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Dates for Your Diary

6th July Evening AAW Group for a shared meal at Tegg's
8th July Afternoon AAW Group meet
11th July Parish shared meal
25th July Spreads collection for Brockville Kindergarten



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Eric' Scribblings . . .

"Where's this all going?"

. . . you may well ask.

Stephen Gaukroger, in his breathtaking work on 'The Emergence of a Scientific Culture' asks "Why did Science displace religion in the West as the primary source of 'meaning'?"

The answer he gives might surprise you. It was not, he says, that Science gave a better answer to questions about what was True, rather it offered a way in which perhaps one might predict and thereby control 'The Future'. Perhaps you might have come across this confidence in the suggestion that 'Science works better than prayer'.

It is not unreasonable to suggest that this is what marks out Western Culture and its Science from other cultures with their 'Sciences', of which there are a good number. Western Civilization as it swept across the globe, understood its superiority to other cultures in precisely this regard. To have Science was to be Civilized, and to confidently look forward to progress into a glorious 'future' which it would create. So we thought of ourselves as 'an advanced' culture. We had progressed, and all ideas of progress find their source in this.

We see this working itself out in our hopes that 'science' will overcome COVID, that things will get better. Perhaps also that it will deal with the over reach of an overly confident scientific Western Culture, in turning back Climate Change . . . Listening to other cultures might suggest to us that 'Pride comes before a fall', that our view is very limited, and if 2020 etc. taught us anything (for the millionth time) 'the future' is never clear. (For those of us who apply science through its offspring, bureaucratic management, it is perhaps better not to think of the thousands of hours we spend absent from our present lives trying to arrange the future . . .)

Sunday Services at St John's

July 4th	9.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.00am	Choral Eucharist
	6.00pm	No Service
July 11th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Choral Eucharist
	6.00pm	No Service
July 18th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	All Age
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong
July 25th	9.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.00am	Choral Eucharist
	6.00pm	Studies in Romans

During the Week at St John's

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea in the Lounge

Thursdays

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

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

6th July Evening AAW Group meet at 6.30pm for a Shared Meal at Tegg's

8th July Afternoon AAW Group meet at 2.00pm. Speaker Melanie Cornish - Recycling



LESLIE GROVES SOCIETY UPDATE



Over recent months the Board of Leslie Groves has been exploring a number of various opportunities to improve and expand the services and care we provide.

Amongst these has been;

- The relocation of the Day Care Programme to the Hettie Robinson Lounge at St. Johns Church
- A programme of staged refurbishment and room upgrades at the Sheen Street Rest Home
- The completion of the final stage of the Wakari site buildings.

Day Care Relocation

This relocation has as a result of a larger area than at the Rest Home, seen an increase in the numbers of participants and of an additional staff member responsible for their activities.

As well it has freed up an area adjacent to the main lounge at Sheen Street for other activities.

Sheen Street Refurbishment and Upgrade

Over recent weeks the double glazing of skylight windows, carpet replacement in four bedrooms and the refurbishment of a further room has been undertaken.

Over the next month heating is to be installed in all of the ensuites and four beds are to be replaced.

Stage 8 Wakari site Upgrade.

Given the ever increasing demand for beds in secure Dementia Units, the Board has agreed to proceed with the completion of this final stage.

A further 4 resident rooms are to be built along with two sitting rooms, a sluice room, kitchenette and office. A further feature of this provision will be that of enabling the separate entry and exit to the Taieri unit during times of Lockdown

Brian Tegg : Chairman

In Our Backyard - Brockville Support

A huge thank you to the knitters, donors of children's clothing, fruit and vegetables and to those who have contributed towards the shoes for children of Brockville Kindergarten. Two families have already been to have shoes fitted at Frames. The children arrived at kindergarten full of pride, their families so grateful.

What Next?

Sunday 25th July - Spreads collection all spreads welcome. Last time they especially liked the honey! This time, we would like to include **toothpaste and children's toothbrushes**. They have a dental educator visit, but this help would reinforce the need for essential ongoing care, rather than it being an optional extra.

Sunday 8th August - our next Can Collection

Looking ahead, through Noele Evans, we have offered the kindergarten the chance to have a stall at our Fair in October. They have accepted with enthusiasm. It is very encouraging to have the two communities cooperating in this way.

Donations of any amount are welcome to keep the shoe project going. Send to St John's account 03 0903 0390783 00 with 'Brockville' as the reference.

Thanks again

Chris Carrell for the team.

AAW Evening Report

The July meeting of the Evening AAW was a very productive occasion.

Sue Cathro welcomed members and our speaker for the evening Margaret Hazelton.

Margaret brought along examples of Christmas decorations that she had been making for the Children's stall for our upcoming fair. Members chose materials that Margaret had brought along and proceeded to make decorations of their choice. Some skilfully folded paper making birds for the tree and others decorated bags with glitter and others used glitter glue to make attractive coloured hanging balls. This was a very relaxing and chatty evening producing articles that we could copy and make at home on these cold nights to contribute to the stall.

Thanks to Margaret for bringing along her decorations which we hope may inspire us to make more.

Our next meeting is to be a Mid winter dinner on the 6th July to be held at Margaret Tegg's home 6.30pm. Please ring and let Margaret know you are coming and what you can contribute towards the meal. Her address is 1

Colquhoun Street Glenross. Phone 4764505

The July meeting of the Evening AAW was a very productive occasion. Blessings to all. Bev Aitken



Yet other cultures have a way of speaking of the future which is more clear, more visible indeed and in its own way far more certain than any scientific prediction. And most importantly of all, more Present. Take for example 'whakapapa'.

Someone suggested to me this week that I was turning into Abraham. 'Abraham' and Sarah J have five children, and now eight grandchildren with us in one way or another.

To remember parents and grandparents, and as I have done recently our deeper ancestors, is to be present to your past – the true meaning of remembering. 'Beholding' children and grandchildren is to be present to your future, present in your future perhaps, indeed to See the future. It is the most gloriously profound form of meditation, if you understand your Life not as something disconnected from the stream of Life, but as an indispensable, eternal even, thread within it.

Back to Abraham, and Jesus, who in a dialogue with his opponents about parenthood, about where we come from, said 'Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it and was glad'.

John's Gospel is the Gospel of Life as a flowing river. In the Word was Life. John uses the word 'Logos' which we translate as 'Word'. This word is associated with the thought of the ancient philosopher Heraclitus, who was described existence as a River, always in flux and flow. The Logos as its Source. Jesus in John's gospel is the revelation of the hidden Logos. He comes out from God and returns to God. He is the Beginning and the End, he is our Source and our Destination. Our Home. He is our past and our future, and as he tells us at the end of Matthew's Gospel, 'Behold! I am with you always, even to the end of the age!'. Seeing Jesus is seeing it all, past and future – in the Present . . .

Blessings,

Eric

A NOTE FROM THE RECORDER

Many thanks to those of you who have responded to the Stewardship Appeal. We know that there are many calls on you and your families, and there is still a lot of uncertainty about income.

If you are able to make a special contribution, then the Stewardship envelopes can be returned at any time.

There is also the option of direct crediting into the Parish bank account, please put your name in the particulars space and Stewardship as Reference. The Parish bank account number is 03 0903 0390783 00.

If you are new to the Parish, or if you would like to be a part of the regular donors by envelope or direct credit please let me know as I can enrol you at any time during the year. I am happy to answer any questions you might have, and any discussions are completely confidential.

My contact details are below.

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Warm greetings to everyone,

We are certainly in the depths of winter now! There is much that I love about winter time. Snuggly blankets, hot frothy drinks, spicy curries, nights by the fire (or heat pump), staying in more and watching films, and at the end of the day heading into a warm bed. In a sense we 'cobble down' and cling closer to our homes, our place of belonging during the winter time.

I took our dear Maude out on Monday for a cup of tea. As we fought that very chilly wind in Mornington she clung to me and held on for her dear life. I thought in that moment that this is how we should be with Jesus i.e. hanging on to him for dear life in the stormy winds of life.

This kind of wind (something I do not miss about Wellington) actually has some good purposes. It shakes up the dust and scatters the leaves but most importantly it reminds us of how little control we actually have over what happens. The uncontrollable wind reminds us that the only thing we can control is our choice to orientate ourselves to Jesus and cling to him as he leads us onwards.

The Holy Spirit, the great Disturber of our own agendas is described in Scripture as wind: the wind of the Spirit blows where it pleases, heard but unable to be deciphered as to where it has come from and to where it is going. (John 3:8)

We cannot control or tame the actual wind nor can we tame the wind of the Spirit at work in our world.

There is a refreshing bracing in being swept up in the wind. It gives us oxygen to breathe deeper and awakens our senses. Can I encourage you next time you are caught up in the throes of a windy day to think of clinging to Jesus and waiting for him to calm the storm?

Can I suggest when that wind again takes your breath away for a second that you remember the breath of the Holy Spirit and breathe God into your senses and allow God's life to flow into you. Maybe as we surrender, no matter how unsteady on our feet we feel, to the Holy Wind we will feel more fully alive? Alive in the knowledge that although the wind may seem to push at us (as Maude felt) and it will push at us, we have a Saviour who we can cling to and be held by through all of life's challenges and dark places.

'May you Holy Spirit disturb our safety nets, upend our well ordered lives so we may be swept up like the wind into your life and purposes, that you may be glorified in our lives so those who do not know you will come to know you through our life and witness. Amen.'

Bless you all and stay close,
Rev Lisa Barlow.

From the Warden's

Draw Me Nearer

I am thine, O LORD, I have heard thy voice.
And it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to thee

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed LORD,
To the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed LORD,
To thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, LORD,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in thine.

O the pure delight of a single hour
That before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

----*Fannie J. Crosby*

Chaplaincy Report

We have some exciting news to share with you!

A little while ago, a resident I'd got to know quite well died at Leslie Groves Hospital, and shortly afterwards, her family contacted me, and indicated that they would like to make a gift towards Chaplaincy at our Facility in her memory. After much thought, and discussion with Board and Management, I asked if a Liturgical Stole would be appropriate – it is very Chaplaincy-specific, easily stored, and will provide for ongoing Chaplaincy, adding to the Leslie Groves story. Having the necessary support, I approached Elizabeth Kimberley, who is well known for her exquisite Liturgical vestments, and she agreed to make it.

We had long and fruitful conversations, including a face-to-face meeting at one point, and she drew up a plan which embraces several aspects of what Leslie Groves stands for: there is the St John's eagle, the kereru from the Chapel stained glass window, and the Agnus Dei on one side, and on the other the tui, the LG swan, and the cross from our Chapel altar, itself a gift of the Groves family.

The Stole has been blessed by Bishop Steven, and it is quite beautiful. And the family is overjoyed with the way Elizabeth has designed and made it. It is a privilege to have guardianship of it for now.

(Rev) Barbara Dineen
Chaplain



Mission News

NZCMS NEWS

We have launched the '[Get one. Give one.](#)' campaign, an Anglican Church wide (and soon to be New Zealand wide) campaign! Already over \$6500 has been raised!

When you get your Covid-19 vaccine, give \$10 so that one of the world's most vulnerable can get theirs. \$50 covers a family of five and \$100 covers two families! Supporting the 'Get One'. 'Give One' campaign is simple, here are some ways your community can help:

- Spread the word with family, friends and your workplace. This is a chance for families, workplaces, schools and churches to mobilise together to make a difference.
- Organise a fundraising event. Downloadable promotional print and digital resources as well as ideas for how to run *Get One. Give One*. Fundraising events, can be found online here.
- Put up the campaign web banner and Facebook cover photo on your timeline to show your support

Donations are being directed through Givealittle, rather than through Anglican Missions.

DONATE HERE: <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/get-one-give-one>

You can read more on our website [Appeals tab](#) and [the article in Anglican Taonga online](#)

Resources for your parish are available via our [dropbox](#) (if you have difficulty accessing resources please contact Linda on (04) 473-5172 or at info@angmissions.org.nz).

JUDITH LOOSER asks for prayer as she considers her future and her relationship with the Kunri Christian Hospital and School in Pakistan. She says "I know how to trust a very loving and caring God to look after her spiritual children. The healings, miracles, leaps of faith into the unknown, have been astounding. The victories (and some defeats) and the many battles we have fought, have changed us all. It has been an astounding privilege to have journeyed with them and see the transformation first hand. How fortunate I have been."

"Now I must thank YOU. You who have supported, prayed, journeyed with us and some even visited us.. What an encouragement and help and you have been. Without you I couldn't have stayed for as long as I have. Please accept my grateful thanks and my heartfelt applause coming your way."

"It always humbles and amazes me when visiting a church, to find people coming up to me who know the people who I have loved and served and grown amongst for many years; who ask after certain ones on their hearts. This is truly the body of Christ operating throughout the earth. Please continue to pray for us just starting to grapple with the possible news that will bring major changes to their lives." *Judith Looser.*

Vin Maffey, *Parish Mission Motivator.*

Afternoon AAW

For our June meeting Celia Davies returned to finish her talk on her Nepalese Adventures which was just as much fun and interest as her previous talk. This was at 2pm on Thursday 10th June, and was well worth listening to. As usual we finish each meeting with a sumptuous afternoon tea!

In July Melanie Cornish will come and speak to us about recycling, what you can and can't put in your yellow top bin and your blue bin etc. etc. This will be a very interesting afternoon so all those keen to find out about present and new bin ideas please feel free to join us for the afternoon from 2pm in the lounge.

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. However, please stay safe, stay well, and stay in contact with one another.

Verna Rutherford [Leader]

