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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Services & Regular Events

Sundays 3, 10, 17 & 24 September

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Eucharist

Sundays 27 August & 24 September

5:00pm Taizé service

Sundays 3 & 17 September

5:00pm Youth Group

Mondays 4, 11, 18, & 25 September

12:00pm Silent Prayer- Lady Chapel

Thursdays 14 & 28 September

7:00pm Craft Group @ the Vicarage

Other Events

Monday 4 September

10:00am Seeking the Light Group

Tuesday 5 September

12.15pm Lunchtime concert

Flute and Piano Recital

Sarah & Nick Hunter

Wednesday 6 September

10.30am Morning Eucharist

11:00am AAW

Sunday 10 September

12:00pm Special Social Event

Guess Who's Coming to Lunch!

Wednesday 13 September

11.30pm Morning Eucharist

12.15pm Luscious Lunch

Thursday 28 September

7:30pm St Peter's Choir Practice

Sunday 1 October

10:00am Pet Blessing 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!*

The renewing of your mind

Another day, another article about the election and the positions being taken by parties and politicians keen to be elected or re-elected. Something that has caught my eye in much of this is the seeming inability to have a decent, informed, discourse without resort to labelling. Labelling tends to shut down discussion and inquiry. Label co-governance “apartheid”, or opposition to co-governance “racist”; label penal reform as “soft on crime”; label advocacy for rights for transgender people “woke”, or asking questions about how granting these rights might impinge on cis-gender people “trans-phobic”; label adjusting tax brackets as “helping rich mates”; label asking questions about the impacts of a culture or religion’s practices as “intolerant” ... label people and positions and we can no longer explore the real merits or otherwise of what is proposed or done, we no longer have a dialogue of genuine exploration and inquiry. Worse, we tend to dehumanise people on the other side: they become objectified into an amorphous “them”, and we choose to disengage from them, forgetting that they too are thinking, feeling, human beings sharing the same joys and struggles we all face.

Last week, the Rev. Scottie Reeve in Wellington was trespassed from a meeting led by Julian Batchelor of the “Stop Co-Governance Tour.”¹ The meeting was held in a church hall with the approval of the leaders of that particular church community. Scottie was there to make a simple protest about the content of Batchelor’s rhetoric and to show his neighbourhood that there are Christians who don’t agree with Batchelor’s views; but he was ejected before the meeting began.

Following the event, Scottie reached out to the leaders of the hosting church community seeking dialogue and hoping that reconciliation between them might be possible. Scottie’s remark about his intention is telling, and important: “That’s why I met with the organisers: so that they would no longer inhabit my consciousness as twisted golems, but be re-humanised before me, and I before them.”

Scottie reflects a disposition that is vital – and not just in election season. It is the disposition of seeing others first of all as fellow human beings holding the regard of God; and it is the disposition of openness towards, and curiosity about, the other.

In Romans 12:2 Saint Paul urges his readers:

¹ <https://www.thepost.co.nz/a/nz-news/350053162/why-priest-stood-stop-co-governance-tour>

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Tom Wright remarks:

“We must be ready to challenge those parts where the present age shouts, or perhaps whispers seductively, that it would be easier and better to do things that way, while the age to come, already begun in Jesus, insists that belonging to the new creation means that we must live this way instead. The key to it all is the transforming of the mind. Many Christians in today’s world never come to terms with this. They hope they will be able to live up to something like Christian standards while still thinking the way the rest of the world thinks. It can’t be done. ... Having the mind renewed by the persuasion of the Spirit is the vital start of that true human living which is God’s loving will for all his children. ... [At] the centre of genuine Christianity is a mind awake, alert, not content to take a few guidelines off the peg but determined to understand why human life is meant to be lived in one way rather than another. In fact, it is the way of life of ‘the present age’ which often involves the real human immaturity, as people simply look at the surrounding culture, with all its shallow and silly patterns of behaviours, and copy it unthinkingly.”²

Another day, another article about the election and the positions being taken. It seems that it is the way of the world, the way of the present age, to label others and to dismiss them. We, as followers of Christ, are by contrast called to a different way, the way of the age to come, the way of openness and vulnerability, the way of renewed minds. This applies to our engagement in the political sphere, as to every sphere of life.

Stuart

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² Tom Wright, *Paul for Everyone: Romans. Part 2, chapters 9-16, SPCK, 2004, pp.69-70*

Taizé Services at St Peter's

Before writing this piece for the 'Messenger', I read that Taizé began in France in 1940 when a Brother Roger heard God's call to create a community in a village of the same name to help with sheltering refugees fleeing from the war. Now coming to Taizé is a time to be invited to search for communion with God through prayer, song, silence, personal reflection and sharing and it has developed into a movement that is in many parts of the world where people gather to share these times together with God.



Brother Roger, Founder of Taizé

Here at St Peter's, we have a Taizé Service once a month on a Sunday evening. I find it a very special time and one that complements the Services held earlier in the day and, when a number of our Parish family and sometimes visitors are present. This is a Service that is quiet and reflective. With music, readings and prayer, it is a time of peace and refreshment within our Parish family, where we ask for God's help and support in readiness for the week ahead with whatever challenges that may bring.

Penny Merrall

Remaining Taizé Services for 2023

These take the form of about 45 minutes of simple chants (songs from the Taizé community) accompanied by live musicians, readings, and corporate prayers and provide the container for times of quiet contemplation and personal prayer. You are free to participate as much or as little as you like and you will have the opportunity to light a candle in prayer for a loved one or a situation you wish to bring before God.

The remaining Taizé Services for 2023 will take place on

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 26

at 5:00pm at St Peter's.

All are welcome.



Five Ways Five Days

September 18-24 is Mental Health Awareness Week.

The Five Ways to Wellbeing are five simple yet proven actions we can use every day to help us find balance, build resilience, lessen loneliness, and boost our wellbeing. These practices are backed by evidence and can be easily incorporated into anyone's life, regardless of their situation.

Monday - Take notice

Take notice of the things around you, remember the simple things that give you joy.

Tuesday - Give

Give your time, your words, your presence. The greatest commodities for our world.

Wednesday - Be active

Be active, do what you can. Enjoy what you do. Move your mood for health.

Thursday - Connect

Connect, talk, and listen. Be there. Keeping connected reduces loneliness.

Friday - Keep learning

Keep learning and embrace new experiences. See opportunities. Surprise yourself.

Bible verse

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

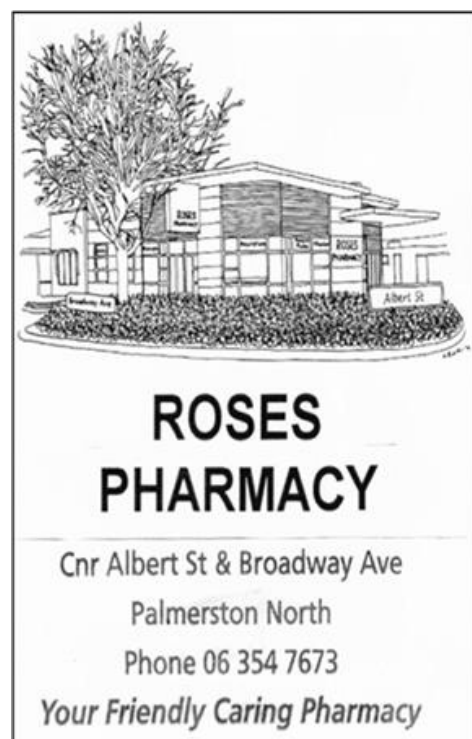
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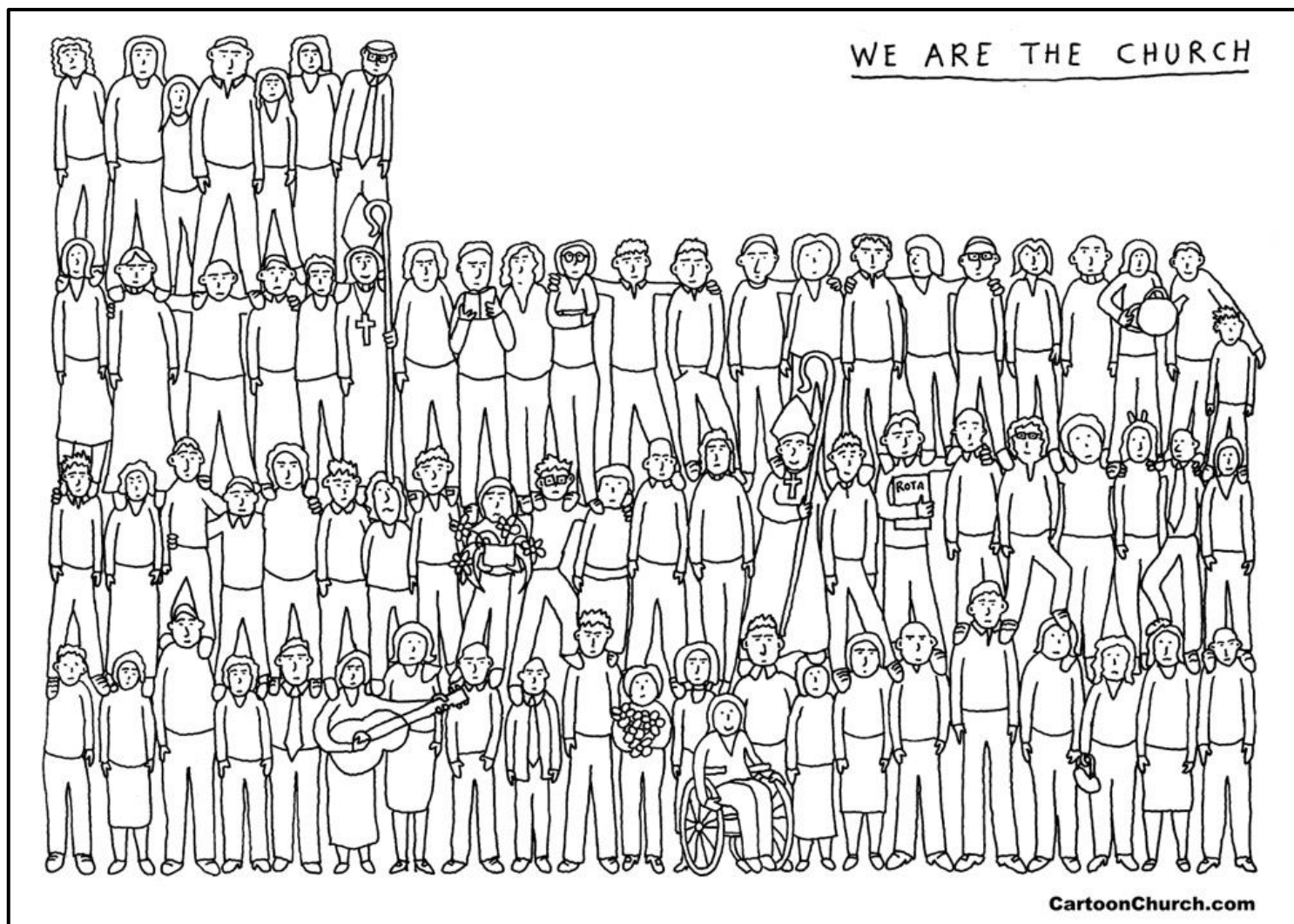
Rev Faye Davenport RN

Resources

For further resources visit www.mhaw.nz.

The mhaw.co.nz website describes colouring as a relaxing and mindful activity for children and adults alike and even provides downloadable templates. Mindful of this we have provided you with a colouring sheet from cartoonchurch.com for you to help you remember that there is a place for everyone in the Church, and to colour in if you want! Can you find yourself in the picture?





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Explaining the mystery

Why a “mystery lunch”? In Tawa and in Whanganui, Christine and I have enjoyed organising social events for the congregations we’ve been responsible for. Mystery lunches or dinners have been most successful. Mystery meals are not the only form of social event we’ve experimented with; and we will try other forms here in future. But the mystery format does have a number of benefits. There is the element of fun tied up in the mystery of not knowing who one’s going to be dining with, and then the surprise when it is revealed. Over the

meal we find ourselves connecting with people we’ve not gotten to know before, and we find ourselves making new discoveries about those we thought we knew quite well. The mystery element forces us to engage with some we may never had the opportunity to get to know before: it gently helps to move us beyond any intentional cliques or the natural tendency to gravitate towards people we think are like us. We discover commonality despite our differences and diversity despite our similarities; and in all of it we discover the simple joy of sharing food and life together.

We do hope you’ll take the opportunity to join in on the first mystery lunch on September 10. For more information, consult the flyer or contact Christine in the office 06 358 5403 ideally by 30 August.

Stuart

Let’s not be this church!

Once upon a time there were four people in a church whose names were Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. Whenever work was to be done, or funds to be raised, Everybody was asked to help. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn’t do it. Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have. This went on, and finally the day came when Somebody left the church and took Anybody and Everybody along. Guess who was left. Nobody!



Bible and Church Trivia Quiz

Test your knowledge about the Bible and Church in this quiz compiled by the Vicar himself. The first correct entry presented at the parish office will win a chocolate fish!

1. Ebenezer was:
 - a. One of the patriarchs
 - b. A decorative curtain in the temple
 - c. A memorial stone
 - d. A disease
2. How many words are in the shortest verse in the Bible?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 5
3. What street did Judas live on?
 - a. Straight Street
 - b. Crooked Street
 - c. Iscariot Street
 - d. Chariot Street
4. What book in the Bible mentions mowed grass?
 - a. Genesis
 - b. Leviticus
 - c. Philemon
 - d. Psalms
5. What person in the Bible was a fast and furious driver?
 - a. Jehu
 - b. Ben Hur
 - c. The Ethiopian eunuch
 - d. Peter
6. Gath was:
 - a. A companion of Paul
 - b. A city in Philistia
 - c. An organist
 - d. A nephew of Seth
7. Darwall is:
 - a. A feature of church architecture
 - b. The name of a tune to "Rejoice, the Lord is King".
 - c. The name for the kind of weed likely imagined in the Parable of the Wheat and Weeds
 - d. The name of a diocese in the Church of England
8. Paul's occupation was:
 - a. Tentmaker
 - b. Rabbi
 - c. Fisherman
 - d. Law enforcement
9. What term can be given to the place where the lectern is housed?
 - a. Lambo
 - b. Dammo
 - c. Ambo
 - d. Ammo
10. What words appear on our St Peter's violet altar frontal?
 - a. Behold the Lamb of God
 - b. Jesus is Lord
 - c. O come let us adore
 - d. Bless the Lord my soul

Lunchtime Concert 1 August - Haewon Kim, Violin

It was a great pleasure to hear such a talented young violinist on Tuesday 1st August and the large audience agreed.

Haewon Kim is only 15 but has already been playing with the Manawatu Youth Orchestra for the last 5 years and is sometimes seconded into the Manawatu Sinfonia. She has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary School Symphony Orchestra and National Youth Orchestra this year.

Her father (who plays in the Manawatu Sinfonia) taught her and her older sister the piano and violin. Since then, she has been taught by Marise McNeill and currently by Elizabeth Patchett who is preparing her for her L.T.C.L. in August.

Haewon's programme included works she will be performing for her L.T.C.L. These works are challenging but Haewon kept a lovely tone throughout and was very expressive.

Her programme began with Violin Concerto. No 5 in A by Mozart. The first movement, *Allegro Aperto*, was robust and the cadenza was wonderful. *Adagio*, a quieter and more delicate movement was also enhanced with a superb cadenza. To conclude the concerto, *Rondeau, Temp di Menuetto* provided a lively ending.

The final piece played by Haewon was *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso* by Camille Saint-Saens, with careful phrasing adding to the enjoyment of the piece.

This was an excellent concert by a very talented young performer. She was accompanied by Guy Donaldson on the piano.



Image Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/manawatuyouthorchestra/photos/a.865829146816849/5235117499887970/>

September Concert – Tuesday September 5 at 12:15pm

The September lunchtime concert is being given by Sarah and Nick Hunter, on flute and piano. One of Nick's original compositions will be featured!

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AAW Report for August

At the August meeting, members enjoyed an hour of "Guess What This Tune Is" organised and played by Robert Cleaver. He only played 4 notes and members hummed and guessed what the tune might be with a correct guess getting a lovely baked musical shaped crotchet! A most entertaining time. We are especially grateful to have Robert to play at Sunday services and on other occasions.

A big 'Thank You' to our AAW members who participated in "Feeding the 5000" for Wellington Diocese Leadership Day on August 12th. This year, two venues were staffed by our members and parishioners. It is hoped that we may be able to purchase stainless steel trolleys for the kitchen from the proceeds.

Also, if any New World shoppers are not using the cook ware stickers, these can be donated via the church office so items can be obtained for the kitchen.

For further information contact Githa Warrington

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Do you know these people?

St Peter's women meeting in 1956.



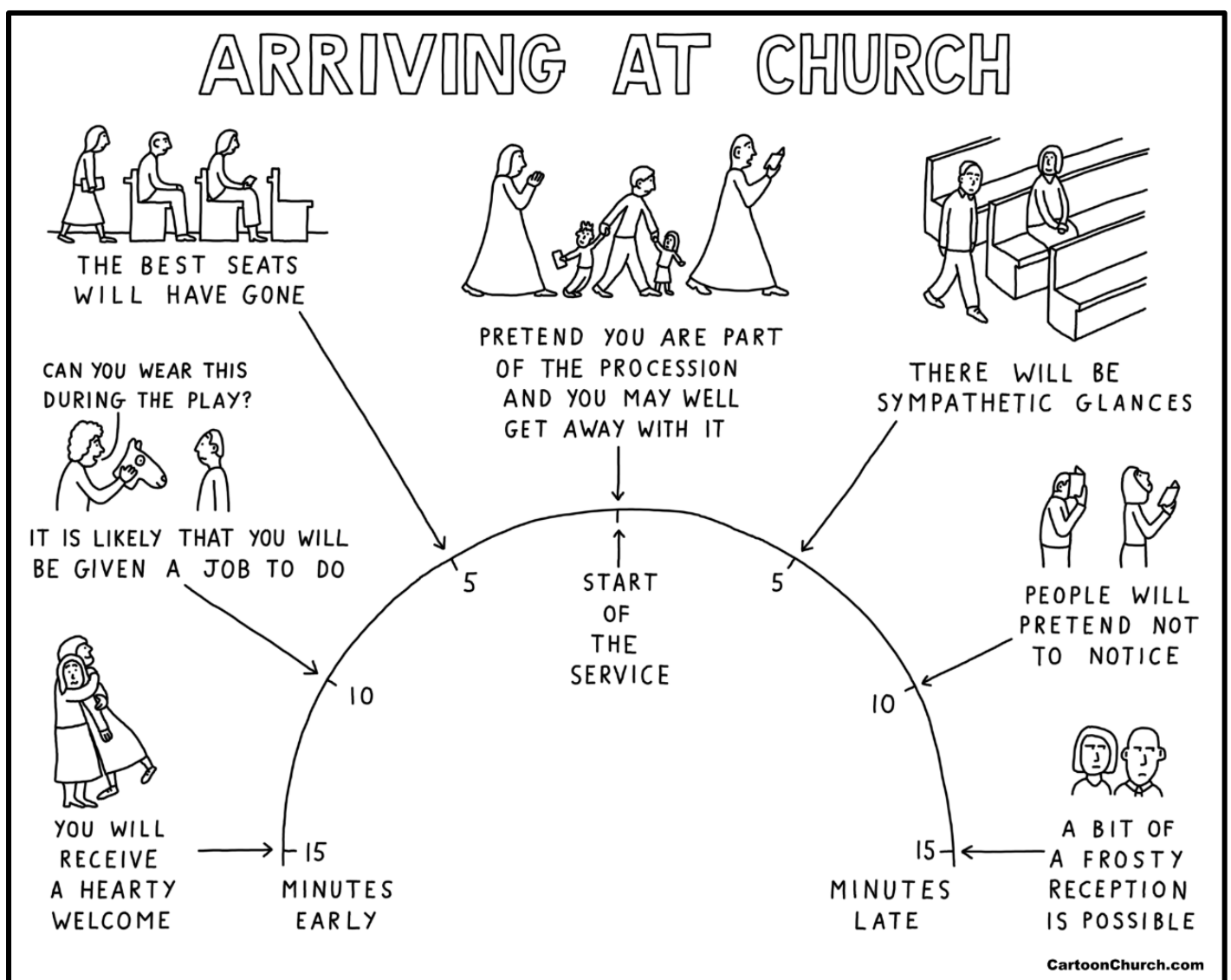
A magnificent job is being done by our hostesses, after careful planning by our Hostess Chairman, Mrs. Anne Barrett and her vice-chairmen. Here they are, clockwise: Mesdames S. R. G. Stagg, F. Tegg and T. Taylor (both standing), Anne Barrett, G. R. Carson, J. Hornblow, J. Clouston, H. G. Ford, Francis Fancourt, J. McGruther and W. Geary.

Vestry Vibes

There are no *Vestry Vibes* this month due to the scheduled meeting for August having been cancelled.

From the Parish Register – August 2023

Holy Baptism
August 5 - Bennett Jacob Clarke



Deacon's Dismissal: Sharing God in the Workplace

Semester two began at UCOL on 31 July 2023. Four days of Orientation for the new cohort of first year nursing students. This group is different to first-year groups I have engaged with before. With the lessening of the COVID restrictions individuals from many parts of the world are again entering New Zealand and the

Bachelor of Nursing programme. 60 students from many parts of the world. And then on 14 August another 12 students joined the group. There are quite a number of students from India. The diversity of the group is great will lead to many interesting and rich conversations both in the classroom and online. A new country, community, and programme of study.

First impressions are always important. It is crucial that these students, whatever part of the world they are from, are welcomed and helped to settle in. So much information is shared in that orientation. Then on the Friday the first class begun. As I write this, on 15 August, I am already through six of eighteen class sessions. How quickly the time goes! The first assignment is due in at the end of August.

Along with this, I am preparing a paper to present at a Conference next month. The paper has international nursing students in mind. For many of these students the topics of cultural safety and palliative care are new concepts to them upon entering the New Zealand health care context. When I trained in the 1980s there was no introduction to cultural safety. My paper considers how to engage with these students to familiarise them with the related concepts. An important part of this is the engagement of the domestic and international students. What is the experience of domestic students? This may be life experience or experience in health care as a Health Care Assistant or with a family member. We will explore how to have challenging of difficult conversations with patients and family members. For example, delivering bad news to a patient or how to support the patient/family members through that. Questions will be explored in relation to truth telling, how to answer a patient honestly as well as how to do that. Discussions about cultural safety includes differences in beliefs and values, variations between cultures. In relation to palliative care, how to have conversations about dying and death along with cultural views, needs and wishes. This may include how to incorporate religious and spiritual needs into the care of the patient.

If we can have these conversations within the safety of the classroom, then the students will be more prepared for what they may face in their clinical placement at the end of the year.

More about the Conference next month

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Summer Fair

Saturday November 11 – 9am-12pm

While the fair is still in its planning stage you can anticipate all our iconic stalls will be there including our popular plant stall!

More information will appear in next month's edition.

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