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Dates for Your Diary

6th November Vestry meet
9th November Evening AAW meet for their AGM
11th November Afternoon AAW meet for their AGM
27th November Lisa's Ordination at St John's at 12noon



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"From the Vicar"

The Call to Home . . .

Take a moment to visualize your life as a river . . . What comes to mind?

High above the beautifully named Mallerstang valley in a remote part of what was Cumberland, England, there rises what I as a native of that county call a beck – Hell Gill Beck to be precise. From the lonely summit of Hugh [sic] Seat, a little higher than Flagstaff, waters drain into the beck (stream) and then over Hell Gill Force (waterfall) into Mallerstang valley, where they come together with other streams finally to form the Eden River which flows through Carlisle, the city of my birth, before emptying out into the Solway Firth and what is now called 'The Irish Sea'. From there the waters evaporate and the dominant westerlies push the clouds back over the Pennines, where the rain falls upon those same fells (hills) . . .

"In my end is my beginning" writes TS Eliott in The Four Quartets. All of life is a journey home . . . The River flows from its source to its end but it is all one Life. Thinking of our life as a river might suggest we think of our life as a series of events, this is how our 'story' may well be told at our funeral, but is that really it?

Sarah and I are recently returned from a few days in the Marlborough Sounds. Whilst there we wandered into the bush several times, once at night to enjoy more glow worms than we'd ever seen before along a little stream. When we practice self forgetfulness, we may become aware in a new way of our sheer existence, our Life, our livingness and the livingness of that which surrounds us and of which we are part. Sitting in the bush was a beautiful way to do that, immersed in Life.

It is that Livingness to which Jesus seems to point us when considering what our Lives are – "Come to me and drink for from the heart of the one who believes will

Sunday Services at St John's

Nov. 7	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist,
	6.00pm	Studies in Romans
Nov. 14	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist
	6.00pm	Studies in Romans
Nov. 21	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist
	7.00pm	Choral Eucharist (hopefully)
Nov. 28	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	All Age 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 school terms

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

9th November Evening AAW Group meet at 7.30pm for their AGM

11th November Afternoon AAW Group meet at 2.00pm for their AGM



LESLIE GROVES SOCIETY UPDATE



In these challenging times the special character of Leslie Hospital has provided comfort and hope to its residents and staff.

With Chaplain Barbara Dineen and Margaret Tegg both recovering from recent hospitalisations we are most grateful for Elisabeth Cunningham's and Vicar Eric's recruitment of Bishops Kelvin and Steven to assist with the weekly Chapel services at both Sheen Street and Wakari.

While significant challenges remain, re the recruitment of Registered Nurses, the reputation of Leslie Groves is such, that we continue to be able to successfully replace any turnover of qualified staff.

With the ever present threat of COVID returning to the local community the Board was encouraged to learn at its October meeting that 100% of our staff are double vaccinated.

The strict entry requirements for family, visitors and trades persons etc. while at times an annoyance for some, is resulting, as it was last year, has resulted in a dramatic reduction in incidences of flu and other respiratory illnesses etc.

As we look to recognising the 70th Anniversary of Leslie Groves next September there are a number of significant projects that the Board are planning to confirm before years end.

Watch this space.

Brian Tegg

Chairperson

Report from Lisa

Hi everyone,

A clergy friend of mine in the North Island celebrated his 40 year anniversary to the priesthood recently. He is a magnificent priest who has a special ministry to those at the end of their life and is a stellar officiant at funerals. He is well respected and known by people outside the church as a trusted, inclusive and generous priest. Hence he officiates at a lot of funerals both for those inside and outside the church.

I admire him greatly.

He wrote a thank you to his friends on his facebook page which is so worth sharing (I have his permission)

'Thank you for all your generous greetings yesterday as I celebrated 40 years as a priest. Reflecting on those decades I recalled the story in the biography of Michael Ramsey of a young Muslim man who visited the bishop in the final weeks of his life. The young man asked the old bishop how long he had been ordained. He replied, "Nearly sixty years." The young man said, "That's a very long friendship." I like that description. It is a friendship. "At times it is a frustrating, exhausting, even painful friendship. But more often than not, it is filled with numerous delights and satisfactions, and above all, a sense of profound privilege.'

A beautiful, honest and authentic description of ordained ministry but actually an even truer picture of our relationship with God and with one another as the Church.

We walk with God, this life giving, life sustaining, in and through our every breath friendship. We walk with God sometimes frustrated, exhausted and in pain as we surrender our own life and our own will to God. We ache sometimes because we are faced with the holiness of God as we know in our hearts how far we fall short from the likeness of Jesus.

But the joy of the friendship! The joy! The numerous delights and satisfactions of a life loving Jesus. The profound privilege of being called a friend of Jesus. Being known by name. Having every hair on our head counted. Planned in the heart of God before we ever existed.

This friendship! The only friendship that really matters.

I hope you can join with me and my whanau on Saturday November 27th at 12 noon here at St John's as I commit my life and service to God in the profound privilege of ordination.

Bless you and be at peace,
Lisa.

flow rivers of living water". "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the End". "I am The Way, The Truth, The Life. No one comes to the Father except they come by me"

Whilst we were away, I reacquainted myself with perhaps the best book on prayer I've ever come across. I have recommended it before and do so again, "The Virgin Eye" by Robin Daniels who amongst other things practiced as a psychotherapist. (His book on Listening is another hidden treasure) The book was published posthumously and contains a Foreword by his widow, Katherine. It closes with the most poignantly beautiful words, Robin's last cry. "All I have is God; I want God. Bye-bye Katherine" These words sum up why perhaps the theme of Home is such a powerful one across cultures . . . our end and our beginning, our Source, our Destination. Loving God with Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength is the first part of knowing who we truly are, and thus sets us in a self forgetting which loves others without reserve, as a river unerringly flows to the sea. All One Love, One Life, One Source, One End.

What was your picture of a river, of your life? Was it the twists and turns, the slow and faster places, the route and the sequence of the route, the 'events', or as the river itself. Often at funerals, people's lives are spoken of in the first way. Photos are shown of the person in an attempt to capture moments. Lists of achievements and the like are rehearsed . . . but in the 'loss' of the person, it is not those things we sense which constituted their Life in Truth, things that have passed away. Rather it is that which cannot be 'grasped', which cannot be pinned down. Intangible yet so Real, living water. Perhaps such a different perspective on our own lives might free us to Live more Truly?

Blessings

Eric

Rosters

During Covid we can not roster anyone on for Ministry at the door etc. However I will make contact with those who do Morning Tea, Read and Prayer to see when you are available to help.

Thank you.

St John's Church Library Report

I was in Mana Books today and was tempted to get three new books for us. One is Bible Promises for Men, the second one Stepping Heavenward, One Woman's Journey to Godliness by Elizabeth Prentiss, and the third Who Moved My Pulpit, Leading Change in The Church by Thom S Rainer. I have had no opportunity to review these so they are going into the library as is. If you choose to read them perhaps you will let me know what you think? I hope you have had plenty of time over recent months to catch up on reading. I know I have, I always have a book on the go, sometimes two or three! I hope now that things are hopefully improving more of you may once again feel comfortable using our library.

Craig McLanachan,
Librarian.=

Evening AAW

At 1pm on Tuesday 12th October a group of us met at the café at the Botanic Gardens. Here we enjoyed great food and a wonderful conversation. We will look at doing it again in 2022.

On 9th November we meet at 7.30pm for our AGM



A Note from the Recorder

It is never too late to join the regular donation system. All donations are receipted at the end of March and can be used for the rebate. If you are new to the Parish, or if you would like to be a part of the regular donors please let me know. I am happy to answer any questions you might have, and any discussions are confidential.

With the demise of cheques, direct crediting is the easiest 'way to go'. I can send you the appropriate form for you to fill in and take to your bank. **This form will also give you the Parish bank account number and your unique number for my records, for you to set up your own internet banking.** By creating an automatic payment on a date/s that suits you is a very convenient way of making donations to the Parish.

I am able to supply envelopes to those who would like them, just let me know.

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Warden's Report

I don't have much to update:

We're looking at restarting hospitality for the 10 a.m. service.

Synod has been pushed out to December.

And thank you to everyone for taking care of each other at our services and responding to the Covid restrictions in a positive way.

Cursillo 23 , an informal report.

Margaret and I spent Labour Day weekend at Pounaweia on team for Cursillo 23. This three day event was meant to take place in 2019 but big bad Covid 19 put paid to it sadly. A tremendous effort goes into these events and any team is upset when they don't happen for some reason. It said a lot for this team that they kept their enthusiasm alive, all taking part, even Ruth Empson who attended and gave her talk online. She was up at 2.30 am in Wales where she now lives. This was a real highlight for all of us. We had seven Pilgrims who came from Gore, Dunedin and Mosgiel. Going by their final comments they found their Cursillo journey a rich experience. It is always a gift to serve on team and both of us returned tired but satisfied late Monday afternoon. I really want to thank all the lovely people who supported the event in every way. The baking was fantastic! This Church has a long and positive history of involvement in Cursillo and I hope this continues and grows. If anyone wants any information on the Cursillo Movement please ask Craig or Margaret at any time.

Craig McLanachan.=

Afternoon AAW

On August 12th we had a fun quiz, complete with prizes. In September we were supposed to have a wig maker talking to us, but Covid19 lockdown got in the road of that and our rescheduled speaker's broken ankle took her out for the 14th October, so again we had another fun quiz, this time of the women who were associated with various Biblical or well known men.

So the latest update is that our November meeting on the 11th November at 2pm will be Holy Communion followed by our AGM, where there should be no changes in our officers and committee. Following this we may look at ideas for 2022 speakers and programmes.

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]



Raffles

There are to be a few of the raffles we were going to have at the Fair for sale next month - November. A real bargain at just \$2 per ticket.

They are - 2 Christmas Cakes
Decorative Chocolate Jar
Goodies Hamper from Fresh Choice

Mission News

Dear NZCMS Supporter,

While international borders remain closed and sending people overseas is more challenging than ever, we're still called to be sent people and to send Mission Partners wherever God is working. As sent people we also know we are called to send our prayers to heaven's throne room, our gifts of time and money and ourselves to our neighbours with the love of Christ.

Our heartfelt thanks for joining us in this calling – to our Mission Partners in their going and to all our supporters, especially for praying and giving. You will find in Prayer Fuel some sections entitled 'fuel your prayer'. eg Psalm 71:

*"So I will give you thanks of the lyre for Your faithfulness O my God,
To You will I sing with the harp, to You, the only One of Israel."*

We invite you to use scripture to inspire your prayers, holding NZCMS, our Mission Partners and their communities in your heart. As we continue to adjust to the changing world around us, we continue to provide you with the best ways to support the work of NZCMS and our Mission Partners

Though we are still receiving donations through other mediums, on-line banking is the most convenient and secure way for supporters to donate.

NZCMS Bank details are:

Bank Account: 12 3191 0011792 00

Reference: Your name

Particulars: Mission Partner or General

Website: www.nzcms.org.nz Tel: 03-377 2222

Prayer Points:

Jonathan and Tess HICKS (and their seven children)(Solomon Islands – Currently on sabbatical in the US.) We are now staying at a family ranch in Montana. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's will about our future commitments during this difficult time.

JUDITH (Community Ministry – South Asia) As I finish my role with NZCMS, I've begun to wind down the centre. Everything is sold or stored and audits have been submitted. We continue with the scholarships and a few other things which Nabiyat and her brother, Andrew, are managing. Only they remain on staff. Please pray as we look at ways to continue a few key activities in our district.

LIZ (Education, Pakistan) Give thanks for God's grace that the Mirpurkhas Hostel can continue running in this new academic year. Pray for ongoing needs for the hostel and staff health. Covid situation allowing, a workshop is planned for late October in Lahore. Pray for the preparations and the participants that this will impact their life.

Join me in prayer as we also look for new facilitators from amongst these participants to be trained up for the future.

Luke and Naomi SINCLAIR (Angeline and Emmett) (University Ministry, Japan)

Pray for our student at St. Andrews Hall Missionary Training College that has continued on-line during the Melbourne lock-downs. Thank God for the encouraging (and fun) relationships with the ten other trainees, especially for Emmett's memorable 1st birthday celebrations on October 10th. Pray for us to grow in practical skills as we take courses including maximum impact language learning, 'cross-cultural conflict' and 'managing stress.' Pray for wisdom as we draw up personal pastoral care plans that will assist us in staying spiritually healthy while overseas. Lastly, continue to pray for a smooth visa application for Japan.

Margaret POYNTON (Church Support – Papua, New Guinea)

Continue to pray that Covid cases will stay low and that the vaccine will continue to be widely available and accepted. Pray against increasing violence and lawlessness.

JOLENE ((Refugee Support – Middle East)

Please pray for a woman we work with who is strong in her faith but struggles with her family situation. She is divorced and must live with her brothers who are trying to convince her to re-marry her ex-husband (a man who is not good to her.) Thankfully one of her sisters-in-law is a fellow believer. Pray that God will strengthen her to endure and that he will bring about the future for her that he wants, not one her brothers want. Pray that she and her sister-in-law can encourage one another in faith.

Vin Maffey,

Parish Mission Motivator