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Dates for Your Diary

November	10th	Parish shared meal
	12th	7pm AAW Evening Group meets for their AGM
	14th	2pm AAW Afternoon Group meets for their AGM
	19th	7pm Vestry meet

THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ROSLYN
News November 2024

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The Vicar writes:

This is my third and last magazine article. This makes it a good time to reflect on my time here St John’s.

A Māori whakataukī comes to mind

He aha te mea nui? Māku e kii atu, he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.

What is the most important thing in the world? Well, let me tell you, it is people, it is people, it is people.

I’m not trying to start a great theological debate about surely God is more important, which we know is true. This is more about the sentiment. Without the people, St John’s wouldn’t be the vibrant missional church that it is.

I walked in the door a few months ago not really sure what I my experience and role would be. I like starting like this, with an open mind, as it means I bring fewer pre-conceptions with me.

What I found was a church that was deeply missional in its own community. The Brockville Kindergarten Food Drive was a living example of this. Not just in terms of the large quantity of donations but also with the connection between our church and the kindergarten.

And I learnt about the Leslie Groves Home and read about its beginnings, founder and history. At the AGM, last week, I heard about its growth and the opening of the Tegg Dementia wing.

Growth can sometimes be unexpected. Our backyard, at home, is asphalt and was laid prior to 1954 (we know this from an old photograph). Being at least seventy years old it is full of little cracks and out of these cracks are often small plants weeds and grasses. But we have one, beside our outdoor table, that is home to a pansy. We have been watching it grow over the past few months taking care not to stand on it or damage it when moving the table.

Sunday Services at St John's

Nov 3	9.00am	Said Communion (1662) Early morning tea
	10.15am	Choral Eucharist
Nov 10	9.00am	Said Communion
	10.00am	Choral Eucharist followed by a shared meal
Nov 17	9.00am	Said Communion
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong
Nov 24	8.00am	Said Communion (1662)
	10.00am	Choral Eucharist (Maybe not)

During the Week at St John's

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea in the Lounge

Thursdays

9.15am Mini Music (during term time)
7.30pm Choir practice



Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

Afternoon AAW Group meets on **14th November 2024** at **2pm** for their **AGM**

Evening AAW Group meets on **12th November 2024** at **7.00pm** for their AGM

Visitors are welcome at these groups.



LESLIE GROVES REPORT FOR November

The re-election of all current members of the Leslie Groves Board at last month's AGM is testament to the commitment and on going contribution and service of Jubilee Rajiah, Judith Hyslop, Croisella Trengrove, Rachel Spronken-Smith, Phil White, Colin Campbell, Fraser Richardson, Chris Burton, Stephen Grant, Eric Kyte, Adrian Christie and Chris Burton to the governance of this unique outreach of St John's Roslyn.

As one of only two providers of psychogeriatric and Day Care programmes for Dunedin residents, St Johns Roslyn, aka the Leslie Groves Society, continues to provide the highest standard of care (as indicated by the granting of 4 years to 108 residents at the Sheen Street Rest Home and Wakari Hospital and some 50 participants each week in our Aged Care programme in the Hettie Robinson Hall.

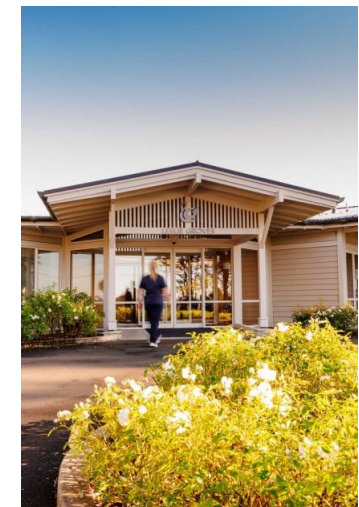
With ever growing numbers of our ageing population requiring home support and residential care the challenges for the Management and Board of Leslie Groves are in no way diminishing.

As the recent NZ Aged Care Assoc conference in Auckland last week was reminded the ever growing numbers of our 75+ citizens will, within the end of this decade outstrip the numbers of beds available in hospitals and Aged Care facilities.

Your prayers and support for the Board, staff and residents of our Sheen Street Home, Wakari Hospital and Day Care programme over the coming year will be much appreciated.

Brian Tegg

Chairman



Mission News

‘Making Jesus known among the nations in Aotearoa’

Are you serving among people of other cultures?

Has God given you a heart for migrants?

Do you desire to see our churches grow interculturally?

If so, then this event is for you!

NZCMS’ Intercultural Ministries Enabler, Alice Kinyua, will join with other intercultural leaders to resource those seeking to make Jesus known among the nations in Aotearoa.

When: 2 November, Saturday, 9:30am — 11:00am

Where: Online

Sign up: <https://forms.office.com>

For more information contact Alice Kinyua at:
alice@nzcms.org.nz
027 436 5786

Electoral College

November 22nd—24th

St John’s Church, Roslyn

The Electoral College, to find a new Bishop, is to be held at St John’s from Friday 22nd November until Sunday 24th November - if needed. If this is the case then there will only be an 8am service here at St John’s with an invitation to attend another church.

If the college finishes on Saturday night then you will probably receive an email telling you of the change of plans.

This pansy has grown from such small simple beginnings into a treasure that we look at everyday and give thanks for its beauty.

One of the most rewarding growths I have seen in my short time at St John’s is the children’s ministry at our 10AM service. It is a delight and a blessing to see the joy they have in hearing God’s word and to see them so keen to be here. I have no idea what happens out in the hall each week, but by the squeals and laughter we can hear from them in the church I am tempted to go and join them.

None of these missional activities, and there are many more that I could mention, could not happen without the people. And it is people working with God in their hearts and showing God in action through what they do.

So, thank you for my, all too short, stay in your parish. I have felt loved, supported and cherished by the people here. I am sure that you haven’t seen the last of me!

Ngā mihi nui
Rev Joel.



Rest in Peace

October 2024

*Margaret Elisabeth Hazelton
Dame Elizabeth Ann Hanan*



Evening AAW

The evening group met on the 8th October to hear our guest speaker, parishioner , Helen White.

The meeting was opened up to all parishioners and it was well attended Helen was a most interesting speaker. She shared with us her life story which had its beginnings in Hampshire. Attending Medical school in Bristol was where she met Phil a mere 44 years ago.

Helen has had an incredibly successful career , the main focus was teaching Anatomy to medical students.

She specialised in many areas including prostate cancer, family planning , working with vet students, and was often the only female in her department.

Moves to south wales, back to Bristol , having a family and still managing her career part time were all part of her life before moving to New Zealand.

That came following a sabbatical at Massey University and a trip to Dunedin before returning to her roots and their first home.

In 1999, Helen took a position at the Otago university as Professor of Anatomy. It was interesting to hear of the differences between the two universities- Bristol and Otago. Helen then went on to become the Dean of medical sciences , Pro Vice Chancellor of International Students, Deputy vice chancellor in communications and marketing which involved much international travel. In 2021 Helen was appointed Deputy vice chancellor Academic , and she worked with body donations to science, making a film as a teaching resource for medical students on this subject.

At the end of 2021 on the resignation of Prof Harlene Hayne she was appointed Acting Vice Chancellor of the university. This was a most challenging time as the university faced financial issues resulting in spending cuts and redundancies. Helen acknowledged how grateful she was during that time of the support and kindness she received from the parish.

Helen has now reached Emeritus status and continues to pursue research studies in her chosen area , anatomy.

We then had some further discussion and Jan thanked Helen on behalf of the group.

Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on November 12th.

Ainsley Chisholm
Secretary.



Another current discussion point for Vestry is the exciting one of how we look after the children that come along on Sunday mornings. Children's ministry had largely disappeared during and following Covid but recently we have had a few regular young attendees at the 10am service and we are fortunate to have and greatly appreciate Dawn Stewart stepping up to provide this ministry. We are in the process of working out what needs to be done in terms of tweaking practices to provide a safe environment for children, vulnerable adults and leaders. As a start we are meeting with Rev John Graveston, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser to seek his advice.

Our next vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November - please contact one of us if you wish us to discuss anything that is close to your heart or of concern.

May God Bless You

Phil White, Vicar's Warden – gp.white.family@kinect.co.nz 03 4676120

Christine Barnsley, People's Warden – christine@barnsley.co.nz 03 4892424



Wardens' Report

Labour Weekend in Naseby and there's snow on the ground, it's raining and temperatures on the way here barely rose above 0°C and yet there are still signs of spring persevering through the difficult conditions – lambs are increasing in numbers, blossom on the fruit trees and spring growth on perennials. Is this reflective of our lives as Christians as we strive to act as salt and light in the world?

We now have shiny new powerboards controlling the church electricity circuits situated near the vicar's vestry. Thank you for your patience and tolerance as the work took longer than planned and so power was disrupted more than we hoped. It is a much more aesthetically pleasing sight than the previous mesh of wires and switches and should be much less of a fire hazard. The down-side is that the heating timer control is more complex and requires excellent eyesight as it is very small – for lessons in its use for setting the heating to come on and go off at different times for different events please see Phil.

Thank you for your cooperation with the fire drill. While we don't want these to interrupt our services it is important to reassure ourselves that if there was an actual fire we could evacuate the building quickly and effectively. We aim to have a drill every 6-12 months but not always on a Sunday morning.

Vestry met on 15th October. One of the most difficult issues we discussed was the subject of the level of buildings insurance required for next year. Unfortunately because the Diocesan Trust Board is responsible for arranging insurance for all the parish buildings in its care they cannot tell us about the level of premium for the different levels of cover we choose until every ministry unit has decided on their level of cover. We decided for this past year to pay for full reinstatement level of insurance but this resulted in an increase of premium to around \$20,000 a year. Because of time pressure to get vestry's response to the Diocesan Office this year we felt that we had no option but to continue with full reinstatement value for next year but we are aware that the increase in premium might be quite high again.

So what this means is that – **WE NEED TO BE PROACTIVE** about next year's decision about level of cover **AND VESTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP**. We will need to know your views about the level of reinstatement you would like us to budget for in the event of a major incident such as a fire or earthquake or an adverse weather incident. Do you feel strongly that we should rebuild the church and our other buildings as they are or would you prefer us to pay lower premiums to have cover that would provide for functional buildings that would lose the historic features we currently recognise as St Johns Church? We will be canvassing your views early next year in the form of a survey but are happy to discuss this matter and hear your views before then.

A NOTE FROM THE RECORDER

If you are new to St Johns Church, or if you would like to be a part of the regular donors please let me know. I am happy to answer any questions you might have, and any discussions are confidential. All donations are receipted at the end of March and can be used for the rebate

Direct crediting is the easiest 'way to go'. I can send you the appropriate form for you to fill in and take to your bank or **I can give you the Parish bank account number and your unique number for my records, for you to set up your own internet banking**. By creating an automatic payment on a date/dates that suits you is a very convenient way of making donations to the Parish.

I am able to supply envelopes to those who would like them, just let me know.

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Afternoon AAW

Our October meeting was quite interesting with members bringing something small but semi precious to tell us why it matters to them. As there were only half a dozen of us present we enjoyed what members brought for us to look at. Although we offer space for people to come visiting it didn't really happen. Next month with the AGM being held we welcome anyone who wants to visit us Everyone is definitely welcome. Watch this space for more information on our programmes each month.

If our programmes appeal to you, come and see if you like us. If you are free on the second Thursday of each month at 2.00pm, please feel free to join us. For further information my phone number is 476 3075, or text me on 027 238 6893. However stay safe, stay well, and stay in contact with one another.

Verna Rutherford
Leader



Brockville Kindergarten Connection ~ News for November

First we want to acknowledge the ongoing support by Sarah and Maori Hill Montessori Preschool, who have contributed many pre-loved warm clothes, books, puzzles and toys to Brockville Kindergarten this year. After checking the latest donations with Julie, Catherine has recently taken this carload of goods up to Brockville and Sarah has let us know that the next load of pre-loveds is being collected and stored - ready for 2025 delivery.

Arohanui to Sarah and her team at Maori Hill Montessori.



Christmas Gifts

for the Children at Brockville Kindergarten

If parishioners would like to contribute towards our gifts of picture books or activity books, please leave your donation in the container marked "*Brockville Christmas*" with Margaret at the office during November. Gifts of \$8-\$10 would be greatly appreciated. Julie has told us there are 37 children at present.



We are hoping the Wednesday congregation will help with the gift wrapping on 4th December.

INVITATION

FRIDAY 6th December

Julie the head teacher at Brockville Kindergarten has sent an invitation to St John's Roslyn to come to share a Christmas celebration with the children on Friday 6th December at 11:00a.m. Please contact one of us or the Parish Office if you would like a ride to this occasion.



SPREADS and SUNSCREEN for the children and families

Vestry has approved another collection of **sunscreen and spreads** to cover the period when children won't be getting their sunscreen protection and their nutritious lunches from *KidsCan* at Kindy. We'll distribute it just before the Kindergarten closes for the Summer break.



Julie and the team really do appreciate the support of St John's parish and we are blessed to be able to support our neighbours in these ways.

Arohanui,

Noelene & Catherine