



# NORTHERN VIEW

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## **Paul writes**

I've recently returned from Waikanae Beach however I didn't go there for a swim! Instead it was for our annual Ministry Conference as a diocese. It's an opportunity for the church leaders in our parishes and diocese to gather, to be equipped, refreshed, and to have a bit of fun together. Over the last few years things have changed as the invite has gone wider than clergy, to a variety of church leaders, and it now also includes our spouses and kids. So it was lovely to have Catherine and Naomi attend with me.

This year's theme was 'Our Transforming God'. It was an opportunity to focus in on the fact that God is at work in our lives and in our world today. Our God is a transforming God. Bishop Justin shared some key ways in which we can join in with God, as a parish, to see transformation happen within us and the world around us.

So I would like to offer three key challenges he highlighted for us as a parish to embody. Firstly that we are to move from an 'I' culture to a 'we' culture. In other words it's not about me, it's about us. It's not about us as individuals, but it's about us as a group, the body, the church. So we are constantly looking out for what's best for the whole church, rather than our own individual preferences or wants. Secondly, it's not about us, it's actually all about God. It's God's will that we pursue. It's 'Your kingdom come...', not, 'our kingdom come...'. So we are people that seek to know what God is saying to us so we know how best to follow. Thirdly, it's not about us, it's about those out there (the last, least & lost). It's loving others, it's praying for healing, it's sharing our faith. It's making decisions that prioritise and benefit those who have not yet joined our church.

It was a challenging but also very encouraging time. I walked away from those few days with great hope, great expectation of what God will do in and through us at St Anne's. So let me finish with these words from St Paul;

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Blessings,  
Rev Paul

Editor's note. I have been sick so this newsletter is a bit later than usual. I am now about to leave for an extended holiday. The next issue of Northern View will be published on the first Sunday in October.

## **Warden's letter**

Kia ora koutou

I have learnt a valuable lesson this month. You need to make time for spirituality. Normally I find writing my letters to you easy. I get a sense of what I should be writing after some quiet contemplation in my garden working or just being outside doing nothing. I hear what the spirit is telling me. It strikes a particular cord with me and seems obvious.

This month I have struggled. I have been so busy being busy lately. What I really need is to make time for strengthening on own spirituality. Sure I have made it to church. But generally I need to spend more time listening to God to nourish my soul.

The other goals came easier this month. The family did some reaching out to the community. The family all gave up time in the holidays to volunteer at a gym competition. The girls did scoring, Brian and I manned the bbq, I made sure the judge who could only eat gluten free got food she could eat and saved the other parents from worrying about what to prepare. It felt good to help. It felt like the family made a difference. We had fun doing it. This made me think of our parish goal of being the church at the heart of the community. The girls' gym club was running the regional competition and we were helping this club reach out to others like our Parish goal.

The other parish goal is caring. It is about being a family with one another. I like to start with my family. None of my family lives close but we still connect. Technology is great for that. I like Facebook messaging to talk to my brother as I find him no matter where in the world he is at the time. This month our family grew to include a preloved cat. She is very shy and lives under the bed and in cupboards. It is only three weeks but we have faith she will come to enjoy our caring and sleep on the bed rather than under it.

I saw caring in action within the Parish when I came late to St Anne's dinner. It was good to see everyone pitching in to help makes the evening work while also enjoying each other's company. This filled me with joy.

I am planning for a simpler month ahead where I get to grow spiritually.

Noho ora mai, Louise

## **Messy Church news and kids' sustainable fashion show**



We had afternoon tea at the vicarage in July because it was school holidays. It was a relaxed get-together with children playing and adults catching up over coffee.

The Sustainable Fashion Show at the Cathedral is fast approaching and we will participate in that instead of holding our usual Messy Church. It is on Sat 20 August and I am sure it will be lots of fun. Please contact me for further details and get working on your costume.

The talented members helped to put some costumes together on Sunday 14 August, and everyone is looking forward to the show.

Yours messily,  
Julia  
(021 023 25241)

Next Messy Church is Sunday 18  
September





## **WIT Newsletter: Mental Health**

Posted on 3 August 2016

I am not a physician, nor a counsellor, so I have no specialist knowledge of mental illness. But I do believe that mental illnesses such as depression and bipolarity are real illnesses. They are real, just as diabetes and arthritis are real. Mental illness is real. Sometimes it can be cured. Sometimes it can be alleviated or held at bay. Sometimes it lessens with time; sometimes it worsens with time. There is much about mental illness that remains mysterious.

And mental illness is present, unobserved, within our congregations. Just as I have been taking medication for years for hypertension, others are taking medication against anxiety. If I can happily take anti-cholesterol pills, why should I be troubled about someone else taking tablets for depression? All of us are damaged creatures in some way, less than the beings our Creator would want us to be, and we need all the help we can get. Yet within that, as Paul McIntosh points out, each one of us bears the 'imago Dei'. That is a central part of our anthropology, whether ill or not ill. There is something about each one which is to be valued.

Why is it that church people sometimes have special difficulties interacting with the mentally unwell? I wonder whether one factor is unpredictability. We are easily unsettled when someone behaves in a way we don't expect, and we become wary of what might happen next. But Jesus seemed to have a rather laid-back attitude towards people doing the unexpected. He did nothing to stop a strange woman from weeping over his feet, and then wiping the tears away with her hair. Going with the flow is something we might all become better at, as Richard Noble describes with his friend 'Kevin'. Simply being with another can be a ministry – we don't all have to be doing something all the time.

Those who experience mental illness are suffering in so many ways. If there is any doubt about that, do no more than read Graham's gut-churning recollections of his time in Porirua. A particularly searing aspect of his story is the loss of the sense of self during his times there. He does not remember being treated with the respect due to him as a person. It is a cliché that we cannot experience another person's suffering, but it's made more difficult when the suffering is mental. I can at least have some idea of another's physical pain, but I may be at a total loss when considering the depths of mental illness.

Because I don't experience the suffering of someone who is mentally ill does not make that suffering any less real. So a 'pat' answer directing people towards Bible reading or developing a personal prayer life is not likely to be helpful – it's not that easy. What will always be welcomed is to be treated as a person who is valued.

The simple courtesies of welcome are not likely to go amiss: the dignity of a handshake and a smile, the courtesy of learning another's name and using it, the invitation to linger over morning tea.

"As followers of Christ and as his representatives, we are called to follow his example. We are called to reach out to

suffering people, to stick with them rather than shrink away. We are called to believe that no one is ever beyond hope, past the point where God's grace and love apply to them. God does not give up on people, even if they give up on themselves. After all, we are not called to have all the answers, understand all life's mysteries, or fix everyone's problems. But we are called to love." (Amy Simpson. Christians Can't Ignore the Uncomfortable Reality of Mental Illness. Christianity Today, April 2013.)

*Reverend Lyall Perris*

Copies of the WIT Newsletter are available on the foyer table. It also includes an article from Paul

## **The welcome packs**

*Have you seen a removal van in your street recently? If so, you may like to make contact with your new neighbours armed with a Welcome Pack.*

*These are available in the foyer and in the tower entry, and contain information about St Anne's as well as general info such as bus timetables. If you can't find one, or have any comments to make please contact Sue B, 4757 752 or Lorna 476 6661*

# **Bishop's Letter for July**

**2016** Posted on 20 July 2016

Greetings whanau

What a great time it is to be part of this Diocesan family. Over the last eight weeks since the last Bishop's Letter I have been amazed by our diversity, and the dedication by which so many of you work with vision and drive to see God's Kingdom come in our region.



Two weeks ago I travelled on pilgrimage with a group of Christian youth workers, learning with them the kawa associated with marae visits in our region and just beyond. We were privileged to stay at Ratana, Parihaka and Hiruharama, and finally at Turangi; hearing the epic stories of faith associated with each of those seminal places. The warm welcome and hospitality received there is testament to just how fortunate we are as Anglicans in Aotearoa.

In sadness Jenny and I returned to Otaki last week, where we started our pilgrimage, to mourn the sudden death of Archdeacon Te Hopehuia Hakaraia, Ministry Educator for Te Hui Amorangi and Vicar of Rangiatea. Standing with brothers and sisters from our three Tikanga partners to celebrate the life of this hard-working servant of God.

Here in the office, administration staff are beginning the process of preparing materials for Synod in September. It seems timely to update you with some of the progress made around our three Synod charges – generous hospitality, climate care, and child poverty.



### *Generous Hospitality*

Whilst we are so disappointed at the Government's decision to raise the refugee quota by only 250 places by 2018, we still have so much to be proud of. After all our voices, combined in advocacy with other agencies, have succeeded in achieving the first quota rise in 30 years. We have demonstrated generous hospitality both in word and deed – through our advocacy, and through our ongoing involvement in gathering and setting up refugee households in the region.

### *Climate Care*

We are fortunate to have researcher Chris Frazer on board to prepare information for us all around our responses as individuals and as parishes to the challenge of climate change. This issue is one that strikes at our fundamental existence and can no longer be seen as a niche interest for those with a passion for ecology, but something that we all take responsibility for – informing ourselves and making changes to our lifestyles. Keep an eye on *Movement Online* for Chris' resources. As a Diocese, we will be focussing on the challenge of reducing transport emissions.

### *Child Poverty*

Congratulations to the combined youth services of Wellington City and Wellington Cathedral, who have opened temporary emergency accommodation/hei kohanga ahuru for homeless under-18 year olds in the city. The Loaves and Fishes Hall of the Cathedral is open nightly for this. By providing a dedicated safe space for homeless youth they can be connected with the services they need to change their lives going forward. An enormous amount of gratitude to the volunteers who have committed their nights to being there for young people so that youth workers have someone to refer people to if needed.

Of course these are only a small sample of the projects going on around the Diocese – please do write in if there is something you'd like to champion together.

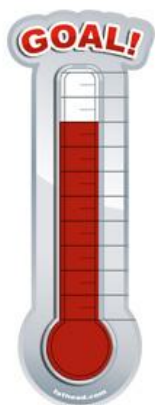
Hopefully you all will have received the pew newsletter prepared by Archdeacon Julie Rokotakala around the outcome of General Synod discussions around the *A Way Forward* same-sex marriage discussion document. Please see a link below for the document, and I encourage you to think deeply through this and continue to hold this issue and those so deeply affected by it in your prayers.  
<<http://movementonline.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Pew-Sheet-A-Way-Forward-June-2016.pdf>>

Finally, I wanted to clarify some of the discussion around the potential appointment of an Assistant Bishop, and the possibility of Jenny and I moving to Whanganui as a result of this appointment. Should this concept pass through Synod in September, the appointment will follow an Electoral College process, likely to be called for around March 2017. It cannot be an internal appointment. Any potential move north will then take place in 2018. It is likely that the Assistant Bishop will work in a 0.5 position, in combination with another parish or Diocesan role. Please do feel free to continue to ask questions if you have any.

Your brother in Christ

+Justin

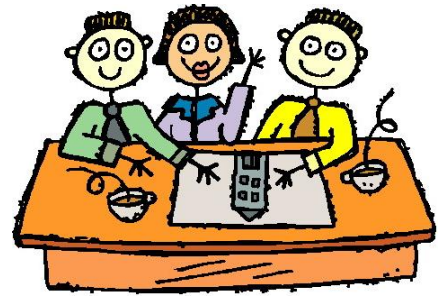
## Missions 2016



Our 2016 total to date is \$614.20

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”



## **Vestry Notes – July and August 2016**

In July Vestry prepared for the Special General Meeting that was to be held on Sunday 7 August. At the SGM, attended by 30 parishioners, the motion “that the parish commits to the 3DM programme for two years; and members of the parish support each other in this new endeavour” was passed.

A group of six will be attending the Learning Community at the beginning of September.

The August Vestry meeting reflected on Hebrews 12: 1-2, we fix our eyes on Jesus and run the race for which we are entered. Faith connects us to Christ, and Christ to God. Jesus has walked this path before us.

There are some pamphlets advertising the NEW WINE camp. This year it is being held at Raumati School 19-23 January 2017. Paul and his family will be attending, and there is the opportunity to join with another parish to share preparing the food. There is lots of fun especially for families, children and youth.

The Pet Service will be held on Sunday 9 October. Next Vestry meeting is Thursday 15 September 2016.

Nina Hydes

## St Anne's Parish Dinner 2016

Here are a couple of photographs from the Parish Dinner that was held on Saturday 30 August 2016, to celebrate of our patronal festival. Thank you to the table hosts. We enjoyed your food selections and company.

Thank you to the crew that helped to set up the hall. Your snappy work had the room looked amazing and very welcoming with the tables all set. I loved the flowers. Elizabeth and Barbara. We had the right amount of cutlery, plated and glasses. Thanks to Sue for washing all the tablecloths. Thanks to Graeme and the others who helped wash all the dishes. And I'm very grateful to everyone who stayed to clean up the hall afterwards.



I trust that those who sacrificed seeing the rugby "live" enjoyed watching the Hurricanes win via your recordings.



If anyone else has some photos to share from the dinner, please send them to Paul.

More news about Church events is posted on Neighbourly and our church facebook page StAnne@Ward Northland



### **Coming up...**

- First Friday of the month 6pm (**2 Sept, 7 Oct**) – **Pot luck** dinner in the hall, all welcome
- Second Saturday of the month (**10 Sept**) – **Blokes Breakfast** from 8:45 am at Marsden Café Karori. All blokes welcome
- Second and Fourth Fridays (**26 Aug, 8 & 23 Sept**) **Free Food Friday** from 5:30 pm, BBQ sausages outside the hall
- Third Sunday 3pm **18 Sept, 16 Oct Messy Church** meets in the hall 2pm
- **Craft Group** meets on second and fourth Sunday, (**28 Aug, 11 & 25 Sept**) in the hall 2-5 pm, all welcome
- **Thursday Munch** Fourth Thursday, **25 Aug, 22 Sept** from 11:30 am in the hall, with a quiz or guest speaker and lunch
- **Sustainable Fashion Show** – Messy Church 4pm **20 August** at the Cathedral
- **Vestry 15 September**
- **Pet Service 9 October**
- **Annual Church Fair** Saturday **29 October**

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## **AUGUST & SEPTEMBER Services at St Anne's**

Sunday 21 August 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Childrens Church

Sunday 28 August 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Childrens Church

Sunday 4 September 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. All Age Worship

Sunday 11 September 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Childrens Church

Sunday 18 September 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Eucharist and Childrens Church  
2:00 p.m. Messy Church

Sunday 25 September 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
NZ Daylight Saving begins  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Eucharist (School Holidays)

Sunday 2 October 27<sup>th</sup> 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.