

The “mini-messenger”

December 2020



This month we join with other Anglican parishes around the city to publish a combined Advent magazine. The ‘mini’ version of our own magazine contains articles specific to our Parish.

Note that all details of church services are to be found in ‘Anglicans in Advent’.

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Weekly Events for December

Mondays 12-1pm:

Silent prayer in the Lady Chapel.

Mondays 3.30pm:

Ukelele Group meets in the Hall during term time. Come 10 mins early for a cuppa. All welcome.

Tuesdays 4.45pm: Strumpettes

Other Events for December

Sunday 29 November:

3.00. P N Choral Society concert "The Music's Always There – favourite choral music"

Tuesday 1: Lunchtime Concert

12.15. Robert Cleaver (organ) "Jingle All the Way".

Wednesday Dec 2:

11.00am-noon AAW in Hall

Monday Dec 7:

10.00am Seeking the Light

Wednesday Dec 9:

12.15 – 2.30. Senior Lunch.

Sunday Dec 13:

2.30 Renaissance Singers Concert "Carols for Christmas"

Wednesday Dec 16: 7.15pm Vestry.

Note from the Editors: any articles not attributed to anyone are written by the editors. Contributions from parishioners will be warmly welcomed – subject to possible editing!

From the Registers

Nothing to record.



Stir Up Sunday

Christmas Fair

Thankfully Fair Day dawned with little wind and no rain. 14th November was the day of the fair, the only one in 2020 as Covid 19 caused the earlier one to be cancelled.

The stall holders had been briefed about the position of their stalls as there had been some changes to try to freshen things up and make the buyers stop and look. Friday was spent sorting all the boxes of mystery donated by parishioners and stall holders were able to price and arrange their wares. Of course, the stalls that were to be outside could only sort and leave organised piles in the hall.

A team of willing men assembled at 7.30am on Saturday morning to erect the large gazebos lent by Watson Real Estate and a friend of a parishioner. Strong and willing hands soon had them up and the piles from the hall could be transferred to the tables outside. Many thanks to the men who got up early to assist with all this including the vicar and his son-in-law Chris.

By 8.50, each stall holder had their money float and Mike Charles and David Barrett were holding back the keen buyers at the rope barrier. Stall holders gathered in the hall where Stuart prayed for the success of the fair and the feeling of friendliness among everyone who attended. Then he went to the barrier and welcomed the buyers and declared the fair open – the rush began!!

The church was open for people to go in and have a look around. Faye Davenport kept an eye on things and Robert Cleaver let the organ speak for a while. He then transferred to the piano in the hall and the patrons were treated to lovely melodies while they perused the stalls or had a tasty morning tea.

As usual, the cake stall was soon emptied out and the raffles did a roaring trade. A number of buyers spoke of the change in layout in a positive way and in particular, having the “Rumble in the Jumble” stall outside was a good idea to have more room to rummage. The plant stall had so much to sell it left a lot of the plants on the ground where people could wander through and make their choice.



As requested by a number of people, Nightrave Greyhounds brought a few of their gentle greyhounds to be patted and loved by adults and children alike. Mid-morning there was a burst of music and the young men and women of the Tongan church (the girls dressed in their traditional costumes) entertained us all with graceful and lively dancing. This was followed by three of our own parishioners, young (one very young!) Indian girls who danced in pretty sequined dresses on the grass. It was a lovely interlude in the business of selling.

Many thanks to the parishioners (and their friends) who gave so generously that we had plenty to sell and some left over. Be assured, nothing is wasted. Some goods are boxed up and kept for the next fair. The left-over books were given to the Red Cross and "Trash and Treasures" left-overs went to the Salvation Army.

The total on the day was just over \$4,500 but that has already been increased by sales on the Sunday morning following the fair and will be added to by further sales of some items on TradeMe. So far over \$100 has already been made by just two items. Ingrid is very good at getting the best possible price.

There have been a number of comments by buyers about the friendliness of the stall holders and their helpfulness. Well done all of you, the extra effort has paid off for St Peters.

Lunchtime Concert: "Kapa Haka" Parkland School

Excitement levels were very high among the 60 young performers prior to the concert on November 3rd. They had been brought to the church in a bus from Parkland School where they comprised the Kapa Haka group.

Accompanied by two teachers on guitars, the young people provided a very polished performance of waiata. The girls were in the front with their colourful bodices and headbands and pois fastened at the waist ready for action later in the

programme. The boys, at the back, were stripped to the waist with black shorts ready for their turn to be in the front.

The various items were introduced by the pupils but it was very hard to hear them in spite of the microphone. Nervousness made them rush their words which was a pity. However, their singing was beautiful, loud and harmonious.



A very smooth manoeuvre brought the boys to the front where they performed their hakas with great precision and volume. Their young treble voices seemed to get a deeper tone in keeping with the manliness of their actions. A further reversal brought the girls to the front again for their skilful poi songs, and another waiata from all the performers brought the concert to a close.

A number of parents, caregivers and siblings were present with other members of the audience and they appreciated the fine effort from the young people. In a matter of minutes after the conclusion of the concert, the pupils were being led to the bus, still chattering excitedly.



It is very satisfying that St Peter's can encourage and provide an opportunity for groups such as this.

The December concert will be the ever-popular Robert Cleaver with his Christmas programme entitled "Jingle All the Way".

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Vestry Vibes

The November Vestry meeting commenced earlier than usual with a potluck dinner. As usual a tasty assortment of food was received and consumed in short order to allow the meeting to get under way.

- The prophetic exercise for St Peters from the Road Show was discussed and formed the teaching moment for the meeting.
- John Freebairn and Isaac Henderson, Synodsmen, reported on Synod which was held on Zoom this year. It was a three hour meeting but managed to get through the business.
- A quote has been received for the pipe railing round the deck but more information is required.
- Minutes of the Worship sub-committee showing that planning for the Advent and Christmas season was well in hand were received.
- There was a discussion about the Fair and its outcome – over \$700 more than last year on the total at the end of the fair. Maybe there are other ways to gain funds – a quiz night was suggested.
- The Vicar's Report was very full and detailed the many activities he has been involved in over the last month.
- The Treasurer's report showed that the deficit for the year is not quite as bad as was budgeted but with the bank accounts falling over the last month. there is no time for complacency

The last meeting for the year will be on 16th December.

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We are in the process of launching a new initiative. We are calling it “the Listening post” In short, to get it started, Ross (Reverend Ross) will make himself available on Thursday Mornings, between 9.00am and 10.00am, via Zoom.

The idea is that anyone who wants to, can ‘join’ a Zoom meeting and chat with Ross and any other visitors who might be there. It is neither counselling nor a bible study; simply a chat. If we discover that some folks want a more personal conversation, we will set up a time to meet and address whatever the issue might be.

For those who are unfamiliar with Zoom, we will offer help to set it up on your computer (or tablet). Zoom is totally free for what we are talking about. Using it is very simple (once it is set up). For more detail and or assistance, email Ross at ross.downes@xtra.co.nz



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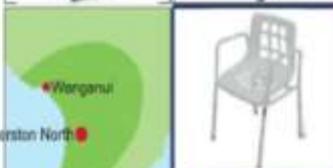
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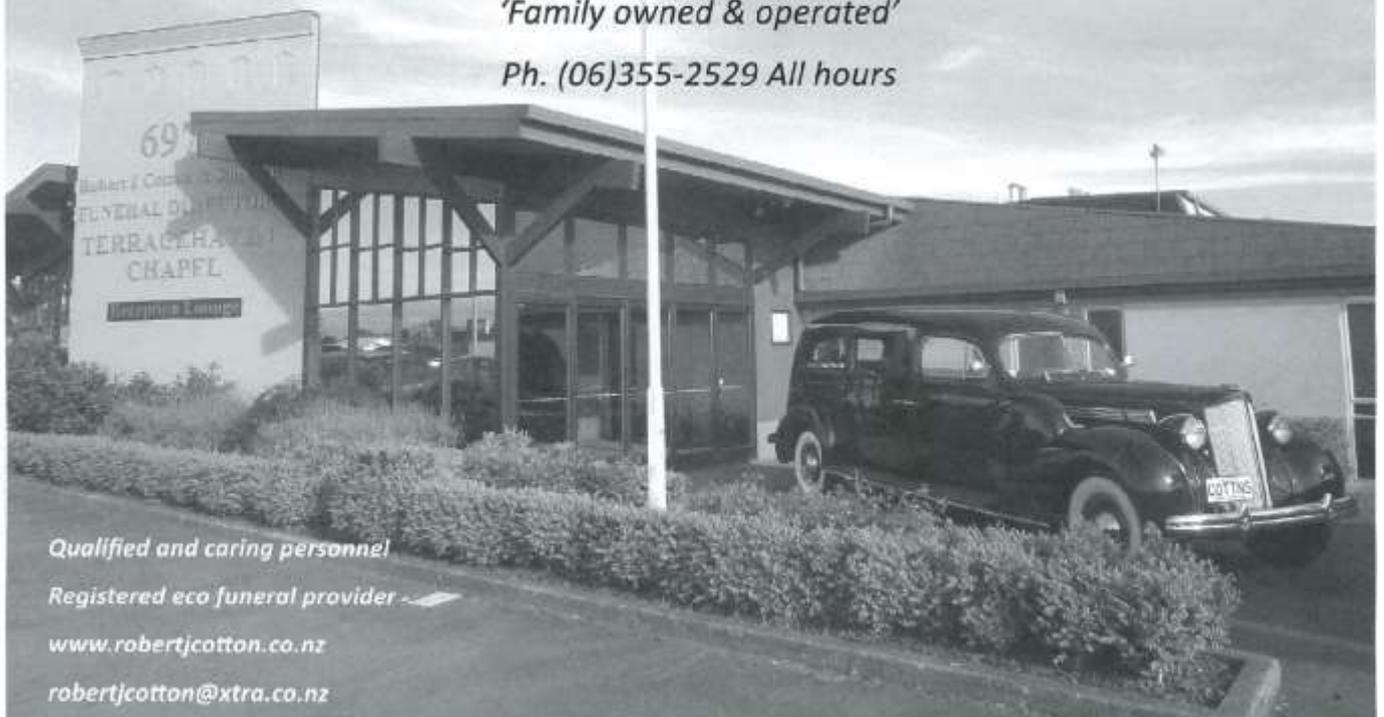
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