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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Services & Regular Events

Sundays 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 October

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00am Eucharist (*except October 1*)

Sunday 29 October

5:00pm Taizé service

Sundays 15 & 29 October

5:00pm Youth Group

Mondays 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 October

12:00pm Silent Prayer- Lady Chapel

Thursdays 12 & 26 October

7:00pm Craft Group @ the Vicarage

Other Events

Sunday 1 October

10:00am Pet Blessing Service

Monday 2 October

10:00am Seeking the Light Group

Tuesday 3 October

12.15pm Lunchtime concert

SYLO Choir

Wednesday 4 October

10.30am Morning Eucharist

11:00am AAW

Wednesday 11 October

11.30pm Morning Eucharist12.15pm Luscious Lunch

Thursday November 2

7:00pm All Souls Service

November 11 is our Church Fair, featuring our iconic plant stall as well as our popular food stalls! You can help by growing extra seedlings or taking cuttings. While the fair is still in its planning stages, if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact Yvonne Rae.

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!

Who or what are we blessing?

On 1 October we have our annual pet blessing service, that being the Sunday closest to 4 October, which is the Feast of St Francis, patron saint of animals. 2 and 3 October are also set apart as special days of prayer for all creation and bring to an end a month of the ecumenical Season of Creation. As I think about these themes, I am reminded of the Benedicite Aotearoa which appears in one of our Eucharistic liturgies:

O give thanks to our God who is good: whose love endures for ever.

You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky: give to our God your thanks and praise. ...

The *Benedicite Aotearoa* is a modern and contextualised reimagining of an ancient canticle which appeared in the Book of Common Prayer: the *Benedicite Omnia Opera*. The Latin title comes from the canticle's first line:

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever....

The text comes from the *Song of the Three Children* which is part of the Apocrypha: that is, the text is found within the Septuagint (Greek) version of the book of Daniel but not in the earlier Hebrew manuscripts. In this canticle *all* of creation ("all ye works of the Lord") is enjoined to bless, praise, and magnify God:

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever...

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever...

O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever...

O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever...

O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever...

O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Psalm 148 in similar fashion starts out with exhorting the angels, the heavenly host, to praise God, and moves to the same encouragement for the elements to praise God, and the animals to praise God, and finally all manner of humanity to praise God. The same ideas are reflected in some well-known hymns: "All creatures of our God and King", "Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him", and the final verse of "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven".

All these texts reflect an important theological principle. Humankind was given a special role by God in relation to creation. It may be summed up in the expression "priests and rulers" (see Exodus 19:5-6, 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6). Humankind was given the roles of, on the one hand, encouraging and gathering up creation's proper praise of the Creator, and, on the other, ruling over all creation as under-rulers for God, in accordance with God's good purposes.

The presence within the canticle's and psalm's lists of things that are not always and everywhere "good" for humankind – flood, fire, wild beasts, ice, snow, storm ... – makes me reflect on the brokenness of a creation that is, like humankind, awaiting the renewal of all things. And it makes me reflect on the ways in which humankind is implicated in many of the "not good" outcomes – from the local effects of importing species into inappropriate environments in the interests of sport or economics, through to the global effects of anthropogenic climate change driven by the neverending desire for more consumption.

One way of thinking about the Fall (see Genesis 3) is to see it as a reversal of the proper ordering of relationships, inverting our priestly and princely calling so that humankind tries to rule over God and starts either worshipping creation or worshipping humankind (while exploiting creation to that end).

I find myself wondering what the "priests and rulers" mind-set might imply for our relationship with the rest of creation. To me it speaks of something other than

regarding creation as merely a resource for humankind, as something only to be used, consumed, or exploited. To me it speaks against an attitude of short-term thinking and regarding things from a transactional point of view.

The canticles have us exercising our priestly vocation in exhorting all creation to bless the Lord. Perhaps if we had more of the mindset of that vocation, we ourselves would be more of a blessing to creation!

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Stuart

EFM Graduation

September 3 was a celebration for parishioners Githa Warrington and David Barrett who received their certificates marking the successful completion of a four-year Education for Ministry (EFM) course. Graduating with them was Jenny Hornblow from All Saints and we welcomed back Anne Chrisp who was their mentor. To add to the festiveness of the occasion, our choir was joined by members of the All Saints' choir of which Jenny is the director.

Michael Crawford-Butler, the EFM Administrator for New Zealand described the course which covers the study of the Bible, the history of Christianity and various theological principles. By the end of their four years, the graduates would have completed 1000 to 2000 hours of study, equating to 3 to 5 hours per week at home and a further two hours together as a group. A typical meeting would start with worship with each participant taking their turn in leading this, followed by some sharing, discussion about the set readings, supper, and a period of theological reflection before returning to worship to bring the gathering to a close.

After Michael had explained the course process, Anne Chrisp led the graduates in a short liturgy and presented the graduates with their certificates. A message of congratulations and a blessing from Bishop Justin were read out by the Vicar to conclude the ceremony.



Anne Chrisp, Jenny Hornblow, Githa Warrington, David Barrett & Michael Crawford-Butler

Operation Loyalty

Imagine being charged with a goal of raising \$2,446,586.51 in just under three years, and to do this decades before crowdfunding, quiz nights and silent auctions. Yet one community did just that - the goal being to build a "new Church"— the St Peters parishioners who have gone before us.

67 years ago, starting on the 7th day of this month, members of this parish started fulfilling their pledges to help raise the sum of £40,000 towards building a "new and larger" St Peter's. There was a degree of urgency as the Vicar Leo King wrote to the Parish in July 1956 edition of The Messenger:

Our present building is much too small. And as you will see if you inspect it, especially at the back, its life is very limited. (Due to the wood decaying)

The mission, dubbed "Operation Loyalty" was officially launched on July 22, 1956. The Vicar labelled this as the "lay people's movement" because the work towards raising this money was carried out by the parishioners themselves. An invitation to a Loyalty Dinner appeared in the August 1956 Messenger where the future of the parish and how parishioners and their families could be involved would be explained. There, the "Operation Loyalty Appeal" was unveiled. A team of "selected 'Church men", would personally visit every household associated with St Peter's, including parishioners, prospective members, parents of Sunday School children and anyone else remotely connected with the church, to obtain weekly pledges over the span of nearly three years. Parishioners were assured that this would be the sole means of

You are Invited to the

LOYALTY DINNER

to be held at the Milson Aerodrome at

6.30 P.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd.

An entertainment is being arranged for children, and a Creche for babies with nurses in attendance so that you will be free to attend

THE LOYALTY DINNER

Please mark this date in your diary now-Monday, September 3rd.

No charge for the Dinner.

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fundraising. A publication, Operation Loyalty (1956), defined Sacrificial giving as the kind of giving that strengthens faith and brings the kind of interest that permits a

Church to grow and render greater Christian Service. Overall, the expectation was of a pledge greater than what one would think possible and for the largest amount ... ever given, because it would only be though this kind of giving that the £40,000 could be raised in the 150-week timeframe.

A table was prepared to help participants to consider how much to



Operation Loyalty 1956

pledge. The average weekly wage at the first quarter of 1956 was £13 6/- 8d or thirteen pounds, 6 shillings and 8 pence. This was averaged across all industries so a few parishioners may have had more in the hand, but the majority by far would have taken home a far smaller amount than this. 20/- (twenty shillings) was £1(\$61.16) and

7.48% of the average wage. The highest, 80/- or £4 (\$244.66), would have been 29.93%!² Translated into today's money, and showing pledged amounts proportionate to weekly income, the giving of many would have indeed been truly sacrificial - the sums pledged prayerfully considered and decisions likely had to be made as to what might be given up to achieve this. What also made this an act of faith, was that there were no architects plans, actual nor artist's impressions; and for some of those

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pledging, there was the possibility that they may not even see their new Church completed within their lifetimes.

In the October 1956 Messenger, the Vicar, Leo King reported that £47,000 had been pledged which meant that it would *now be possible to approach an architect and ask him to submit plans*. He went on to write:

By your willingness to make your pledge you are contributing towards the cost of the new Church which we will erect to the Glory of God and for the use of generations to come...

¹ New Zealand Yearbook 1956

² Figures calculated by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Inflation calculator, using 1956 Q2 as a baseline.

67 years later, it is 2023. It is we, now the "generations to come", who are enjoying the fruits of Operation Loyalty - our current church where we worship, pray, celebrate the liturgical year, sing, laugh, and sometimes cry, where we farewell our departed and welcome new members to our family through baptism. We take in the beauty of the interior, the light shining through the stained-glass windows donated by groups and parishioners long departed. We enjoy the music from the organ as we sit in the pews given by those same families who had already pledged truly sacrificial amounts. We kneel at our communion rails for which the boy scouts of the day must have undertaken countless bottle-drives. We admire the

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banners and embroidery, made by hand, and with love by the various guilds over the decades.

But what does this mean to each of us? Do we now dismiss our current church as "just a building", no longer relevant in the 21st century? Is it now simply a moneyspinner, a venue to be hired out to other groups who may not share the same values nor theologies? Or does it remain something far more, a sacred space, a whole infinitely and sacramentally greater than the sum of its parts; made even more so because of the sacrifices made by those past parishioners through their deep loyalty to God, the Church, and to finally to us. Could we ourselves match that loyalty? If so, what will each of us do to take our part in caring for, honouring, and preserving their legacy for those generations of parishioners yet to come?

Ingrid Vlieg

AAW Report

A great time was enjoyed by members of St Peter's AAW group in September. A visit

by Prue Pim of Te Manawa Museum, with her *Museum in a Box*. Each museum box includes a themed collection that participants can handle and use and include, Te Marae o Hine, clubs and societies, food, Queen Elizabeth hair care, weddings, Christmas, and dancing. Public donations were the Lodge paraphernalia of aprons with their gold and silver thread work, Labour Party junior members sports club photographs, and many more.

The HAIR FORCE

Broadtop, 337 Broadway Ave TELEPHONE 357-6887 Tracy Ward, Proprietor The box we explored was that of Manawatu clubs and Societies. It soon become a topic of conversation as members remembered different Societies they belonged to. Many of the displays were from Prue's own collection which included her Brownie dress.

Thankyou Prue for a really interesting morning! Prue can be contacted for bookings at enquiries@temanawa.co.nz

Our October meeting begins with communion at 10.30am followed by morning tea in the hall.

Enquiries to Githa Warrington 0212502811 06 357 3859

Lunchtime Concert

A beautiful performance by Christy and Nick Hunter was enjoyed by a large audience on Tuesday 5th September at the lunchtime concert.

Both Christy and Nick studied performance music in Wellington and have been performing together on flute and piano respectively, since 2006. They were married in 2007 and now have two young daughters who are often seen at St Peters with their grandparents, Warwick and Jeannie Hunter.



The Hunter Family

The programme opened with Christy playing "Sonatina" by Lennox Berkeley, accompanied by Nick. Then Christy played a piece, as yet Untitled (that might be the title?), for solo flute composed by Nick. "Legend No 1, St Francis of Assisi's Sermon to the Birds" composed by Franz Liszt was a most evocative piano solo from Nick who then accompanied Christy in the final two pieces. "Morceau de Concours" by Gabriel Faure was followed by the popular "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakoff to the delight of the audience.

Christy and Nick have both been teaching music in Palmerston North since 2008 and their students certainly have excellent role models in these two performers.

On Tuesday 3rd October, the SYLO choir, conducted by Christine Archer-Lockwood will be performing. This choir shows just what people can do when led by an experienced and caring conductor. Come along and enjoy well known songs.

October is Health Literacy Month - Building Awareness Through Action

The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Proverbs 18, verse15

How in tune are you with your own health? Do you know what is normal for you? If you are aware of what is normal for you then you have a better chance of recognising something that is not normal and possibly requires attention. Do you know what your usual blood pressure measurement is? Do you know what medications you are on, what they are for and what the possible side effects are?

All of this relates to your level of health literacy. This is defined in two ways:

Personal health literacy is how well a person can find, understand, and use information and services to make decisions about their own health and the health of others.

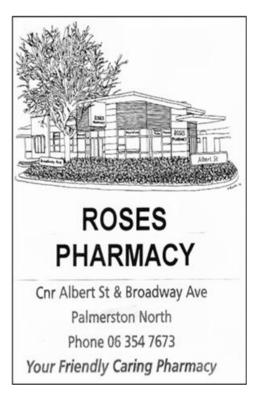
Organizational health literacy is how well organisations equitably help all people find, understand, and use information and services to make decisions about their own health and others.

Building awareness through action is a time when health organizations, literacy programs, libraries, social service agencies, businesses, professional associations, government agencies, and other groups work together to integrate and expand the mission of health literacy.

Together, we can build a world with greater health equity where all people can attain positive health outcomes.

For further resources: www.healthliteracymonth.org. This website has a lot of ideas for action.

Rev Faye Davenport RN



Youth Happenings

Over the last term at Youth Group, we have been discussing climate change. Peter and Ally Kemp led an interesting and informative discussion about the realities of global warming. We decided it was too easy to focus all the blame on the big companies and that we must do what we can, however small. One family has dug their berm up to provide herbs for the street. This inspired us to think we could do something similar out the front of St Peters. Not only would we be providing free herbs etc to the community, but it would reduce plastic use from bought herbs.

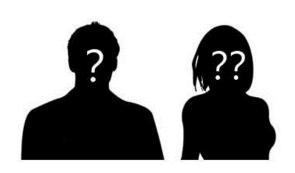
The herbs will be grown in planter boxes which are not a permanent fixture. It was agreed that they should be placed on the grass in front of the office. The boxes are commercially made and will look very attractive. Hopefully this will also be a way of showing our care for the community and modelling growing your own vegetables. The youth group are to take responsibility for the boxes.

The idea was taken to vestry who have agreed, and the youth have already started growing seeds. So far, we hope to see, parsley, spinach, lettuce etc seedlings appear and early next term plant them into boxes out the front of the church. Do make use of them and if you have any spare seedlings, please let us know.

If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to ask one of the youth. *Jeannie Hunter*

Guess who came to lunch?

Following the dismissal of the 10:00 Service on Sunday September 10, various parishioners were mysteriously quick to disperse, some to prepare for the arrival of their mystery guests; others to find their ways to their mystery destination, armed only with a slip of paper with an address (which may have immediately



debunked part of the mystery for some), and what dish to contribute (without knowing what else might be served). Who was selected to go where, with what and with whom, was determined via yet another mysterious process, best known only to the Parish Administrator!

The event itself was not without its own confounding factors; three groups suddenly became four and one new host bravely took on this role at the 11th hour.

Some Statistics:

- Fresh bread of some sort was served at all the tables, with a 25% chance it being infused with garlicky butter,
- Salad was served at all but one, and there was a 50/50 chance of either two salads or bean salad,
- Chicken dishes featured at two, one being stuffed chicken breasts, as also did corned beef; and Moroccan meat balls at another,
- One served two cheeses and another: a sweet platter,

- One group "enjoyed" an eclectic assortment of titbits from at least two other groups,
- Four desserts altogether were served, all featuring some sort of fruit including various permutations of lemons, apples, blackberries, and grapes, with there being a choice of two desserts at one location, and



• Finally, the odds of having a fun and interesting meal in good company, and possibly unknown people becoming less mysterious or "uncensored" as described by one guest: 100%!

Vestry Vibes

The vestry meeting on 13th September 2023 was chaired by John Freebairn (Vicar's Warden) in the absence of the Vicar.

The meeting was joined by representatives of the Youth Group to discuss their proposed new project. They plan to purchase and plant three planter boxes for herbs and vegetables which would be available free for those who want them. Costs are to be covered by the funds received from the Anglican Childrens' Trust. The Youth Group requested permission to go ahead, and vestry approved the money to cover costs of 3 planter boxes and compost. The group then left the meeting.

The Bible reflection was from Ephesians 2: 11-22 which raised the question of

reconciling the Old Testament with the New Testament.

The teaching moment concerned Character. Character is who you are as a person and is made up of many strengths and weaknesses.

- The plumbing quote for replacement guttering (previously agreed by email) was ratified. Insurance excess is \$1000.
- The August meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.
- Wifi has now been installed and has improved reception.
- The hall painting has been completed and it has brightened it up.



- Guess Who's Coming to Lunch was successful with good feedback. It is hoped that there will be more.
- It was moved that the old sterilizer from the kitchen be gifted to St Margaret's in Taihape. John will deliver it as he travels north.
- The Vicar's written report showed a gradual but marked increase in attendance He also reported on the Diocesan Training Day and thanked Githa and Graeme for their catering duties.
- There are 14 parishes from Otaki north on this side of the ranges. Only 3, including St Peter's, are able to afford to pay a full stipend.
- Spark have been positive about a possible antenna pole to replace their use of the church tower. Proposals will be forthcoming in due course.
- Stuart and Christine will be taking annual leave from 25th September to 1st October inclusive.
- A letter from the Bishop detailing a forthcoming gathering to discuss "Leading your Church into Growth" was tabled and discussed
- John will be the lay synod representative.
- Is the lighting in the chancel adequate? Comparisons have been made by choirs now using St Andrews.

The meeting closed with the "Grace". Next meeting is 11th October 2023

From the Parish Register – September 2023

In Memoriam

September 8 - Alison Munford September 15 - Waereti Dorothy (Reti) Edwards

Deacon's Dismissal: Sharing God in the Workplace

The highlight for me in September (13-15th) was attending the Oceania Palliative Care Conference at Darling Harbour in Sydney. 1500 people got together. 1200 participants attended face to face and another 300 joined the Conference online. There were so many presentations that often there would be five running concurrently. The program featured over 215 speakers who pointed to powerful ideas, research, and models of care around the theme of 'shaping stronger health systems, delivering quality palliative care.' The challenge was deciding which one to attend. I studied the programme closely and made my choices before leaving home.

The sessions that I was particularly interested in were those related to spiritual care as well as grief and loss.

One of the common themes throughout the Conference was co-design. Co-design is a process where people with professional and lived experience partner as equals to improve health services by listening, learning, and making decisions together. A good example is that with the current lack of numbers of health professionals more effort is put into supporting and equipping carers. Most people receiving palliative care wish to and are cared for in their own home environment. So, the carers are usually family and friends. Such care is demanding work, physically and emotionally. Often such care is 24/7 and over several weeks or months. It is not about providing services and resources for home carer. It is about working together, health professionals and carers. It is important that the care and resources (people, information, equipment) are effectively coordinated. What does the family need and how can the needs best be supported and by whom.

There were several interesting presentations and on-going conversations about when a person 'enters' palliative care. This often means the transition from active treatment to the palliative stage. Closely related to this is when and how those conversations occur. Often these conversations occur too late. Alternatively, it is not made clear just what the stage of palliative care means for the person and their family. How can you prepare when you don't know?

My presentation was on the Friday of the Conference. My focus was on international students who come to New Zealand to study in the Bachelor of Nursing degree. For many of these students the concepts of palliative care and cultural safety are new. I explored some of the ways I engage with both domestic and international students and indeed how they share life and health care experiences. Interestingly, following my presentation, a couple of doctors talked with me about engaging in the topics with first year medical students. They took some of my ideas to assist in these topics that they saw as challenging.

I hope that some of my learning from the Conference will be helpful as I continue in my own Theology study.

Deacon Faye



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