of attending the Common Life Mission Conference in Auckland. As usual it is a delight to attend a gathering which meets across our three tikanga, and to meet up with colleagues from Australia, Africa, Melanesia and the Pacific. What a blessing it was also to see such a strong Wellington contingent there and to know that our Diocese continues its strong missional focus.

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful spring weather with its reminders of God's refreshing, renewing energy.

Blessings

+Justin

Bishop of Wellington



15 November – Praise Be

In September a number of parishioners joined with others from the Wellington Diocese to be recorded singing at Wellington Cathedral. Several of the hymns are due to feature in the television show Praise Be on November 15.

Pat Sapsford – 21 June 1922 to 18 October 2015

Memories of Pat, courtesy of Paula Baynes

I first met Pat back in the 1980s. I didn't really know her well but certainly knew her by sight both from when she was at church or around Northland village, and later through Ezee meals.

I started visiting Pat when I took on the role of Parish Nurse. She'd had a fall in June 2009 and was recovering in Wellington Hospital. I went to the hospital to see her so that she'd know me before I visited her at home. This visit began six years of caring and friendship.

Pat would talk about her life, her childhood, her family, her work as a teacher and the time she spent in America and Dunedin. She was a very intelligent woman who loved reading and talking about all sorts of things. She was extremely proud of her son Roland and grandson Zeke and always looked forward to their visits especially when they shared a Pizza or a burger from Wisconsin. I liaised occasionally with Roland regarding aspects of Pat's care.

Occasionally, I would take her out in the car. We went to Makara Cemetery to visit Serge's grave and then went on to the beach cafe for a drink, and other outings to Oriental Bay, Johnsonville Mall and Dress Smart in Tawa. She always looked forward to going out.

One of the things I'll always remember about Pat is her hot water system pilot light. It went out more regularly than I did! It was a real nuisance for Pat to be without hot water, so I and various others in the parish or Roland would go and re-light it. Our parish handyperson team would also help out Pat.

Pat really enjoyed the social aspects of the Seniors Gentle Exercise Class in the old church hall and would join in the exercises as much as she was able. In June 2012, seven of us

went up to Pat's house for her 90th birthday celebration. We had nibbles, cake and a drink and she really enjoyed her birthday.

After many falls and hospital admissions, it was time for Pat to be in a safer environment and she went to live at the Vincentian Home in Berhampore.

By this time I'd retired from nursing but continued to convene the church Pastoral Care Team and organised a visiting roster for our team. I continued to visit Pat after moving to Woburn in 2013 because I didn't feel I could just suddenly end my relationship with her. So, over the past three years Mary Kempster, Rosemary Tomlinson, Diana Steele and I have been visiting Pat on a regular basis. I thank them all very much for the pleasure their visits brought her. She was always pleased to see us. She missed her independence terribly but resigned herself to being at Vincentian. She enjoyed her reading but it became more difficult as her eyesight worsened. She also joined in some of the activities at the home and, occasionally, went out on short trips. She also joined in the regular Anglican communion services.

Her sudden death was unexpected but, at 93, she's had a long and varied life. I'll remember her fondly and pray that she rests in peace.

Editor's note I wish to acknowledge and thank the team who helped out in the kitchen at the funeral, Diana Steele, Jacqui Lowe, Rosemary Tomlinson and Mary Kempster and those who contributed to the catering and clean-up. Thank you for your hospitality.

Vestry Notes

The October Vestry meeting focused on the Caring Goals and discussed ways to action some of the ideas raised in the parish consultancy.

We read from 1 Peter 5:1-10. This section comes at the end of the epistle and has advice for Elders and the young. The advice to care and tend the flock of God supports and encourages Vestry. It reminds us to listen and respond willingly to God.

It is a challenging and exciting time to put our caring goals into action. We agreed:

- Start a Communications policy and plan, including:
 - Prepare and distribute brief flyers to list parish events
 - Update the roster list. There is a form available to update your contact details and indicate if you are willing to share this with others on the roster
 - and acknowledged the updates to the parish website
- Continue with parish visiting
- Create a directory of existing parish groups, leaders, members and events

Vestry meets again Wednesday 18 November and will be reviewing actions for the Spirituality goals.

Nina Hydes

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.

Coming up...

First Friday of the month (**6 November, 5 December**) - **Pot luck** dinner in the hall

First Saturday of the month (**7 November, 6 December**) – **Blokes Breakfast** from 8:45 am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome.

Second and Fourth Fridays (**13 & 27 November**) **Free Food Friday** from 5:30 pm, BBQ sausages outside the hall

Third Sunday, **15 November** – **Messy Church**, from 2pm in the hall

Craft Group meets on second and fourth Sunday, (**8 and 22 November**) in the Hall 2-5 pm, all welcome

Thursday Munch Fourth Thursday, **26 November** from 11:30 am in the hall

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

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NOVEMBER Services at St Anne's

Sunday 1 November Ordinary 31 **All Saints**

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

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

Monday 2 November 8pm **All Souls'** Day Eucharist

Sunday 8 November Ordinary Sunday 32 **Remembrance**

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist

Sunday 15 November Ordinary Sunday 33

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

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

Wednesday 18 November

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

Sunday 22 November Ordinary Sunday 34 **Christ the King**

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

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

Sunday 29 November First Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

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

Sunday 6 December Second Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Baptism & Eucharist, all age service

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