



NORTHERN VIEW

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Paul writes

Community is so important. It always has been, and it always will be. I think it's fair to say that there's an emptiness in our lives if we are not connected with others. It's not surprising then to see social media so popular. The global phenomenon of Facebook helps many link their lives with others. Building on this idea, the Neighbourly website helps people connect with their local community. There is a desire to be connected.

Our Christian understanding helps us figure out where this desire for community comes from. 'In the beginning...'. Yes we go back to the book of Genesis, where God created man. God pretty soon said it's not good for man to be alone. And then some, probably half the population(!), would argue that God made a better version of man and provided him a companion, woman. From then on throughout the bible, we read that God works through a family, a tribe, a nation. God was always working through a community. Then Jesus himself

formed a community, the twelve disciples. Then at Pentecost, which we celebrated recently, we celebrate the Church's birthday. A community is born.

A few weeks ago we celebrated Trinity Sunday, where we look at God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God being three but one. Even here within God's self, there is community. So as we are all created in God's image, there's no wonder we seek to be in community. It's simply part of our divine identity.

At St Anne's, we seek to be the church at the heart of the community. Part of the picture that is starting to form, as I venture into my new role (not even 2 months in yet!), is that at St Anne's we greatly value community. In fact we have many groups that provide a space to foster community life. There is Thursday Munch, Free Food Friday, Craft Group, Blokes Breakfast and Messy Church. Also the hospitality we offer fosters community life. As a family we are enjoying having people round to the vicarage. A particular highlight was hosting several young families connected to Messy Church for afternoon tea, which was a wonderful form of organised chaos!

It is still true today, humanity is not created to be alone. Isolation and loneliness has become all too common. Part of our calling and vocation then is to seek out the last, least and lost, that people would know that they are accepted, included and valued. God loves each one of us and desires us to be in relationship with Him and others.

Blessings,
Paul

Warden's letter

Kia ora koutou

Recently we had Trinity Sunday. This led me on a trip down memory lane to when I was 29 and travelling through Europe by myself. The approach I was taking was three nights in each city to allow two full days of intense sightseeing. I was over a month into the trip when I was sick of palaces, castles, museums, art galleries, the cathedrals and walking everywhere.

I needed a break to refresh my soul. I happened to be in Austria at the time in Salzburg. I decided to head to a lake. After the kind hostel receptionist taking pity on me and booking me into accommodation (none of the potential hosts spoke English) I headed to a lake with a famous painting in a church.

I walked in the sunshine around the lake's edge. I was too cheap at the time to take the bus to the church when I could walk. However, walking today was different. I appeared more like a local on the route I took. People in this small place said hello as I walked by. The lake gently lapped against the shore in the most relaxing way.

I got to my destination to see a triptych of the Trinity in a little church perched on the side of the hill with a courtyard overlooking the lake. I paid my entry fee and headed inside the church for tranquillity, and coolness. I don't remember a lot about the triptych despite looking at it for around an hour. It was dark and there were patches of light that appeared to glow. I don't even remember the famous artist.

I do remember the little church and how it was inside – very little furniture with the triptych open. The church was painted pink on the outside like our Cathedral. Most of all I remember how I felt. It refreshed my soul. I got what I was missing in

my rushing round the cities. I listened to what I was being told and I felt better for it.

Afterwards I headed out into the summer heat with a renewed spring in my step and tranquillity in my soul. I happily hiked up the hill and back to the hostel to the staff that didn't speak any English with the patience to cope.

The art was obviously not that memorable in the end but the journey to see and seeing the artist's representation of the Trinity helped me physically and spiritually to be at peace. Do you have a memory of being moved by the spirit?

Noho ora mai, Louise

Our St.Anne's Fair for 15th October 2016 - Exciting New Venture

At the May meeting Vestry opted to accept the proposal relocating our main 2016 Fair to our St. Anne's site. If you'd like to discuss this please talk to a Vestry person.

Some prior consultation amongst parishioners had taken place.

The main reasons given for the change were

- easier set up and pull down, not having to transport material to another venue
- St Anne's are building a good local profile, which having the Fair at our own building would reinforce
- gain greater interest from local foot traffic - both intentional and unintentional shoppers
- better access to the kitchen facilities, having two access points, and to our kitchen crockery and cutlery
- the area in front of the church and hall can be used for stalls, including the garden stall. If we could access a

gazebo or similar, this could provide shelter in case of bad weather. The disabled toilet could be used as a changing area

- the back of the church could have appropriate activities eg book stall; live music ; music stall. St Michael's of Kelburn does this successfully
- using the St Anne's facilities would incur no extra costs compared to the proposed charges for Community Centre hire.

What about the smaller indoor space?

- Quality rather than quantity may mean we need less physical space indoors. 2015 fair made some moves from quantity to quality which increased profits eg delicatessen, craft, garden stall. The March 2016 Nursery sale had fewer customers but made a greater profit due to better quality of goods.
- Some ideas for Fair 2016 include : Books; Boutique adult's clothes; Car wash; Car rides; Children's toys and books; Children's wear; Craft; Delicatessen; Face painting/ balloons; Garden; Linen; Magazine; Morning teas and lunches; Music; Sausage sizzle; Waffles; Anyone have a pony??? 😊

What about our White Elephant and Clothes stalls?

- The Northland socio-economic demographic is upwardly mobile. With an increase in charity shops in Kelburn and Karori there seems to be little demand for a junk sale. In 2015 we earned less from these stalls than previously.
- We plan to ask contributors to hold on to most of the material previously used for the White Elephant stall for an enlarged Flatter's / Household Goods / Car boot sale in late Jan / Feb 2017.

Prepare now Planning has started. There will be meetings soon to further develop plans. Please keep stalls in mind. Do start making, preserving, growing, sorting, organising.

Bishop's Letter May 2016

Posted on 17 May 2016



Thank you so much to all those who held General Synod in your prayers over the last few weeks, and last week in particular. It has been a long, tiring period for all involved, and the failure of Tikanga Pakeha to move forward on this issue is disappointing. There are many people in our Diocese and beyond who are grieving at this time and I ask you to continue to uplift them in prayer.

The issue has not been helped by media misreporting – in particular noting ‘bitter opposition’ between Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch Dioceses, and the false accusation that Wellington General Synod representatives were not prepared to move forward. I would like to state that this is categorically untrue – our deep desire was to move forward in the spirit of Motion 30; acknowledging two diversities of opinion. However, we were not prepared to move forward at the expense of the schism of our Province, and ultimately Dioceses with opposing viewpoints could not come to a consensus at this time.

There will be additional public meetings held around the Diocese to provide you with feedback and hear your thoughts following General Synod – please keep an eye on *Movement Online* for these dates and times.

I am so proud of our General Synod team – to Simon Winn and Kaz Young, thank you for your work fighting communication and social media fires; to Kim Duxfield for her speaking on behalf of Chaplaincy on the confirmation motion; to David Kendall with his AV assistance and Tony Hill with his legal advice; to Wendy Scott, at the centre of numerous motions, and Julie Rokotakala, holding the fort as Vicar General in my absence.

There were so many other things to be proud of at General Synod too – work around climate change; addressing historic grievances between Tikanga; witnessing the grace of many people of opposing viewpoints who spoke humbly and filled with the Spirit.

It was wonderful to have Bishop John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford, attending General Synod with us; providing us with his wisdom and always keeping us focussed on Jesus. Night Prayer this week has featured the lectionary readings of Romans 1, and verse 16 leapt out at me in the light of Bishop Pritchard's teaching during the week: 'For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile'. With confidence let us keep the Gospel of Jesus central to everything we do.

In other news, it was such a privilege to be a part of the opening of Samuel Marsden Collegiate's new buildings last Wednesday. Thank you to Marsden for their amazing hospitality. Prime Minister John Key also attended – I couldn't possibly comment as to whether he was so rattled by my prayers that he got himself kicked out of the debating chamber later that day!

In Christ

+Justin



Vestry Notes – May 2016

The meeting reflected on which commandment is the greatest? This question was set to test Jesus. He answered "Love the Lord with all your heart and soul and mind. Love your neighbour as yourself". These commandments call for total commitment and infinite love. It's a change from the Old Testament perspective of the awe of God. The message is refreshing and encouraging rather than a rule book. It comes down to love at the centre of our faith journey.

Paul introduced Vestry to the concepts of 3DM as discernment for a cohesive way forward. Vestry will be doing some more work around where Vestry and other activities in the parish are balanced to the parish goals: caring, spirituality and growth. Several Vestry members subsequently attended an introductory session about 3DM at the Diocese.

Vestry discussed then approved a proposal to host this year's fair at St Anne's on Saturday 15 October. Please refer to the article on page 4 for more information about this decision.

Vestry also Approved acceptance of the quote to replace the butanol on the foyer roof.

Next Vestry meeting is Thursday 16 June 2016.

Nina Hydes

Calling those with talents and time

Do you have some time and want to help out the Parish?

In particular, we are keen to get a hall administrator to look after both regular and one off users. This involves being our "relationship" manager with the regular users, sending invoices to regular users, showing new regular and one off users around the hall, and collecting payment from one-off users.

This is a good way for us to connect with people and before the church at the heart of the committee. Let Paul or one of the Warden's know what skills you have and how you would like to contribute. We look forward to hearing from you.

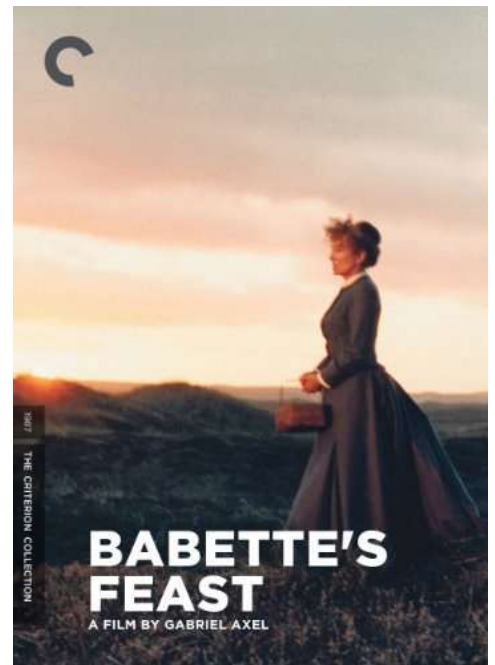
Meeting Jesus at the Movies

Generous Hospitality – Making Room at the Table
A Winter Series

6pm-9pm

Bring some food for a light meal,
watch the movie,
and then a discussion

Friday 17th June
Babette's Feast
195A Wilton Road



There will be other movies coming over the next few months.

Messy Church news and kids' sustainable fashion show



We gave Messy Church a break in May but Messy Church families and others met at the vicarage for afternoon tea. It was a great chance to meet Paul, Catherine and Naomi. Naomi kindly shared her toys, children played outside in the sun and grown-ups drank coffee and chatted.

We've also been busy planning the months ahead. They are going to be action-packed so mark your diaries now:

Sun 19 June 2pm: Messy Church in the hall. Come along for exciting (and sometimes messy!) activities in the hall, a short worship, and afternoon tea.

Sun 17 July 3pm: Afternoon tea at the vicarage. We'll give Messy Church a break over the school holidays but do come for afternoon tea.

Sat 20 Aug 4pm: Kids' Sustainable Fashion Show. We are planning to meet in the hall to make wild and wacky clothes out of recycled materials. Then we will go down to the cathedral "catwalk" for a fashion parade with Bishop Justin as MC. There will be a barbecue tea before the parade kicks off. Note that this event is on a Saturday and we'll skip our usual Messy Church this month.

We are still looking for feedback on what you like about Messy Church and what might work better for your family. My email is julia.hayes.nz@gmail.com

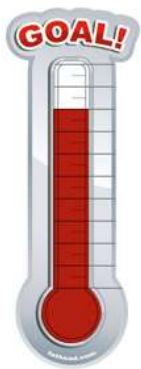
Yours messily,
Julia

Coming up...

- First Friday of the month 6pm (**3 June, 1 July**) – **Pot Luck** dinner in the hall, all welcome
- Second Saturday of the month (**11 June**) – **Blokes Breakfast** from 8:45 am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome.
- Second and Fourth Fridays (**10, 24 June**) **Free Food Friday** from 5:30 pm, BBQ sausages outside the hall
- Third Sunday 2pm **19 June, Messy Church**, a family friendly service with activities in the hall
- **Craft Group** meets on second and fourth Sunday, (**12, 26 June**) in the hall 2-5 pm, all welcome
- **Thursday Munch** Fourth Thursday, **23 June** from 11:30 am in the hall, with a quiz or guest speaker and lunch
- **Jesus at the Movies** with St Luke's Friday **17 June**
- **Annual Church Fair** Saturday **15 October**

Please note, casual, one-off hall bookings are not being accepted at this time until a new administrator is appointed

Missions 2016



Our 2016 total to date is \$294.20

We need a top-up to reach our target of \$1500.

Mission boxes are in the foyer.
Donations can be put in the offertory plate or sent to the Treasurer – please mark the envelope "Missions"

JUNE Services at St Anne's

<u>Sunday 5 June</u>	10 th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	All Age Worship
<u>Sunday 12 June</u>	11 th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	Eucharist and Children's Church
<u>Sunday 19 June</u>	12 th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	Eucharist and Children's Church
2:00 p.m.	Messy Church
<u>Sunday 26 June</u>	13 th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	Eucharist and Children's Church
<u>Sunday 3 July</u>	14 th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Eucharist
9:30 a.m.	All Age Worship

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

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

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