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Dates for Your Diary

9th March 7.30pm Evening AAW meets
11th March 2.00pm Afternoon AAW meets
14th March Parish Shared Lunch
28th March 11.30am Parish AGM

THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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The Vicar writes;

In the wilderness . . .

I wonder what your experience of 'the wilderness' is? Where is the most remote location you've ever visited, alone? I say 'alone' because solitude is essential to a proper experience of the wilderness. For myself, I guess it would be remote Scottish mountains, perhaps carrying my home on my back for a few days. Taking with you just the essentials. Over the years I'd learn that too many things in a rucksack were non-essential and added to the wear and tear on my knees and made high mountains more of a challenge. Or there would be the occasional day alone high on the Cuillin Ridge on Skye. A merciless terrain where a moment's inattention might easily be your last. It's fair to say that perhaps I've never felt more alive in such settings, nor more scared on occasion. Delusions are stripped away, you're on the boundary between life and . . . well what?

That is the gift of the Wilderness. In Lent we remember (perhaps not the best word as it is a word of non-engagement), Jesus' time in the wilderness of Judea. Itself a harsh unforgiving landscape, Jesus is driven there by the Spirit of God, to discover who he really is. More than that, or perhaps the same thing, to test whether he would live by faith, to test if God really was his Father and the source of his life? Who we are is the result of what we take to be the source of our existence. Are we self made? Or children of God?

Satan's testing is the temptation of Jesus is to live by securing his own life, not trusting God.

'Are you the Son of God? Prove it to yourself!' Why be hungry? Turn the stones you see to bread. After all, God's children shouldn't be hungry, no? (Even though Jesus said, most troublingly, Blessed are you hungry . . .)

Are you the Son of God? Prove it to the people. Put on a show! Jump from the Temple. Show people how trusting in God can be relevant to them. (Ever wished you

Sunday Services at St John's

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

During the Week at St John's

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea in the Lounge

Thursdays

7.30pm Choir practice

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

9th March Evening AAW Group meet at 7.30pm. Speaker will be Dr Phil White and Beth from Servant's Health Centre

11th March Afternoon AAW Group meet at 2.00pm. Surprise meeting!

LESLIE GROVES SOCIETY UPDATE



Cancellations and postponements seem to be the new norm in these COVID times.

While we all might grump about the reimposition of visiting restrictions and entry protocols to the Rest Home and Hospital that is nothing compared to the angst we would experience if Covid was to be back in the Dunedin community.

These circumstances do however place additional strain on management, staff, residents and their families. We continue to appreciate their cooperation and restraint.

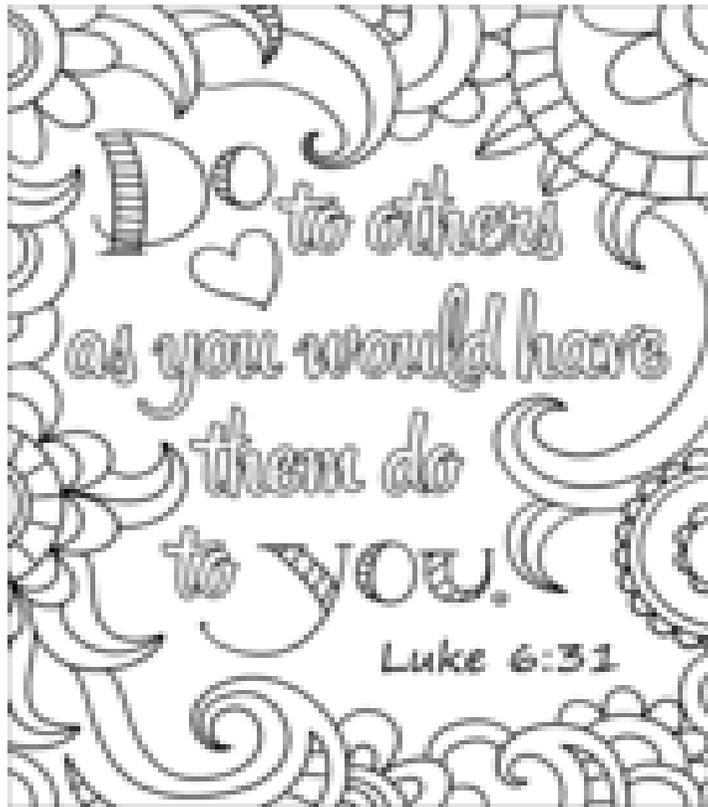
As a consequence of the change in Alert Levels a decision was made to postpone the Fete until all the residents and staff have been vaccinated and we are at Level 1. For the many items that have been donated our thanks.

We have however decided to extent the closure of the Major Fete Raffle until the end of this month. Tickets available at St. Johns, the Rest Home and Hospital.

The Variety Concert planned for Sunday 14th of March will proceed if we are at Level 1. Tickets available at St Johns and Roslyn Pharmacy

So the good news is that the Tovertafel Blessing and Demonstration proceeded as planned and thanks to the efforts of staff at the Rest Home the Courtyard has had a major make over with new and refurbished furniture.





From the Registers:

Rest in Peace:

9th February Laura Isabella Shaw

Interment of Ashes:

19th February Weston and Patricia Sandle

could do something to prove to people how relevant your faith is? But who would that really secure?)

Are you the Son of God? Prove it to me! Make me the centre of your life and you can have it all . . .

The wilderness is the place where we come face to face with who we really are. Nothing to distract us, just the silence and the questions. Is God to be trusted? Is he good? A place where we are faced with our total dependence upon God . . . or do we cast around and try and make a life for ourselves?

The wilderness confronts us with our limitations. And Jesus asks us to do the same. Prove your faith by not proving it. Live a hidden life. Pray without telling anyone. Fast without letting anyone know. Give to the poor in such a way that you don't even notice yourself doing it and quietly pat yourself on the back. Why? To live by faith, not by the affirmation of others. But the temptation to secure our own life, to prove to ourselves that we are the children of God is powerful.

'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.' And 'We walk by faith not sight'. When we 'get out there and show the world', who are we really trying to convince?

Lent is given as an opportunity to let go of those things we surround ourselves with, to secure our own sense of who we are . . . to Let Go, and to Let God. Thus and only thus will we look at the dereliction of The Cross and see Life

Grace and Peace

Eric

Afternoon AAW

We began our year with Vicar Eric conducting a service of Holy Communion which we followed by a brain storming session planning for our programme for this year at 2 pm on Thursday 11th February. As yet it is unknown what will happen at our next meeting, so come and find out!! Hopefully 2021 will be a better year than last year. However, please stay safe, stay well, and stay in contact with one another.

Now that we are in Lent, if you want to help, we will be making Rosemary sprays for Mothering Sunday on Friday 12th March at 2pm in the Lounge at St John's (all materials supplied). We will also be making Palm Crosses at 10 am on Saturday 27th March in the Lounge also, and again all materials will be supplied. In previous years it has been a great time of fellowship (and learning)!

All comers welcome!

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

We had a great night in February with Holy Communion followed by Rev Lisa Barlow speaking to us about her work. We also had some ideas of what we could do other nights during the year.

The next meeting is to held on 9th March at 7.30pm when we have Dr Phil White and perhaps Beth speaking to us about Servant's Health Centre. It should be a very good night lead by Margaret Tegg.

See you at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th March

Margaret McLanachan

Leader

A Note from the Recorder

TO ENVELOPE DONORS: the 31st of March is a Wednesday and is the last day of the financial year. I like to put your receipt in with your new envelopes so I would be grateful if you could put in your final donations by Sunday March 28 or to the office early in the week. I aim to have your new envelopes in church on Sunday 4th April.

Until we get the March bank statement I cannot write receipts for those of you who are Direct Creditors, so your receipts will be in church in the later part of April.

If you are new to the Parish and would like to be a part of St John's regular donors, please contact me. By doing this you will receive a donation receipt at the end of the financial year, which can be used for a tax refund from the IRD.

To 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 if you would like to move to direct crediting, now is the time to tell me, so that I can send you the information and a new number.

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

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Warden's Report

Vestry met on Saturday 13th February. We began by sharing the Eucharist then spent the morning trying to discern and our future pathway before concluding with a business meeting.

The main items discussed at the business meeting were;

Thanking Eric for his leading of services and support of parishioners during Advent and Christmas. We appreciate his diligence and ongoing enthusiasm

Consideration of how we can support the Vicarage family, especially whilst Sarah is in the UK for 11 weeks

Contacting an arborist to carry out tree maintenance on 3 more trees. Following our meeting, The Treeman's quote was received and approved. This work will be completed soon

How to support parishioners who will be affected by banks phasing out cheques later in the year

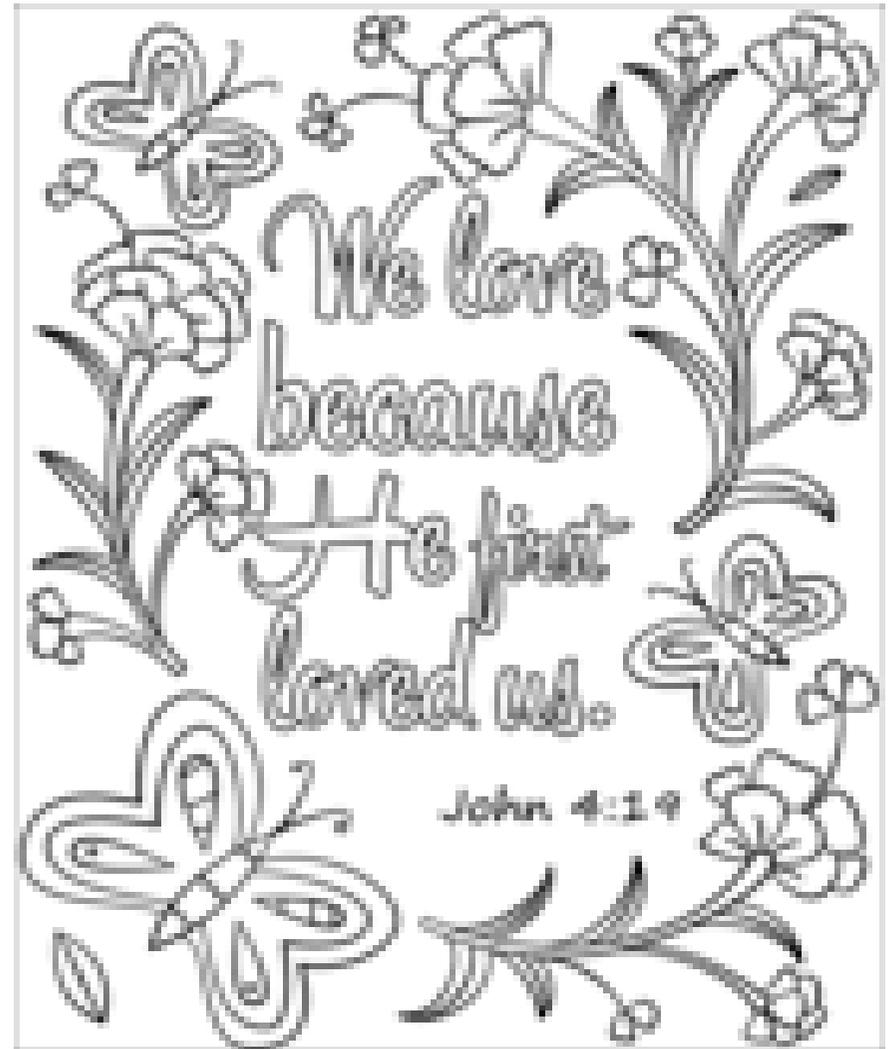
Provisions for the Ash Wednesday services. Subsequently, we had to ensure that our arrangements conformed to our Alert level 2 Plan

Succession plans for Vestry, Verger position and other leadership roles at church

Blessings

Ethan & Jane

Vicar's & People's Wardens



Mission News

ROSIE FYFE, General Secretary of NZCMS writes:

“As I read and prayed through the latest edition of Prayer Points, I was reminded afresh of the scope and breadth of the work that NZCMS supports. Our Mission Partners serve in diverse global contexts with different challenges and joys. All have been impacted in some way by Covid 19 and all have been resilient and continued faithfully serving and listening to God’s leading. As our Mission Partners have continued faithfully so too are we called to be steadfast in prayer. St Paul reminds us ‘to continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.’ He asks the fledgling church to pray for his ministry ‘...that God may open to us a door; to declare the mystery of Christ...’(Col 4) This continues to be our prayer at CMS *that God would open doors for the Gospel to be proclaimed and for more people to come to know Him.* In this New Year, may we know anew the power of God for His salvation in our lives. in those around us, and in and through our Mission Partners. May we continue to be steadfast in prayer and in living out our lives of love to others.

May the Lord bless you all, **Rosie.**”

THE AAW: (A major Home Mission outreach.)

One of the most significant outreach groups of the Anglican Church, is the Association of Anglican Women. Formed in 1969 for all Anglican Women to become members whether married, divorced or single, it has more than 3,000 members, the largest organisation within the Anglican Church giving representation and a voice to women. Prior to 1969, Anglican women were part of the Mothers’ Union Branches.

The aims are: To unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the church and to promote, safeguard and nurture Christian family life.

The focus is to move forward as an organisation, constantly growing and doing all it can to get the message of God’s love to others.

Spreading the Word: There is no better way to make an impact than to become an active advocate yourself. Join now to enjoy the fellowship, fun and friendship. You can see more about AAW on Facebook or on their website:- nzaaw.org.nz

Prayer Points:

* As part of Waitangi Weekend, the NZCMS staff were led by the Karuwha Trust team through a four-day event from February 4 – 7. This event is an invitation to serve alongside tangata whenua, to visit significant sites, to spend part time listening to stories of our past Kaumatua and historians and to seek a better understanding of our country. Pray for the NZCMS Staff and some Mission Partners joining us; that they will grow in their understanding of tangata whenua, New Zealand and how our history impacts on our proclamation and mission today.

* **Jonathan and Tess HICKS** (Avalyn, Cohen, Caeli, Judah, Immanuel and Moses) (Theological Education, Solomon Islands.) Please pray for protection and good rest for the family during their sabbatical in Alabama, USA. Pray for those at the Trinity School of Theology in the Solomon Islands, that their study and spiritual formation will continue to deepen and grow. Please pray for Tess who is expecting her 7th child in late April, that her and babe will remain healthy as we head towards the big day.

* Please pray for the NZCMS Communications Team who run this department. Pray that they will know God’s inspiration and encouragement through the projects they are working on this year.

* Pray for Mission Partners who resigned in 2020 and are settling back into life in New Zealand.. Pray that they would know God’s peace in the midst of transitions. Praise God that new people are approaching NZCMS and discerning a call to global mission. Pray for them as they seek further steps.

Vin Maffey, Parish Mission Motivator