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Dates for Your Diary

9th February Parish Shared Lunch
11th February Evening AAW - 7.30pm
13th February Afternoon AAW - 2.00pm
16th February Parish Breakfast

22nd March Parish AGM



THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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The Vicar Writes . . .

Allowing your Soul to catch up . . .

'Does it never give thee pause . . . that men then had a soul, not by hearsay alone, and as a figure of speech; but as a truth that they knew, and practically went upon!

Verily it was another world then.'

A soul. Not a mere figure of speech but something of which people knew the reality, and lived out their lives accordingly.

So writes Thomas Carlyle in 1845, a son like myself of the Scottish borderlands. He is writing about the medieval monk, Jocelyn de Brakelond. Even way back when europeans were first coming to this land, it seems The Soul was disappearing from view, and not Known as part of our existence.

Back in the early days of Methodism, a regular question asked was 'How is it with your Soul?'

I wonder how we modern folk might answer, how we might begin to find an answer . . . I have even known church 'high ups' who did not know how to respond.

Some years ago I encountered a story of the Masai warriors of East Africa. Of how they could run down a gazelle! How? By 'steady and unhurried pace' . . . a phrase which reminds me of Frances Thompson's poem, the Hound of Heaven, of God's pursuit of us . . .

Sunday Services at St John's

Feb	2	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist, Youth, Children's Church
		6.00pm	'John and the Temple'
Feb	9	8.00am	Holy Communion (NZPB)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist, Youth, Children's Church
		6.00pm	'Who IS St John the Evangelist?'
Feb	16	8.00am	Holy Communion (NZPB)
		10.00am	All Age Eucharist
		7.00pm	Choral Evensong
Feb	23	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist, Youth, Children's Church
		7.00pm	'John and the Synoptic gospels'

During the Week at St John's

Wednesdays

- 7.45am Meditation Group meets in the Hettie Robinson Lounge
- 10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea in the Lounge

Thursdays

- 9.15am St John's Church Mini Musicmakers *(beginning on 13th February)*
- 7.30pm Choir practice

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

11th February Evening AAW Group meets at 7.30pm - to plan the year

13th February Afternoon AAW Group meets at 2.00pm - Holy Communion and planning.



LESLIE GROVES SOCIETY UPDATE



With the sudden departure of Max Reid, Facility Manager, just before Christmas. Can report that the process of recruiting a new Manager is now well advanced. Hopefully an appointment can be made before the end of February.

Since the AGM last November we have welcomed Melanie Cornish and Colin Campbell-Hunt as new Board members along with former Chairperson, Roberta Lawrence, who has kindly agreed to assist me over the next period with her expertise and experience.

The Board has decided to create a remunerated (Honorarium) position of Secretary. This position is to be advertised in "Called South" and in the St John's Pew Sheet over the next 2-3 weeks The appointee will be required to undertake pre and post monthly meeting secretarial duties, Correspondence, Drop Box filing, the Board's Events Calendar and Official Returns etc.

A position description terms and conditions will be available from the Parish Office from Monday 3rd February

CAN YOU HELP?

There are many ways that St John's Parishioners can help at the Sheen Street Home and Wakari Hospital

- . Visiting Residents
- . Assisting residents at Meal Times - especially midday
- . Being responsible for one of Courtyard Raised Gardens
- . Assisting with the Community Care Programme

Should you be able to contribute in any way to these opportunities or to make a suggestion please contact me

Brian Tegg
Leslie Groves Chairman
027 4135400

St John's Youth

The Youth Group meets in the Youth Group room (well, who'd have thought it!) during the 10am service, and is for young people in school years 6 to 9/10. They have a chat, discuss the Readings, usually the Gospel, and sometimes find time for hot chocolate and a biscuit :-)

In 2019 the Youth were led by Jennie, Lachlan, Fraser, Chris and Diane - many thanks to you all.

This year a number of youngsters from Children's Church will be joining the Youth, and there will need to be 2 adults at each session - one to lead and one to assist - so folks are needed to help with this. If you would like to help with this important ministry and spend some time with our young people (either leading or supporting) or if you'd like to know more, then please speak to me :-)

With thanks,

Sarah

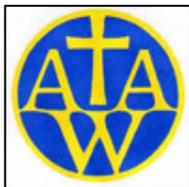
Afternoon AAW

On the 12th of December St Barnabas Home catered for our Christmas Lunch which was held in the Lounge. The menu was lamb and ham, potatoes, peas, and carrots for the mains, to be followed by pavlova, fruit salad, and cream. We even managed to finish with Christmas Cake, which people took home with them!

We will begin our year with Holy Communion and a planning day on Thursday 13th February, so do join us if you would like to.

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 2.00 pm, please feel free to join us. For further information my phone number is 476 3975, or text me on 027 238 6893.

Verna Rutherford [Leader]



Greetings To all our **Evening AAW members** for 2020

Another year ahead for our AAW evening group to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer, fun and fellowship.

Our year of 2019 finished with a challenging quiz lead by Christine Aitken, collecting new clothes for 3-7 year olds delivered to AFC and a proposal put forward by one of our members to review our meeting format for 2020 suggesting that all members be included in the planning for each meeting offering ideas for each months leadership and topics for speakers. That sounds exciting and challenging.

Our meeting this month will be an opportunity for all members to come along with ideas, options and suggestions for the new format. There will be time to share experiences you all have had during the Christmas break.

Hope to see everyone 7.30am 11th February 2020.

Blessings to all.

Bev

The Masai however would stop every hour or so for about ten minutes, whilst the gazelle tore away over the horizon. Not because they were tired, but 'to allow our souls to catch us up'.

Perhaps we go too fast for our Souls, too fast for God??

We live in the age of what some call 'The Great Acceleration' - Faster is better. I wonder how many of us would not be driven mad were we - merely - suddenly returned to 'dial up' internet speeds . . .

What are we hurrying after? Or away from???

Ever faster lives tear us out of space and time: they drag us out of place, we become 'global citizens' who think we are the same wherever we are and in reality live nowhere; and tear us apart relationally. It is basic physics that the faster particles move, the less interaction they have. The pace of life is the source of our epidemic of loneliness.

Over the next few weeks I invite you to slow down - to seek not to fly apart but to come together, to be together in space and time, with one another at Godspeed.

This is the title of an 8 week video study course which invites us to consider who we are, where we are. More details are on the flier in this magazine, but it will be our shared study through Lent. Based on a small Scottish parish, and the idea that life is 'walked' at Godspeed - the pace at which Jesus moved around - that is about 3 miles an hour (or 5km/hr, if you insist :-)

Who knows, perhaps over 8 weeks or so, we might find time and space for one another - even God might catch us up and we might once more know the truth of our souls?

Grace and Peace
At Godspeed

Eric

A Reminder from the Recorder

During the month of February I need to update the information re any address changes so that I can run off up-to-date address labels for sending out donation receipts for the financial year 2019-2020. If you have moved to a new address since last year, and suspect that I haven't caught up with this, please let me know.

February is also the month when I order envelopes for the coming financial year. If you are new to the Parish and would like to be a part of the regular donors by envelope or direct credit, please contact me.

For you, who are already part of the system, this is also the time to change the timing of your donation for the new financial year, eg to change from weekly or monthly envelopes, or if you would like to move to direct crediting now is the time to tell me, so that I can send you the form to do this.

I am happy to answer any questions you might have, and any discussions are completely confidential.

My contact details are:

Sue Cathro, Parish Recorder

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PS: to all those who put cheques or cash into their envelope, please ensure that they are folded so that they do not intrude into the end of the envelope within the dotted line. This is especially important with cheques as it is very easy to tear them at the same time as the end of the envelope is torn off when opening it along that dotted line!

Mini Music Makers

2019 was a very busy year for Mini Music on a Thursday morning! There were often over 20 little ones with their parents/carers joining us for a variety of songs, Christian and others, with lots of actions, instruments and props :-)

In 2019 the Mini Music 'team' was Tanya, Verna, Helen and myself - we are all good for continuing in 2020, but we would love to have some new folks join us to help out with the fun and serve the morning tea - if you are free on a Thursday morning, and would be keen, then please speak to one of us - many hands make light work, and not everyone needs to be there every week!

A big Thank you to Edith and Noeline for helping out while I was in the UK and thank you to those who pray for us each week, it's much appreciated.

Mini Music begins again on February 13th at 9.15am :-)

Blessings,

Sarah

Cursillo News for St John's Church, Roslyn.

Hello and all the best for 2020 from Margaret and myself. Our best wishes go out to the Cursillo family of St John's and we hope you continue to foster your local group and those events that are held around the Southern Diocese. As you will be aware the Three Day event that was to have been held had to be postponed because insufficient numbers registered to attend. The team has decided to try for the weekend 17th - 20th April this year, still in the same venue, St Peter's College in Gore. This is a really good and well appointed venue which has been used by Cursillo before. If you are a Cursillista and know someone you think would benefit from this Three day Weekend please approach Margaret in the church office for the forms. If you have heard about Cursillo and the idea interests you then please see Margaret or me for more information. There is also a good source of information at Called South, on the Diocesan website.

Cursillo is an international Lay Lead initiative which has been running in the South for twenty years. Many of our shoulders with in our church are members of the Cursillo family. Everything we do is solidly Christian based and there is always participation by clergy for some vital roles. So, that's about it, we love Cursillo which has been extremely positive in our particular lives and we would love to have you share the same experience.

Craig & Margaret McLanachan,

Cursillo Diocesan Lay Directors,

The Association of Anglican Women



The Aims of the Association

- To unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the Church
- To promote, safeguard and nurture Christian family life.

About the A.A.W.

The A.A.W. was formed in September 1969. It is an Anglican New Zealand-wide organisation which also includes Polynesia. It is open to all women, and we have our own national magazine entitled the 'CIRCLE'. There are branches throughout the Dioceses, which offer Christian support, friendship, social interaction and fellowship which is a great way to network with other women.

There are two AAW Groups at St. John's and they meet monthly in the church lounge. The evening group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm and the afternoon group meet on the second Thursday at 2pm. Meetings usually consist of a short service followed by a speaker or an activity and may conclude with a short business meeting. There is a small annual subscription which includes your copy of the "Circle" magazine which comes out quarterly.

Apart from meetings we are often asked to help serve the refreshments after funerals; to cater for small functions or to help set up and serve at larger ones. We give support to those who are unwell or who need a helping hand after an event and we fundraise for special projects both at home and abroad. Our National project for our Golden Jubilee year 2019, has been to support the girls at St Patricks Anglican College, Ambae, Vanuatu who have been affected by the eruption of the volcano.

A warm invitation is extended to all ladies of this parish to come to one of our meetings and see if you feel this is for you, we would really love to welcome you to our group(s). In the words of a popular advertisement on T.V.
"Try us, you'll like us!"

Christine Aitken (Dunedin Diocesan President AAW)

Wardens Report

Blessings for the New Year to you all! We pray that 2020 will bring an increase in faith and mission for you.

Eric opened our January Vestry meeting by enquiring of us and, as St John's parish-ioners, we pose the same question to you;

"Where have you seen God in your life over Summer?"

Our wide-ranging Vestry discussions included;

- Memorial Wall for cremated remains; the current memorial wall is becoming full. For future planning, we need to consider where would be an appropriate site within the church grounds. One possibility could be along either side of the driveway from Highgate. What do you think? Please let us know your views
- Strategic Property Consultation meeting; the Diocese has called this hui in February and invited representatives from each Parish to attend to discuss how we can use our buildings more strategically for the mission of the Church
- Keeping our Children & Young People safe; Under the Children's Act 2018 any adults who work with children & young people must be vetted by police. Our processes are underway to comply with this legislation.
- JaM 2020; will be getting underway shortly. Listen out for more details as soon as we have confirmed them.

AGM date; this year will be on Sunday 22nd March at 11.30am. Save the date! Please prayerfully consider if you are called to stand for Vestry this year. Whilst our current Vestry is amazing, it is encouraging when we can have a real election of candidates. Then we can all be confident that parishioners are being truly represented by the people they want to be. Look out for election papers that will be out soon.

Blessings,

Fraser & Jane

Vicar's and People's Wardens

Mission News

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE AKESTER: *Jairus Robb; NZCMS Communications, writes:*

“Christine and Peter were Mission Partners with NZCMS in Tanzania on two separate occasions. They were based in Dodoma for 19 years from 1979 to 1998, involved in pharmacy work and teaching and, more recently for three years from 2015 to 2018 based in Kondoa supporting the work of Kondoa Bible School. The following tribute was written by Peter Akester which he also read at Christine's funeral on January 9.

“Names are a significant part of any person, I believe. Christine Joy - or Griptine as she was fondly known by her mother - morphed into Chris in her teenage years. In Tanzania she was Mama Peter before we had Pendo come into our family. She was then called Mama Pendo and most still call her that there. Christina was what some close friends would call her. Mwalimu - which means teacher - had significance to many. Back in New Zealand she became Chizzy to our girls and many of their friends. To our grandchildren she is known as Bibi. Over the last three years in Tanzania recently she took on another name after I was ordained: “Mama Mchungaji” which means “pastor”. Those tell a bit of her history but only touch on who she was. She was passionate about music and enthusing others to appreciate and express themselves in music. She was someone who always wanted to give time to show she valued every person she had contact with. For example, on the last night before our wedding she insisted on seeing a student of hers to care for her and listen to her – two hours later we left that home despite all the other preparations that were left on hold until the early hours of the morning.

She was always keen to learn something more about her faith and the Bible and its relevance to her and to others. An encourager and supporter of many with the hope that they would grow in their faith and work. She valued family even though we often found ourselves far apart geographically. Her weekly letters home over all those years in Tanzania were witness to that.

She was involved in Sunday School, Bible in Schools, numerous children's choirs, teaching in the Tanzanian Girls' Secondary school for their Christian education and more recently being part of the Teacher's College Christian gatherings in Kondoa, Tanzania.

A passionate and loving mother and my partner for 45 amazing years. She never minced words and was always ready to tell me and others what she thought. Many times, she was a listening ear for me to hear what God was saying to us and had a faith grounded in knowing the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ and the sure certainty of God's presence and guidance in her life.

When told about the probability of Motor Neurone Disease affecting her body last year, she assured them about her lack of fear in facing that, because she knew that God was in control and where she would ultimately be in an eternal life.

She has lived out her faith by not being afraid to just be who she was. Gentle, patient, cheerful and willing to persevere with any task she was given. Uncomplicated and sincere. As a mother to Pendo and Sarah she always wanted the best for them no matter what that meant in terms of time or energy. As Bibi, she loved Jamaine and Skyla and Nathan to bits.

She never pretended to be an enthusiastic cook because she always had more important things to be involved with. She was so innovative in Tanzania when she devised a cookbook for recipes in the times of shortages of almost everything. A big frustration to her was a husband who left a carefully prepared, hot meal to attend to some other pressing need.

She wanted me to thank family, and that means extended family, from many parts of the world, friends from near and far for all your expressions of support and love in so many practical ways. People of her church, you have all been amazing, and examples of true disciples of Jesus, who asked his disciples to love one another so others might know Him. Thank you, God, for such a precious gift of a person you gave me to be my companion and inspiration.”

God bless you all. (Peter Akester)”

Anne & Anthony McCORMICK (Cambodia) write:-

“Towards the end of **November**, we were on the move again!! Our new house is literally just around the corner from our previous one – in fact, we watched it being built and commented that it looked rather large and would be expensive to rent. We were agreeably surprised to find that, as the landlady had been unable to find tenants to rent it at the price she wanted, she dropped the rent to less than half what she was originally asking; thus we could afford to live there. We now have three spare rooms, two of which we have furnished as bedrooms (visitors welcome!) and one as a “quiet room”/ sitting room if our guests want their own space. It will also double as a craft space for Anne - what luxury! With the move back to a bigger house, we await with interest what God might have in mind for us that we don't know about yet! We were not seeking to move, having decided that our previous move would be the last, but God had other ideas. A big plus of our new house is that it has high ceilings making all the downstairs rooms much cooler than the last one!”



Vin Maffey, Parish Mission Motivator.