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# **Weekly Events for May**

**Sundays 7,14,21,28 May:** 

8am Service

10am Service

# Monday 1 May:

10am Seeking the Light

12pm Silent Prayer

#### Tuesday 2 May:

12.15pm Lunchtime Concert

#### Wednesday 3 May:

10.30am Holy Communion

11am AAW

#### Saturday 6 May:

Coronation of the King

#### Sunday 7 May:

5pm Youth Group

#### Monday 8,15,22,29 May:

12pm Silent Prayer

## Wednesday 10 May:

11.30 Communion

12pm Luscious Lunch

#### Thursday 11, 25 May:

7pm Craft Group

#### Saturday 13 May:

Training Day, Whanganui

#### Saturday 20 May:

Church Fair

#### Sunday 21 May:

7pm Youth Group

#### Sunday 28 May:

5pm Taize service

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!

# And yet ... more!

Last month I talked about psalms of lament, prompted by recalling that Jesus' cry of dereliction on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?", comes from one such psalm. I value the honesty and realism of these psalms, and I value the "and yet" turn that characterises them as they turn to express, in the midst of trial or devastation, trust and confidence in God.

I think the approach of these psalms of lament is a really healthy and helpful one. We are fully in touch with what is going on, and we bring what is wrong in our lives and in the world before God, expressing our lament and complaint. *And*, at the same time, we have confidence that the reality of suffering we experience and see is not all that is real, and that there is a greater truth and a greater One who holds all things for the ultimate good of humankind within the purposes of God. "I have lost my beloved companion..., and yet God loves me and loves him/her still". "The Church has hurt me ..., and yet God still has a purpose for me and for the Church." "I despair at the way things are going ... and yet I have confidence that God knows and cares." "This person has offended against me ..., and yet God knows and loves each of us through and through." "The land is devastated ..., and yet new life will come."

Baroness Caroline Cox, an international humanitarian who has been described as "the Mother Teresa of the war-torn poor", was once asked to relate both her worst moment and her best during all journeys of mercy. The worst? She thought for a moment, then described with brutal simplicity what it was like to enter a Dinka village after Sudanese government-backed soldiers had left, laden with human loot. The stench of death was overpowering. More than a hundred corpses lay where they had been savagely butchered. Men, women, children, even cattle, had been cut down or herded into captivity to be carried north as slaves. Straw huts were ablaze, crops had been razed, and devastation and death confronted the eyes everywhere. Worst of all was the knowledge that the militia would return with their gunships and Kalashnikov rifles.

And her best moment? It came, she said, right after the worst. With the raiders gone and the results of their cruelty all around, the few women still alive – husbands slain, children kidnapped into slavery, homes ruined, and they themselves brutally raped – were pulling themselves together. Their first instinctive act was to make tiny crosses out of sticks lying on the ground and to push them into the earth.

What were they doing? Fashioning instant memorials to those they had lost? No, Lady Cox explained, the crudely formed crosses were not grave markers, but symbols. The crossed sticks, pressed into the ground at the moment when their bodies reeled and their hearts bled, were acts of faith. As followers of Jesus of Nazareth in the Horn of Africa, they served a God whom they believed knew pain

as they knew pain. Blinded by pain and grief themselves, horribly aware that the world would neither know nor care about their plight, they still staked their lives on the conviction that there was one who knew and cared. They were not alone.<sup>1</sup>

"Yet this we call to mind and therefore we have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail." (Lamentations 3:21-22). All this is an expression of an Easter kind of faith, the faith that knows that beyond suffering, dereliction, and death on the cross came the ultimate "and yet" of resurrection. The "and yet" of resurrection is the big perspective, the greater reality, we need to bring to all we lament; we, like the Dinka women, push crossed sticks into the devastated ground in our lives.

## Stuart

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# Buy a Brick.

As part of the renovation of the Vicarage kitchen, the old dining room chimney (which backed onto the kitchen) was removed leaving us with quite a number of bricks to dispose of.

Vestry decided to use the bricks as a fund-raising venture, directing any funds collected towards the cost of earthquake strengthening, particularly changes to the tower. If you would like to contribute to this fundraiser and "Buy a Brick for \$5.00 each" please either give your donation to Joyanne Hughes at church (the Lady with the Hat!) or by online banking to the following St Peter's bank account:

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If you wish to physically take possession of "your" Brick(s) please let us know and a delivery will be made to you.

Joyanne Hughes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Os Guiness, *Unspeakable, Facing up to Evil in an Age of Genocide and Terror,* Harper, 2005, pp.136-137, with some minor amendments.

# **Vestry Vibes**

Vestry met on 12th April 2023 in the St Peter's Community Hall.

The Bible reflection was from 1 Corinthians 15; 20-28.

The teaching moment led by Stuart focussed on the Temptation Triangle. The three points of the triangle all began with A.

At the top, Appetite – fear of lack – abundance

The next point Approval/Affirmation – fear of rejection – adoption

The last point Ambition – fear of failure – no condemnation

There was considerable discussion about the various points and their outcomes.

- It was agreed that there would be no change in the composition of the various vestry sub-committees.
- The painting of the hall is difficult because of the bookings. Further discussion is required.
- Some "bricks" have already been sold. Money has been received but no one has actually wanted to take the brick.
  - The Vicar was very pleased with the numbers attending Easter services.
- Christine and Stuart attended part of the Ministry Leaders Family Camp at El Rancho. Pressure of work at that time of year meant they could not attend the whole weekend.
  - The Prayer Chain is operational and is in use.
  - Meals are now being made available for parishioners who need them.
  - There was discussion about the placement of the offertory plate.
- A replacement for the missing icon/plaque of Mary and Jesus has been found and purchased by Ingrid on Trade Me. There was discussion on the means to attach it.
  - There was a report on developments for the Fair.
- It has been suggested that a tree be planted to mark the coronation of King Charles the Third.
- A grant is to be sought from Central Energy Trust to purchase a new dishwasher for the hall.

The meeting concluded with the Grace.

The next meeting is on May 10<sup>th</sup>.





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10.30 for judging.

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# Deacon's Dismissal: Sharing God in the Workplace

As I write this, it is the middle of the Easter weekend. On the 12th April I have been nursing for 46 years. Sometime in the next five years I will retire from nursing. Hopefully I will make it to 50 years of nursing in 2027. I am planning for the time when this occurs. How am I doing that? What is my plan for retirement?

I have a couple of relatively simple goals. One is to spend more time exploring parts of New Zealand in my motorhome. The other is to be more involved in pastoral care in the parish. To that end I have embarked on a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, with a focus on pastoral care. This is through the University of Otago.

The first 400-level paper for this semester is Theological Perspectives on Leadership. The first assignment requires the writing of a personal philosophy of leadership. Within this there is exploration of positive and negative aspects of various leadership models and theories. Consideration is given to role models and experiences that have influenced development of leadership.

Within the paper there is a broad range of perspectives of leadership. The scope of the paper is broad enough to consider how aspects of theology impact on my leadership style in nursing education. There are eight modules in all. We begin looking at a variety of leadership theories and models. We also explore opportunities and challenges in leadership, in the age of environmental crisis, pandemic, post-truth and digital era. We consider Māori and Christian approaches, theological considerations, handling power and measuring success. We explore organisational mission and culture, change and risk, crisis and conflict, maintaining health and well-being.

The student group is relatively small, it is ethnically diverse. While the paper is taught by distance, we meet via Zoom for a two-hour session every two weeks until mid-June.

The reading and the conversations are fascinating and thought provoking.

My on-going question is: what will the pastoral care of the future look like? If we consider climate change, natural disasters, pandemics, use and abuse of technology? Thinking about the challenges in New Zealand society, such as high rates of mental illness, family and other types of violence, alcohol and drug abuse, pressures on our education and health systems?

The paper for Semester 2 is Chaplaincy in Diverse Contexts. There is one further 400-level paper and a dissertation to follow. About three years study in total. So, watch this space for further developments and my progress through the year.

Faye



Psalm Sunday - Easter

# **Lunchtime Concert - March**

The first Lunchtime Concert for 2023 saw a return of Angie Cook and some of her pupils – mostly three of the Teulon family with the addition of violinist Yuri Park and pianist Matthew Bowers. The title, "Beautiful Music for a Broken World" was very ably illustrated by the musicians.

The programme opened with the three Teulons (David, Judah and Jemima) playing "The Bells" composed by Alec Rowley



which was six hands on one piano! A delightful piece. Angie and David Teulon played a duet "Wiegenlied" by Franz Schubert followed by Judah Teulon playing two "Two Part Inventions" by J.S. Bach.

A rather evocative piece called "Isle of Palms and The Reef" from 'On Southern Seas' by Walter Carroll was the choice of Jemima, and Judah played "Arioso" by J.S.Bach.

The second part of the programme showcased the senior members. Angie Cook played "Duetto Op 38 no 6" from Songs Without Words by Felix Mendelssohn and then she was joined by Yuri Park, a violinist, who played the three movements of "Violin Sonata in C No 17" by W A Mozart.

The final two items were from the pianist Matthew Bowers. First, he played "To Zanarkand" and "Eyes on Me" from Final Fantasy by Nobuo Uematsu. This composer is Japanese and is particularly well known for his video game music. The poignant "Nocturne in C minor Opus 48 no 1" by Frederick Chopin concluded the programme.

This concert was a delight and particularly encouraging to see young people taking part as well as the more experienced musicians.

Following the concert, Angie requested a retiring collection for Red Cross NZ and subsequently reported that \$185 was donated from the audience.

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# 19 May is Pink Shirt Day (Stop Bullying)

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new student was harassed for wearing pink. We've been celebrating Pink Shirt Day in Aotearoa since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year.

Pink Shirt Day is funded by donations from the public. Donations are used in supporting the Mental Health Foundation to reduce bullying; through raising awareness about bullying prevention, funding education workshops and supplying thousands of free resources that promote inclusive workplaces, schools and communities.

# What does 'Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying' mean?

# Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu - Speak Up

'Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu' means to speak up and speak out in reference to bullying. 'Speak Up' refers to having conversations with your friends, whānau, children, teachers, students and wider communities to come up with ideas and strategies to address bullying. 'Speak Up' is also about asking for help when you need it. This can be scary, and sometimes the first person you ask can't or won't do anything to help you. Keep asking. Pink Shirt Day shows there are many people who care about supporting you.

# Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Stand Together

'Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora' means to stand together in life and wellness. 'Stand Together' refers to how bullying behaviour is influenced by the actions and values of friends, whānau, schools, workplaces and whole communities. Real change happens when we Stand Together, sending a strong message that there is no place for bullying in Aotearoa. Bullying often makes people feel alone, but Pink Shirt Data shows that many people care. Many people want to play their part in making Aotearoa a safe, welcoming and respectful place for everyone, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background.

# **Stop Bullying**

On Pink Shirt Day, let's turn Aotearoa into a sea of pink and know that together, we can Stop Bullying.

# For further resources: www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/about

**Bible verse:** Deuteronomy chapter 31, verse 6: 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; will never leave you nor forsake you'.

Rev Faye Davenport RN

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# **Archbishop Escapes Cathedral Attack**

The Archbishop of Sudan Most Rev Ezekiel Kondo has escaped with 41 of his people during an attack on Khartoum Cathedral. The Archbishop has reported that the Anglican Cathedral in Khartoum came under attack from the warring factions on Monday evening 17 April 2023.

The Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Rev Nick Baines, wrote on 18 April 2023 he had been in contact with the Archbishop, who had texted that morning to say the cathedral compound had been raided the previous night, "and their cars destroyed using firearms".

Ian Woodward, chair of the the Diocese of Salisbury's Sudan link group reported that forty-two people escaped the Cathedral compound during the attack, including the archbishop and family members. Archbishop Ezekiel, his family and others escaping the scene were forced to travel through bombed out streets where buildings still burned.

Archbishop Ezekiel Konda called on the Church worldwide to keep his people in their prayers. The Archbishop of Canterbury said: "We hold the nation of Sudan in our prayers at this time. Lord God, protect the civilians, bring peace to this appalling crisis in the nation's life, and allow political stability to return."

GEORGE CONGER | TAONGA NEWS | 27 APR 2023

# **Obituary – Alistair Davies**

Alistair came to St Peter's with his wife, Rev Geneth Davies, in the 1980s. He immediately became involved in all aspects of parish life.

He was a Lay-reader, worship leader, chorister and musician playing for evening services and also at services in several rest homes. He was a vestry member, parish treasurer and a member of the Wellington Diocesan Finance Committee for more than 10 years. He fulfilled many other roles including his involvement with Cursillo. All this work resulted in his being recognised with a Bishop's Medal in 2016.



Alistair was always ready with a quick quip and loved having a laugh. His cheeky wit and ready smile made him a very popular People's Warden for six years. He loved going out to a friend's farm and helping with the cows. His "girls" as he called them were his relaxation and enjoyment and he sometimes turned up to meetings in the late afternoon with his dark green boiler suit on – his farm uniform.

Keeping church property looking neat and tidy was very important to Alistair and he mowed lawns, sprayed weeds, cleaned gutters, painted and lots of other things like shifting the 10 ton safe from the old office to the new one!

Alistair's contribution to the life of St Peter's was a very significant one. We miss him greatly and appreciate all he did for our church.

"Well done good and faithful servant."

# **St Augustine**

Augustine was prior of a monastery in Rome when the Pope chose him to lead a mission to Britain, landing in Kent in 597. It was known that there were Christina sympathisers in that county. King Ethelbert allowed the missionaries to preach freely and they were able to build a monastery.

On Christmas Day 597, Augustine held a mass baptism baptising thousands and he was consecrated as bishop on the same day. He founded a school to train Anglo-Saxon priests and missionaries to evangelise further into Britain. Subsequently, Augustine became known as the first Archbishop of Canterbury which is the largest city in Kent.

His probable date of death is 604.

# A Prayer for Healing - Joy Cowley

Jesus, I need healing.

At times I have a Judas voice

which betrays the Christ in me and others.

There is also a Pontius Pilate who

will shrug

and walk away from the suffering in

the world,

a Peter who panics and denies the truth.

Jesus, the scenes of your trial and crucifixion

get acted out in me, time after time,

and there are days when I find it hard

to look at myself in the mirror.

I need you to remind me

that foregiveness begins with self.

Life is a journey of contrasts.

It is light which makes shadows,

Hills which cause valleys,

And it is your life in me.

# The Telling - M. Hartfield

I want to tell the world

about my Lord

Crazy things He said, they said

Like "eye for eye

And tooth for tooth" no more -

'Turn your face

and be hit again" He said,

'bring shame in court

by stripping –

walk, and walk

and keep on walking -

give, and give

and keep on giving.'

That's what my Lord did

Until there was only his life left

to give

so He gave that.

I can't tell the world

About my Lord

But I can tell you.

Poems from the Good Friday service.

#### **AAW**

On the Wednesday in Holy Week, the St Peter's AAW Fellowship gathered at the New World carpark in Summerhill Drive and proceeded to Rev Barbara and Doug Coles beautiful native flora and fauna gardens. We were greeted by Barbara and ushered in for morning tea.

Following this, we celebrated Communion using the large New Zealand prayer book and enjoyed various forms not found in the reduced form. An example on page 162, prayer 2 was also mentioned in the poems of James K .Baxter. Thank you, Barbara.

Those of us able to walked through the bush-covered track to pause at each Station of the Cross to pray and read the description at each station. For those not able to walk the



journey, Doug had prepared a video of the Stations. The bush walk was accompanied by piwakawaka (fantails) fluttering around and the sound of tui in the tree tops. This was a wonderful day with visitors joining us from the parish.

Our May meeting is a presentation of a sewing machine to Esme for her connection with the Red Cross Refugee project.

Could members please bring a donation of sewing accessories eg, cotton, tape measure, scissors, quick unpick, marking pen. etc.

All enquiries to Githa Warrington 0212502811 06 357 3859

#### Samuel Marsden

Samuel Marsden was born in England, on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1765. He was a member of the Church Missionary Society and went out to Australia as chaplain to New South Wales. He then became the driving force behind the establishment of Anglican mission stations in New Zealand in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. He had continual wrangles with the British authorities in particular about the trade in Maori heads (which he deplored) and the lawlessness in Korareka (Russell) which he felt the authorities were ignoring.

He died on 12th May 1838.

# **Lunchtime Concert - April**

The concert on 4<sup>th</sup> April featured the Strumpettes Ukelele Band. They filled in at short notice and it was a pity that there was not a larger audience to enjoy their music.

Under the leadership of Bev Procter, the group romped through a very enjoyable and popular programme which had several audience members singing along, albeit quietly!



The programme began with Haere Mai followed by Down By the Riverside and Call of the Bellbird. Then one of the band members played Whispering Hope on his mandolin.

The pace quickened again with Rave On and Do What You Do, Do Well followed by a vocal solo from one of the men, Edelweiss from The Sound of Music.

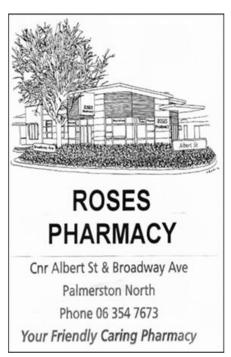
Then back to the 50s with I'm Gonna Knock on Your Door and Blame it on the Bossa Nova.

A gentle change to the mandolin and We Thank Thee, with the band playing and singing Whakaaria Mai to conclude the programme.

A delightful way to spend a lunch hour, reminiscing with lively music.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May the performer will be Scott, pianist, who is a senior pupil of Nick Hunter. Come along and enjoy a break in your busy lives.





# Fresh Eyes: Perspective of a Newcomer

Kia ora e te whānau o St Peter's. For a bit over a year now I've crept in at 9:58 and taken a pew. This place that is a special part of you is becoming a special part of me. I've slowly accepted the many welcomes, I've met some of you, I'm relishing becoming part of your community. Thank you.

What is it that is special about St Peter's to me? There's an openness to the symbolic. One can experience God in an orthodox way... or not - at St Peter's there is an invitation to make genuine use of metaphor and symbol to draw close to the divine. And there's great comfort with space and silence. The part of the service that first struck me as so very rich is the simple pause that occurs directly after the sermon - one can dwell on the words we've just heard, or can simply be present to the deep presence that is all around us.

The building itself is incredible, a genuine treasure that you offer to the city. I am mesmerised weekly by the stained glass that watches us from high places. The Lady Chapel is a place pregnant with peace and stillness - I've been to a couple of the Silent Prayer offerings on a Monday, privileged to see such mature contemplative practice enacted.

My favourite service of the year happens on Maundy Thursday. Tenebrae, the vigil of night, is deeply meaningful for me as I commemorate my own entry into darkness in 2020 (ask me about that some time).

And each week I leave out the Red Doors on the south side of the church. The church building is oriented east/west, but of course Palmerston North is laid out more nor-east/sou-west. Those Red Doors are set at a deliberate angle, looking carefully down the length of Broadway - it truly becomes a sacred moment, we go from church-building to church-world through that exit, we go in peace to love and serve.

Nigel Orr

# St James and St Philip

The saint day of St Philip and St James is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

James was known as the Lesser to distinguish him from James the brother of John who were disciples. Little else is known about James the Lesser but it seems he was called by Jesus to become one of the founders of His new church.

Philip came from the same town as the disciples Peter and Andrew – Galilee - and was called directly by Jesus. He was one of the twelve apostles and is particularly mentioned in the story of the loaves and fishes – John Chapter 6;5-7.

# Fair Forecast!!

The next parish fair is on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12 noon. Make sure it is in your diary.

There will be two American Classic cars thanks to Kruisin Kustoms for you to eye and reminisce over.

There will be a Rock'n'Roll demonstration and the sausage sizzle will have a slightly American twist.

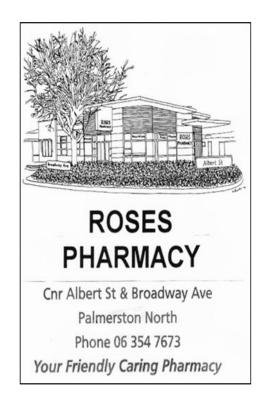
But there will also be the usual stalls – Pete's Pantry, Crafts, Books and Records, Jewellery. Trash and Treasures, Collectibles, Cakes, Jumble and time to have a rest at the Café. There will be raffles – a Pamper Hamper donated by a parishioner and hopefully a grocery hamper and a supermarket voucher or two.

Please make a cake or biscuits, go through your spare room to see what you don't want anymore and bring some items for the grocery raffle to the church office. Note there is no plant stall at this time of the year.

At 10.30 there will be the judging of the decorated gumboots. This is a bit different and should attract a good number of young contestants. There is a poster on the notice board.

So come along and bring your family and friends. Enjoy the fun of the fair!!







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