



# NORTHERN VIEW

ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
NORTHLAND–WILTON

FEBRUARY 2016

## **Terry our Interim Priest Writes**

As you receive this note the Lenten season is about to begin with Ash Wednesday – 10th February. It's an early start this year on account of Easter Day being early. However, it's never too early to address the core issue of Lent which is (as I understand it), to face the challenges we have with hope and expectation that we can draw closer to God, beneficially. Wow, that's a bit of a mouthful! To put it simply Lent invites us to be a disciplined disciple. The discipline can take many forms and shapes like,

- Fasting (perhaps partially)
- Confession & Repentance
- Forgiveness
- Moderation
- Self-denial, etc.

The root challenge is to discern those things that hinder our progress in Christian faith. Is there something I am holding

on to that would be better discarded – like unforgiveness, bitterness or disappointment. Or is there something that I can embrace that will promote spiritual life – like generosity, acts of love (agape) or believing in myself (because God believes in me).

Perhaps a helpful way of journeying through Lent will be to join one of our Lenten study groups around the theme of Generous Hospitality. Advice about these is elsewhere in this Northern View

May I invite you to discern two or three things that are prompted by what I have written here and focus on the one that God says is timely for you this Lenten season.

Have a blessed Lent,

Terry

To God be the glory,

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 contacts the wardens Louise or Nina.



Tuesday 9 February  
2016, 6pm

**SHROVE TUESDAY**

Please bring pizza and  
pancakes to share in the  
church hall  
All Welcome

# **Warden's letter**

Kia ora koutou

It is the start of the year when some of us make lots of resolutions about what we will do this year. Last year as a Parish, in our Parish consultation meeting, we also made plans. However, these plans will come to nothing without willing hearts, minds and hands to make them happen. Our overall vision remains to be the church at the heart of the community.

Over the holidays I saw people in the Parish getting together to get stuff done including organising storage and gear so we have the space to move. I helped out a little. The results looked great. There was a clear focus on faith at the heart of our tidying efforts in thinking about the things we needed to ensure we kept. There is still more we can do – a little at a time gets us there.

I am personally thinking ahead about how I can make the Parish stronger, more welcoming and give life to my faith. If you made New Year's resolutions did any of them focus on your own personal faith goals?

I have been talking to more people about our church and God. It is a personal risk to put your faith out there in words to try and connect with people. I am finding it worthwhile. I have talked about the good things we are doing, the great books I have got from the free basket, the support I get from my fellow Parishioners, the things I am putting in the free basket...

If you haven't checked out the church facebook page do look at the article on how to tell if you are overstretching yourself – it also has some tips about how to look after yourself. We all have to remember that we cannot always do everything and

need to be smart about how we contribute. Do look after your health so you are free to let your faith take you places. If you have been unwell or are just tired, it is okay to ask for help. Remember others get a sense of strength in their faith from helping you when you need help.

My key challenges this year will be continuing to talk to people about our church and what we are doing, and maintaining my health so I have the energy to positively contribute.

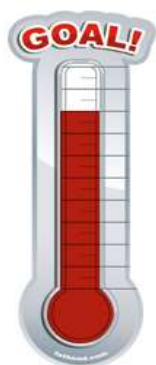
Noho ora mai, (stay well) Louise

## **Thursday Munch**

We are looking forward to meeting again on Thursday February 25 at 11.30 am.

Thursday Munch is a little social event for anyone who is free to attend at that time every 4th Thursday. There is sometimes a short talk or one of Tony's famous quizzes, but mostly it's an opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with old friends. There is no charge for the food. A koha is welcome if you wish to contribute. See you there.

Lorna



Thank-you for your generous contributions for our parish missions in 2015. Well done everyone, we exceeded the target of \$1,500!  
Donations are being accepted for 2016.

## **Vestry Notes**

Vestry meets again Wednesday 10 February.

### **AGM**

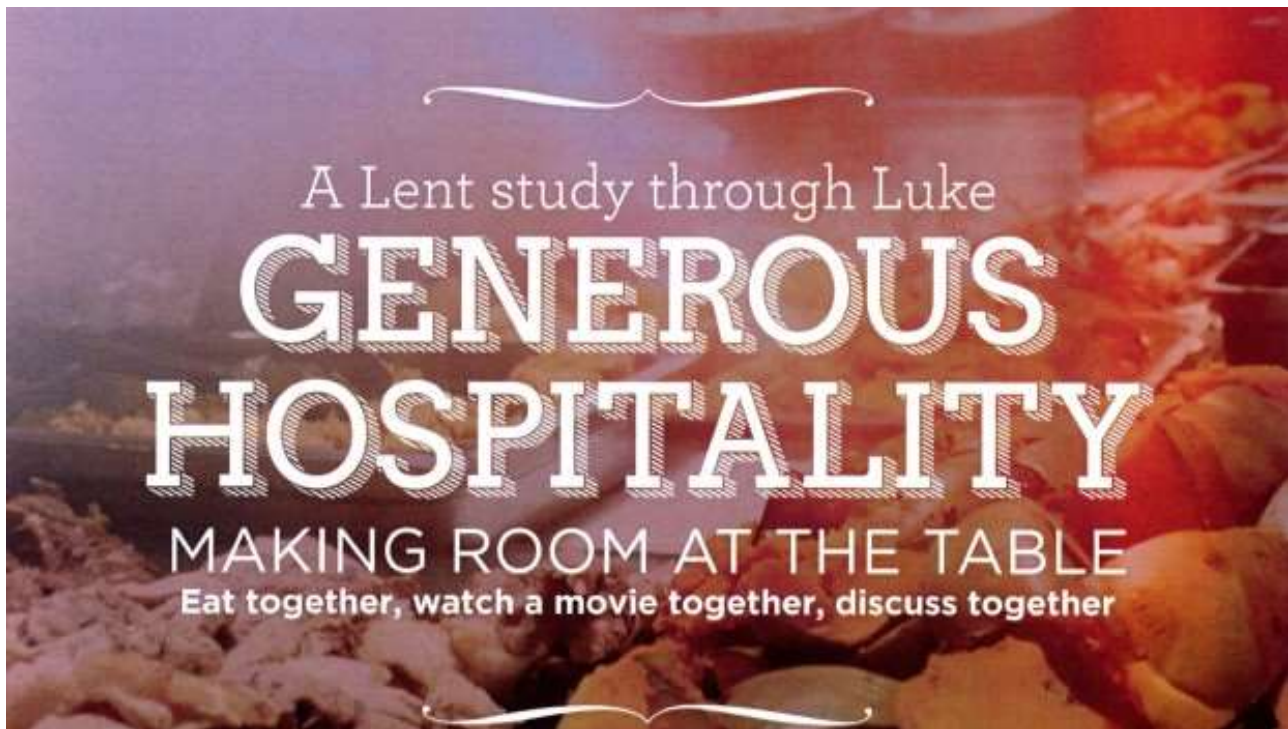
The annual general meeting will be held in March after the 9:30 am church service on Sunday 13 March.

It's time for the annual reports to be prepared, and nominations for Vestry and Synod Representatives. If you'd like to know more about what's involved please do speak to Nina, Louise, or one of our current team: Michael Chapman, Elizabeth Newman, Jacqui Lowe, Sue Batley, Julia Hayes and Hugh Cordery.

Updates are being accepted for the Parish Electoral Roll. Please contact the Wardens if you wish to inspect the roll. Parishioners can only be on one Parish Electoral Roll.

Please submit written notice of any items for General Business to the wardens before Sunday 6 March.





## **Lenten Studies**

We are about to start our Lenten Study Generous Hospitality – Making Room at the Table. Please note there is a change in day and venue.

This year our parish will be working with Wadestown holding study groups at homes. This is in the spirit of hospitality and sharing our resources.

There are two groups. The daytime group is meeting on Thursday's from 11 February – 17 March. The evening group will meet on Tuesday's from 16 February – 22 March. If you'd like to come let Nina or Terry know now so that we can provide you details of the venues. We still have some booklets available, cost \$5.

Nina will be in touch with the people who have signed up for the study about your preference. Alternately you can contact Nina directly. There is still time to offer to host a session.

## **World Day of Prayer – Women Lead Prayer for the World**



World Day of Prayer services on Friday 4 March will have a distinctive Cuban feel. Cuban women have prepared the resources for this global day of prayer with a special focus on children. The combined prayer services around the country are a special celebration with a truly ecumenical focus.

Chair of New Zealand's national committee Pauline McKay encourages people to take part in community events. National and local committees have worked hard to prepare the services she said. Women, men and children of all cultures are invited to attend. "Because the resources are prepared in country, they offer a different flavour to worship. The music of Cuba will liven up this year's worship and help participants to experience the rhythm of the Caribbean," says Pauline McKay.

New Zealanders will be some of the first people to join in the 40 hour prayer cycle which last year involved nearly two million people in an estimated 21,559 services in 94 languages. Organised by the International Committee, women from different countries take turns to prepare the resources which are distributed to national groups in 170 countries.

Offerings made at this year's services will support a project of the Cuban Council of Churches, a Christian World Service programme to re-establish livelihoods and schools in Haiti, the House of Hope for disabled children in Bethlehem, a Bible Society programme to give scriptures to young people and the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy. Last year groups gave \$38,000 to international and local groups.

The World Day of Prayer is a global movement of Christian women who come together to celebrate in prayer and action on the first Friday in March. Begun in the US and Canada in the nineteenth century, it became a global movement in 1927.

"Cuba is a country emerging from relative isolation. Through many decades the Christian community has fostered a vibrant faith expressed in its concern for all people," Pauline says. The service is an opportunity to learn more.

## **PSALM 23 IN BROAD SCOTS**

The Lord is my Shepherd; in nocht am I wantin';  
In the haughs o' green girss does He mak' me lie doon;  
While mony puir straiglers are bleatin' and pantin',  
By saft-flowin' burnies He leads me at noon.

When aince I had stayed far awa' inn the bracken,  
And daidled till gloamin' cam' ower a' the hills;  
Nae dribble o' water my sair drooth to slacken,  
And dark grow'd the nicht wi' its haars and its chills.

Awa' frae the fauld, strayin' fit-sair and weary,  
I thocht I had naethin' to dae but to dee;  
He socht me and fand me in mountain hechts dreary;  
He gangs by fell paths which He kens best for me.

And noo, for his name's sake, I'm dune wi' a' fearin',  
Though clouds may aft gaither and soughin' win's blaw;  
"Hoo this?" or, "Hoo that?" - oh, prevent me frae speirin';  
His wull is aye best, and I daurna say na.

The valley o' death winna fleg me to thread it,  
Though awfu' the darkness, I weel can foresee;



Wi' His rod and his staff He wull help me to tread it,  
And then wull its shadows, sae gruesome, a' flee.

Forfochen, in presence o' foes that surroond me,  
My Shepherd a table wi' denties has spread;  
The thyme and the myrtle blaw fragrant aroond me -  
He brims a fu' cup and poors oil on my head.

Surely guidness and mercy, despite a' my roamin',  
Wull gang wi' me doon to the brink o' the river;  
Ayont it, nae mair o' the eerie and gloamin'  
I will bide in the Hame o' my Faither for ever.

He who knows not and knows not that he  
knows not is a fool – abandon him

He who knows and knows not that he knows is  
asleep – awake him

He who knows not and knows that he knows  
not is a awake – teach him

But he who knows and knows that he knows is  
wise – follow him

(Old Chinese proverb)



## **Children's Church and Messy Church:**

Our children's activities are gearing up for the year.

Children's Church starts again on 14 February. We head to the hall just after the start of the morning service and then go back into church towards the end of the service. We have fun learning about the theme of the day, which is about Jesus or a story from the Bible.

On the first Sunday of every month we have an all-age service with children's involvement.

Then, on the 3rd Sunday of every month, we have Messy Church, as well as Children's Church. This is from 2 pm in the hall. We do (often messy and always fun) craft activities based around our theme. Then we have a short worship (songs, a talk and a prayer). Finally we have afternoon tea together.

Please feel free to give me a ring if you want to know more or have any ideas. I'd love to hear from you.

Julia  
(ph 972 9982)

Messy Church starts on Sunday 21 February, 2 pm in the church hall

## **Parish Nominators Update**

The position for a new vicar at Northland-Wilton was advertised late last year. The process is continuing. No announcement can be made at this time.

Please pray for the parish nominators, board of nominators and candidates.

## Coming up...

- First Friday of the month 6pm **5 February, 4 March**– **Pot luck** barbecue dinner in the hall, all welcome
- First Saturday of the month (**6 February, 5 March**) – **Blokes Breakfast** from 8:45 am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome.
- Second and Fourth Fridays (**12, 26 February**) **Free Food Friday** from 5:30 pm, BBQ sausages outside the hall
- Third Sunday, **Messy Church, 21 February** from 2pm in the hall
- **Craft Group** meets on second and fourth Sunday, (**14, 28 February**) in the hall 2-5 pm, all welcome
- **Thursday Munch** Fourth Thursday, **25 February** from 11:30 am, all welcome
- **9 February** – **Shrove Tuesday**, 6pm pizza and pancakes in the hall
- **Lenten Studies** daytime study group **Thursday** 11th February—Thursday 17th March; evening study group **Tuesday** 16th February—Tuesday 22nd March, contact Nina for more information
- **AGM** Sunday 13 March after the 9:30 am service
- **World Day of Prayer** Friday 4 March

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

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Hall Administrator: Tony Dawbin 33 Kaihuia St 475 3247

# **FEBRUARY Services at St Anne's**

Sunday 7 February Sunday before Lent, Transfiguration

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. All Age Worship (No Eucharist)

Wednesday 10 February Ash Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist

Sunday 14 February Lent 1, Temptation

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist, and Children's Church

Sunday 21 February Lent 2, Overcoming Opposition

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist, and Children's Church

2:00 p.m. Messy Church

Sunday 28 February Lent 3, Repentance

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Eucharist, and Children's Church

Sunday 6 March Lent 4, Reconciliation

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

9:30 a.m. All Age Worship (No Eucharist)

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

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