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#### Dates for Your Diary

<b>9th July</b>	Evening AAW Group meet	<b>11th July</b>	Afternoon AAW Group meet
<b>14th July</b>	Parish shared lunch	<b>21st July</b>	Parish Breakfast
<b>26th July</b>	JaM		



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The Vicar writes . . .

#### Life Together (2)

*Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Eph 4:29-30*

One of the lessons of the climate changes we are seeing is just how sensitive are the earth's regulating systems. This was brought home to me recently watching distressing footage of a recent 'heat event' in Australia. During Fruit bats, creatures which are very well adapted for high temperatures were dying in their thousands, due to a climate event brought about by a 'mere' 1 degree of warming.

Of course that the Celsius temperature scale measures just 1 degree is down to an arbitrary choice to divide the temperature difference between melting and boiling water into 100 parts. What we see is that the climate is far far more sensitive than such a large division reveals. Imagine what would have happened had Anders Celsius divided the difference by say 10,000 - for made it 100 times more sensitive? We would then be talking about a 100 degree change - the sense of something much more significant would be better brought home to us.

Insensitivity is part of the lot of humanity it seems. We have little 'sense' of who, where and what we are. And of course 'who, where and what' other people are. This insensitivity to the deep truth of our personhood makes Life Together such a challenge. For as we are finding with the wider Creation - what we have always known about that which is closer to home, our human relating, is that it is far far easier to break things apart, than to put them back together.

## Sunday Services at St John's

July	7	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist
		7.00pm	Letter to the Hebrews
July	14	8.00am	Holy Communion (NZPB)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist,
		7.00pm	Letter to the Hebrews
July	21	8.00am	Holy Communion (NZPB)
		10.00am	All Age Eucharist
		7.00pm	Choral Evensong
July	28	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist, Youth, Children's Church
		7.00pm	Letter to the Hebrews

## 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 (*during term time*)
- 7.30pm Choir practice

## Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

**8th July** Evening AAW Group meets at 7.30pm in the lounge. Paul Tankard is speaking to us.

**11th July** Afternoon AAW Group meets at 2.00pm where Sarah Kyte will speak of her recent trip home.

Visitors are always welcome at these meetings



## Afternoon AAW



For our June meeting (on 13<sup>th</sup> June), Averil Pearce from Chatbus was our speaker. She spoke about the work that Chatbus workers do for children from 5 to 14, many of whom have depression or other negative feelings and attitudes which may lead to suicide. All those who heard her speak were amazed that the work they do is not government funded, and is reliant on donations. For those who would like to support Chatbus there are pamphlets in the pamphlet rack in the lounge which you are welcome to take away with you. The work they do is life enriching and life saving in many cases. If you need a speaker for a group meeting, Averil is a fantastic person for that task.

The July speaker is Probably going to be Sarah Kyte speaking about her recent trip back home for Naomi's first birthday.

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]

## Evening AAW

The evening AAW group June meeting listened to Jo Rowe from the Mornington Health Centre outline the changes in the style of medical practice we will be experiencing in the future as their medical practice moves on to a new self-contained building built in Kaikorai Valley. Meeting client's needs in a one total complex will make going to the doctor more convenient.

July 9<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting when we look forward to hearing from Paul Tankard. We invite visitors to come and join us.

Bev Aitken Secretary



## Third Sunday of the month Breakfast!

All are welcome to join us for breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Meet in the Church Lounge around 9am for coffee, pancakes, various breads (sourdough and pumpkin in July) and possibly waffles! The next one is on **21st July**

Christina



## Parish Shared Lunch

Following the 10am service on the second Sunday of each month we have a shared lunch at which you are most welcome. Please bring along some food to share.

The next lunch will be on **14th July**



Jesus' command not to judge one another - something to which we pay scant heed, should the daily torrent of Twitter judgements about this or that person - is in part a response to this ease of fracturing the beautiful, yet infinitely delicate fabric of Love. That we find Forgiveness so hard is likewise symptomatic of the difficulty of restoration. It is easy to criticise another, to break them down. I have sadly experienced what it is for a church to break apart due to a single 'seemingly innocuous' negative comment spoken behind someone's back. Such a small spark . . . which as James reminds us, puts a whole forest ablaze. So easy to break down.

Yet who can simply restore someone to their humanity? Speak a healing word? The action of restoring our humanity is at the heart of our Lord's work. [Only a Restored humanity can live well within Creation] Thus as it is the work of the true human, Jesus, it is revealed to be the truly human work. Yet we live in an era of breaking down, both the Creation and at the heart of it all, one another.

Philosophically this is called accurately 'Deconstruction'. However worthy some of the Deconstructionist causes appear, and it is always very easy to see something wrong; we seem to have an eye for flaws - there is little corresponding understanding of inherent Beauty of personhood. We seek to fix a masterpiece with a blunt knife, or worse.

How very closely things are woven together, and how everything is interrelated. Our attempts to 'put people and the world to rights' are incapacitated by our blindness to the Reality of things.

So St Paul says to us in our Life together - let only what is useful for healing and building up come out of your mouth, lest you grieve the Holy Spirit, which is the Life amongst you. Amen

*to be continued . . .*

Grace and Peace to you  
Eric

## Note from the Recorder

I hope you are keeping warm as we head into the colder months!

If you are new to the Parish, or if you would like to be a part of the regular donors by envelope please let me know. I can enrol you at any time and supply envelopes for weekly, monthly or annual donations.

Direct Crediting is now the preferred option for making donations to the Parish. If direct crediting appeals to you, then please get in touch with me and I can send you the form to fill in and take to your bank. Even if you are giving by envelope just now, it is very easy to change to Direct Crediting – just let me know.

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

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## Parish Directory

It is now time to compile the above for the next year. If you have any contact details that need to be changed please let the office know.

If you are new to the parish and would like to be included in this Directory please let the office know.



## Leslie Groves Prayer

*For all who live and work here*

*God of care and compassion, your Son Jesus*

*Christ brought healing and peace to those*

*who sought it. We thank you for the vision*

*of your servant Leslie Groves, and for the*

*faith of men and women who have worked*

*to make this a place where your grace and*

*love are found. Bless, we pray, all who*

*make this place their home, and all who*

*care for them. Pour Your life-giving Spirit*

*upon us, that all who come here may find*

*peace of mind, comfort of body, and the*

*knowledge that in serving one another we*

*are serving You. This we ask in the name of*

*Jesus Christ, our friend, our brother and our*

*companion. Amen*

## Donations welcome

With the cooler weather Servants Health Centre have asked if we could please donate Wheat Bags and Hot Water Bottles. If you can donate either of these please bring them to the office. Many thanks.



## The Faith of the Church 101- 'Entering the Kingdom'

Over the past few years, in various places I've shared some of the core essence of our Faith in small groups. I would like to take the opportunity over the coming months to do so again with anyone who would like to explore the Heart of our Life in Christ. This will be a ten session course, entitled 'Entering the Kingdom'. As I have said to our Sunday evening group, there are many things which we ought to have been taught, but which much contemporary Christian Education passes over or misses entirely.

My hope is that each session, run on Tuesday evenings through the winter / spring, will begin with a simple shared meal and then continue into some basic teaching and exploration. Focussed on the Gospel of John. Amongst other things we shall consider: the Centrality of the worship of the Living God in Christ Jesus; The Significance of The Eucharist; How to approach the Scriptures; The Life of the Spirit and more

If you would like to take up this offer, please do let me know

Blessings in Jesus Christ

*Eric*

## Wardens Report

The new Vestry met for the first time earlier this month. We welcome Melanie, Ethan and David to Vestry and gave thanks for their commitment to serve the church in this way.

Before meeting at the Vicarage we celebrated the Eucharist together in the main lounge.

As Vestry we have together taken up Eric's recommendation that we read "Disappearing Church" by Mark Sayers as a text to inform our work. (Other parishioners may like to read the book too – please do. Copies are available at church.) Mark Sayers is a cultural commentator, writer and speaker who is well known for his unique insights into faith and contemporary culture. The content of his book lives up to its provocative title! Starting with the premise that we in the West live in a post-Christian society, he discusses the perils of striving for "relevance" when most if not all such attempts to reshape the church have ended in failure.

The "Gospel of Self", or Gnosticism (a creed dating back some 1,800 years), seems to Sayers to have become the dominant "religion" of our wider culture, turning people into seekers with me at the centre, and presenting them with a path to spirituality. The author implores Christians to focus on rebuilding rather than on relevance; to cast ourselves as slaves, not seekers. Christianity is not a political manifesto to be submitted to the court of public opinion in the style of democracy. Crowds sap courage.

Sayers links his thesis with mainstream modern culture, illustrating his points through the plots of well known films and showing how in many cases such films reflect a religious (or irreligious) point of view, whether or not intended. This makes his book accessible to a broader audience. He points to what truth, strong ties and real people may offer in a throwaway age powered by electronic devices.

All in all this is a stimulating read.

Fraser

## Mission Notes

ANGLICAN MISSIONS, "Love thy neighbour in hard places"

**New Zealander Vicki Payne, Communications adviser for Anglican Missions after a trip to Kenya writes:**

"Flying from Nairobi to Amsterdam was a shock. The taxi drove us smoothly from Schipol airport to our in-transit hotel, where we would stay two nights until we flew back to New Zealand. We zoomed in quiet, air-conditioned comfort past large green parks, clean sidewalks, sparkling new cars. Such space, order and cleanliness – a city of seemingly complete with utter indifference that there was another place one flight away dwelling in devastating poverty. I remembered my arrival in the Sesame Street-like airport of Nairobi. A clanging colour of chaos and noise, people everywhere wanting to be the one to carry my bags for a little bit of cash. And then on the street, the beggars, the disabled, the poor selling everything from bananas to bathroom fittings. And then at the orphanage I visited, shiny-eyed children watching as I was given a precious bottle of Fanta to drink – and was supposed to drink in front of them. They were so malnourished! How could I drink it in front of them?"

Other events shook me. I saw a young skinny boy with concerned eyes receive a tiny piece of food on the street only to have it snatched out of his hand by a stout lady passing by who gave it to the baby on her back. And even when he was given more, he refused to eat it straight away but put it behind his back, risking it being stolen again. "I need to take it home for my mama," he said.

One young boy in the countryside rushed up to us and pleaded for us to take him in to an orphanage. "My grandmother beats me," he cried "My father and mother are dead." "Come back next year," was my companion's stiff reply. "We should have another orphanage built by then."

We visited a slum near Kisumu and everyone sat quietly and politely to hear what we had to say. They were as organised and polite as they could be. But when the bags of rice came out, the people jumped over one another and shoved each other violently out of the way. Their hunger was too much for them. Then there were riots. Tribes began to attack and kill each other and people everywhere fled for their lives. Foreigners were asked to leave the country. And the Pastor and his wife and children from the church we had visited opened his tiny upstairs dwelling for all the church members to find refuge. They crowded in and sang hymns all night long.

I saw how poverty and danger can bring out the worst in people, both in the poor and in the ones who exploit them. But it can also bring out the best in people. Those who are godly in the face of dire circumstances truly reflect the God they represent. And their actions and attitudes have the power to astound those who are watching, and bring them to their knees in praise of God."

## PRAYER POINTS:

**The HICKS FAMILY -Solomon Islands:**

Pray for our "Marriage and Family" class that Jon and I will be co-teaching with another faculty couple. Pray that our students and their wives will have open hearts to learn what Biblical marriage looks like and how they can ask God into their homes. Pray for Sally (our intern) to enjoy her experience here with us and get a taste for inter-cultural ministry. Sally (their intern) writes, "I'm half-way through my trip now and I feel settled into this community. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind. Please pray that I may have renewed energy despite the heat so that I can be the most help to the Hicks family that I can. I would also appreciate prayer that the rest of my time here is useful and that I can grow and learn as much as I can before returning home."

**Anthony & Anne McCORMICK: - Community Ministry, Cambodia:**

Anne is hosting another group of World Race volunteers this month. Pray for good interactions with patients and caregivers. Pray too for Kimleang who joined the program when Rachael changed recently to work in a hospital admin role. Anthony is thankful for good outcomes from a two-week training program he completed in Siem Reap in the past two months. Pray for him and Sokhai, his translator, as they work on developing new training sessions to use later in the year. We are looking forward to attending a retreat in Chiang Nai, Thailand, late in June. Pray this would be a good time of rest and spiritual refreshment for us.

**Dianne BAYLEY - Children's Ministry, Philippines:**

She writes: "Praise God for our summer program. Our teams have run three camps this month for disabled children and for youth in a Detention Centre. About 120 made deeper commitment to follow our Lord. Praise too that our staff have been reenergised; a local church youth ministry hired our place in the last week and that there was enough money left over from making the front driveway to replace a roof on a staff housing block. So all is done before the rainy season happening this month!!

Pray for the opening of the School, the Children's Home and the program for the disabled, which is also happening this month. Pray for a good enrolment from the pre-school to high school and for the accreditation level 2 of the Children's Home to be finally passed."

**Vin Maffey, Parish Mission Motivator.**