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Dates for Your Diary

9th June Parish shared lunch **11th June** Evening AAW Group meet
12th June Afternoon AAW Group meet **14th June** JaM
16th June Parish Breakfast **28th June** JaM



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The Vicar writes . . .

Life Together (I)

*I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you
 to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph 4:1-3 (NKJV)*

If you have collected or received your magazine in a timely fashion, then you will be reading this as we prepare for the Feast of Pentecost. This is the day on which we recall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the followers of Jesus, following his Ascension. This is the moment in which the Church comes into being, when the believers are gathered together in one place. It is not wrong to consider this day the birthday of the Church - passing out of darkness and into the light of the Life of God in Christ, shared amongst them.

It is no surprise therefore that in the following early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, wherein we find this event recorded, we hear not only of wonderful healings and testimony to the name of Jesus, but also accounts of life shared amongst his people. Sharing food, possessions, and time together as one body.

In my annual message to the parish presented at our AGM, I spoke of how this way of being was so counter to contemporary Western culture, which exalts the Individual as the highest expression of human life. This Individual approach to life is so pervasive that in many ways it has acted as a corrosive in the life of the church. So for example we might unthinkingly speak of 'each of us having our own spiritual journey', without any realisation that such is not the language of our faith.

(This not only undoes the Church, in so doing it renders meaningless the office and work of a priest - in which I have more than a merely passing interest :-))

The shocking, perhaps to modern ears, offensive character of our faith is that it is impossible to 'go it alone' as a Christian. St Paul speaks of the Church as 'the body of Christ. A Christian going it alone would make as much sense as a hand or foot, or eye which existed in isolation, cut off from the blood which flows through the whole bringing Life.

Sunday Services at St John's

June	2	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist, Youth, Children's Church
		7.00pm	No service
June	9	8.00am	Holy Communion (NZPB)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist, Youth, Children's Church
		7.00pm	No service
June	16	8.00am	Holy Communion (NZPB)
		10.00am	All Age Eucharist
		7.00pm	Choral Evensong
June	23	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist, Youth, Children's Church
		7.00pm	No service
June	30	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.00am	Choral Eucharist, Youth, Children's Church
		7.00pm	No service

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)

11th June Evening AAW Group meets at 7.30pm in the lounge. Jo Rowe is to speak about 'Changes to General Practise in the light of new Political directions in Health Care'.

13th June Afternoon AAW Group meets at 2.00pm . - Averil Pearce from Chatbus is speaking

Visitors are always welcome at these meetings



Afternoon AAW

On 9th May we were entertained by Bishop Steven's wife, Lorraine. She told us of her growing up both in Dunedin and Gore, how she met Steven, their children, and the various places they have been. It was very informal but really interesting.

For our June meeting (on 13th June), Averil Pearce from Chatbus will be our speaker. All are welcome to come and listen to her speak about this really important educational tool for children. J

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

On 13 May the evening AAW group met in the church lounge to hear Judy Bellingham tell us about her journey through two interesting countries, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan, that offered challenges and a very different culture that few of us knew about. Using overheads to illustrate the beauty of the buildings intricately clad in beautiful tiles mainly blue, the huge temples and the churches that still remain complete. The old city walls are surrounded by a modern city with huge towers. Judy visited a carpet museum and brought along a mat made with camel hair, camel slippers and beautiful silk scarves for us to look at. Modern technology was evident with the times for prayer now announced electronically. Judy had so much to tell us about her journey she held us spell bound and we look forward to her visiting again to tell us more exciting stories about her next journey.

The next meeting for the AAW Evening group will be 11 June when Jo Rowe from the Mornington Health Centre will tell us about the 'Changes to General Practise in the light of new Political directions in Health Care'.

Visitors are welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Church lounge 11 June 2019.

Bev Aitken
Secretary.



Is in Milton, as it turned out. As a result he's been able to provide her with a bulk supply. This was the story the ANZ wanted to record.

Leslie Groves was already planning to erect a flagpole and flag to be 'unfurled' on ANZAC Day. Given that this story was about the RSA, could we possibly get the flag installed to coincide with filming? In a hurried call to Adams Flags at 5.00 pm—immediately after speaking to the ANZ media person—they agreed to fast-track the installation of the pole. It was installed within a couple of days and is the opening shot of the video.

A wonderful story in itself—but equally for four disparate organisations (ANZ, the RSA, Adams Flags and Leslie Groves) collaborating to get it told. And you can view it for yourselves online: <https://vimeo.com/329231248>

You'll need to enter the password *poppy* when prompted.

Max Reid
Facility Manager

Third Sunday Breakfast!

The Parish breakfast continues to be served every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am-ish. It is great to see so many people enjoying a relaxing time before the 10am service.

It's an informal buffet style affair - **just turn up between 9.00 and 9.30am** and help yourself :-)



So, every third Sunday - the next one will be **June 16th** see you there!

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 **9th June**.



Shared Life is the very Essence of what it means to be part of the body of Christ, the Church - it's lifeblood, shared. In our worship this is expressed in the Eucharist where 'we are all given the one cup from which to drink' (even if for pragmatic reasons we usually use two!) As we each receive to drink from the cup, we are told 'The blood of Christ' and we respond not with 'thank you' :-), but Amen! (Truly!). So the person before us and after us drinks from the same cup and so we all share the same spiritual drink, the blood of Christ, His Life. It is this Life that flows amongst us as the Church and it is our Salvation.

Again one of the ways in which the faith has been distorted in our day has been to reduce 'Salvation' to an individual matter of whether one or other will 'get to heaven'. Yet this is a tragic reduction of the gospel of Jesus and his death and resurrection.

Sin separates and leads to death - forgiveness binds together and allows New Life to flow. Put another way, not one of us will be 'Saved' alone, rather together we live the Saved Life, the Resurrection Life of Jesus (which he calls 'eternal Life') This is the true meaning of Salvation.

Of course clergy can also get caught up in the spirit of the age in this way (all of us do in many ways . . .) I remember my Spiritual Director, a most godly woman, once confessing to me. She'd been having a difficult time in her parish and speaking with her director about her church had said, 'well at least I'm not responsible for their salvation!' To which her director responded, 'What on earth gave you that idea?'

I don't know what was in her directors mind, but in a deep sense she was very right. All our lives as Jesus' people, are woven together. We either are raised to new life together, saved together, or not at all. Each of us is responsible for the eternal life flowing in and through the whole body (not just the Vicar, thank goodness . . . then we'd be 'in a right mess!' :-)) Each one of us is responsible for the Salvation Life of each member of the body, for the same life flows through us all. '*By this we know that we have passed from death to Life, that we love one another.*' (1John 3:14) In so doing we undo the old curse of Cain, who asked 'am I my brother's keeper?'

Our Life is Together, in Christ Jesus . . .

to be continued

Grace and Peace to you
Eric

Note from the Recorder

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.

If direct crediting is more your thing, then I can send you the appropriate form for you to fill in and take to your bank. This has become a very popular and convenient way of making donations to the Parish.

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

I am usually at the 10am service on a Sunday so you can speak to me then. Otherwise you can contact me via one of the ways below:

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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

Much has been happening at Leslie Groves over the past few months. One key factor has been the Board's sign-off of Leslie Groves' 2019-2020 Budget. While that may seem a very practical thing, it represents the Board's commitment to a number of initiatives that will continue the positive transformation currently taking place at Leslie Groves.

Included in the Budget, for example, are the establishment of three new staff positions – a full-time Activities Assistant to work alongside Bob Murray in role coordinating our Day Care Programme based at the Rest Home; a part-time Quality, Health and Safety Manager to ensure all staff know and understand that quality, health and safety are at the heart of all that we do; and a part-time Occupational Therapist position. This latter role has come about as a result of a comprehensive review of the activities programmes that operate in each of our four residential units, and will provide ongoing leadership and training to the team of activities staff. Each of these roles is currently being advertised.

Through a generous grant from the Anglican Diocese, the Board has also been able to approve the purchase of both a replacement for our ageing large Mobility Van and the purchase of a smaller mobility vehicle (similar to those used by Driving Miss Daisy). This will provide both safer and more flexible transport options for Leslie Groves residents. Another highlight has been the introduction of family meetings for the relatives of Leslie Groves residents. The first of these was held a couple of months' ago, with around 15 relatives of Taieri and Ferntree dementia residents attending. A meeting of relatives of Redwood hospital residents is scheduled for early next month, and a meeting of Rest Home relative residents will be planned for soon after that.

A lovely story I'd like to share with you – which some of you will have read about in the Otago Daily Times on ANZAC Day.

Just before 5.00 pm on a Friday a couple of weeks before ANZAC Day, I received a phone call from one of ANZ Bank's media team. She was directing a video in support of the RSA's forthcoming Poppy Day, that involved the filming of one of our residents. Were we happy with that? Absolutely! One of our Redwood residents—an ex-serviceman—has significant dementia, and no longer recognises his wife's face or voice. But he does recognise her perfume. That particular perfume, however, is now off the market, and his wife had run out of it. She was worried that her husband would no longer recognise her. So, the RSA Support Advisor, hearing her story, set about tracking down one of the only remaining sources of the perfume ... as it

The rules around Vestry are covered by Canon Law, such as:

Vestry members are elected for one year. Vestry members continue in office until their successors are appointed. (Canon 1.4.11)

At any Vestry meeting, no business shall be transacted unless a majority of the lay members are present, nor without the presence of the vicar, the clergy representative in a local shared ministry parish or one of the church wardens. (Canon 1.7.3)

How much details are discussed at Vestry meetings will vary according to the size of the parish. The smaller the parish and fewer the parish staff, the greater the chance is that Vestry will need to engage in detail. The larger the parish and greater the parish staff, the more important it becomes that Vestry does not engage in detail unless required to for a specific reason. Essentially, Vestry is the parish governance body and needs to keep its eye on the big picture. It should not get involved in the management responsibilities of others unless specifically called for.

Vestry must care for and maintain all the church buildings and take responsibility for any alterations and improvements. To ensure proper repair and maintenance, Vestry must arrange for all buildings to be inspected at least once a year (Guide D14 – Inspection of Parish Property)

Each parish is expected to draw up a 10 year maintenance plan for parish properties. The plan should be accompanied by appropriate budget provision.

Blessings

Fraser Richardson & Jane Musgrave

Vicar's & People's Wardens

Could you please donate;

When the weather cools down we are asked for donations of Wheat Bags and Hot Water Bottles for those who go to the Servants Health Centre. The **time is now** so if you could donate please bring them to the office so they can be distributed. Thank you.



Mission News

NZCMS Mission Enablers, Guy and Summer Benton, reflect on the misconceptions the New Zealand young adult community has about mission and what they have been doing in response.

“A Valuable Generation

While our family lived as long-term missionaries in Cambodia for eight years, we learned a lot about what mission could look like in reality. We didn't realise that some of the preconceptions we held about mission would be challenged. Where do the ideas come from about what missionary work might be like? Is it through one-off missionary talks? Is it through history lessons at school? Is it through scrolling Facebook feeds and seeing youth mission trips?

At the end of 2017 we moved our family from Cambodia to New Zealand where we took on a role as Mission Enablers with NZCMS, working primarily with young adults. Through this role we've been surprised to see how many misconceptions the younger generation in New Zealand has regarding mission. And these misconceptions can often become a massive barrier to their interest in and willingness to participate in mission.

As a response to this we've developed a new gap year called Better World which strives to combat many of these same misbeliefs. Our hope is to show our younger generation that they can not only participate in mission but that their presence in those spaces is incredibly valuable. Young people are actually striving for significance and a way to engage in God's work in the world. But sadly the barriers they have around mission often stop them from seeking out these opportunities and recognising that they may even be called to mission themselves.

Mission Misconception: Evangelism

One of the misconceptions we've encountered lies in the role of evangelism in mission. Many young people have communicated to us that they think evangelism means only preaching and teaching. Evangelism is then often reduced down to single events of preaching the Gospel, the cross and the resurrection across cultures, often in clunky and awkward meetings with strangers.

While we know it does include those very important things, it is also much more than that. Due to many dynamics that are present in our younger generation, they often shy away from verbal evangelism for a variety of reasons including fear of repeating mistakes of the past such as colonialism, manipulation techniques and preaching a fear-based Gospel. There is also fear of appearing to embrace a spiritual paradigm that is dominant to other paradigms in the culture. When society is saying “There is no one way and all ways are fine” then it's incredibly hard for a young person to declare that Jesus is the only way.

Lastly, there can be a lack of discipleship which often results in no real conviction that God is actually the good news that's transforming their own life. This misconception means that you have a whole generation of young adults cringing away from any idea of sharing the Gospel. “

Prayer Points:

The Hicks Family: Solomon Islands write: Please pray for Sally, our intern who arrived in April and is living with us for three months. Pray for good health, easy language learning and friendships. Pray also for the completion of our guest room as well as the building of two

student houses. Praise God for our children who started a Saturday Kid's Prayer Club. Over 20 kids are coming at a time!

Sally (the intern) writes: I am now well into my internship and feel I am still adjusting to everything that is new and different. Please pray that I will continue to settle into my surroundings and find joy in my days. I have peace knowing that God has placed me in the right place at the right time.

Anthony & Anne McCORMICK, (Community Ministry, Cambodia): *Anne writes:* 'Anthony and his translator have headed to Siem Reap again for another week of training this month. Pray for smooth presentations and good understanding on the part of the students. I'm training a new assistant again as Rachael had moved to a role in another department of the hospital. Pray that this will go well and for the move of the papermaking to the Handa Academy. There are daily power cuts everywhere in Cambodia at present due to drought conditions and insufficient water to produce hydro-electric power. Please pray for rain!'



Diane BAYLEY (Children's Ministry, the Philippines) *She writes:* 'Praise God that our new driveway is finally finished. Pray also for the four children graduating from elementary school. Three of them are now eager and ready to depart and the parents are ready for them to return home. This has taken a few years of preparation and they now know that Jesus is with them. Also pray for a safe trip back to New Zealand to spend three weeks with family and to attend the graduation of international students completing our CBM Children's Ministry Course. Mid-term elections happen here this month. Pray for honesty and that all forms of vote-buying will be exposed and stopped.'



JUDITH (Community Ministry, South Asia) Our new building will be completed this month and all departments will move into the same place for the first time ever. Pray for a peaceful and life-giving atmosphere in this new centre. I'm off to the US for two conferences. Pray for safe travel and helpful interactions.

Vin Maffey, Parish Mission Motivator.

Warden's Report

First of all, thank you to last years' Vestry members, especially Lorraine Young and AJ Visagie for their diligent work and welcome to Ethan Evans, Melanie Cornish and David Finlay to this year's Vestry. We thought it was timely to share with all parishioners the function of Vestry.

What is Vestry? "Vestry" is the body elected at the Annual General Meeting of the parish to order the financial business and management of property and the ongoing life of the parish. In the case of Co-operating Ventures, this may be a Parish Council. "Vestry members" means those people elected to the vestry.

Canon 1 of Parishes

So Vestry ...

IS

A group of individuals who are ...

United in the Holy Spirit

Supportive encouragers and co-workers with the clergy

Responsible for oversight of the parish's operations

The spiritual leadership of the parish

Informed about the parish and life of the wider church

ISN'T

A group of individuals who are ...

Each seeking to push their own views

An extension of the personalities of the clergy

Just another secular business management system

DOES

Spend time in prayer

Listen to each other and to parishioners

Inform the whole parish of its business and decisions

Arrive at unified decisions while aiming for consensus

Delegate in order to use the gifts of all

DOESN'T

Make decisions which they individually will not support themselves

Disregard the wisdom of scripture, tradition and reason