

# St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

"Partners in God's Mission"

## NEWSLETTER - June, 2017

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### Services of Holy Communion

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, at all services –

10.30 am, 7pm

Please accept this as a personal invitation to be present.

**"This do in remembrance of Me."**



### HOPE?

**Kerry Marshall, Elder**

Christians have been turning to the Scriptures for inspiration and hope since the time of Jesus.

In the Old Testament there are numerous references to hope (as many as thirty depending on translations), but not so many in the Gospels. That is not because the Gospels lack hope, but because the hope in the Gospels is the larger narrative of Jesus Christ, His life, death, and resurrection! In the First Letter from Peter (chapter 3 verses 13-22 the writer is encouraging hope in the face of adversity "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

The inspirational and encouraging verses of hope in the bible that uplift us and give us strength in life are important but, what does it mean to have hope? For me the abiding message is the promise of love. It was the Rev Duncan Jamieson who often told us that the most important thing in a person's life is to know that they are loved. The Gospel passage starts and ends with the promise of love. "If you love me, you will obey my commandments" and "I too will love him." Fifty-seven times Jesus uses love verbs as well as numerous occurrences of "friend" so it's easy to see a theme. After all, Jesus gives one commandment: to love "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

One commentator Jamie Clark-Soles puts it this way: "at the end of each day, and during each moment of each day there is only one question to ask - "In what ways did I, or did I not, love today?"

In a world of corruption, fear and violence we could not do better than to offer the world a touch of grace wrapped in service - love. It would be a huge contrast to what the world currently offers people. There are many in this congregation who serve, not just within the parish but outside our parish life as well - we serve with the promise of love, a good conscience and a sense of humility. Bringing hope to people, as we do intuitively with people we love, requires us to see behind the pain, the homelessness, the worry, the sickness to the healthy person inside.

If we continue to do this with a servant's heart we'll always "be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

## **NEWS FROM PRESBYTERY CENTRAL**

### **Praise Be**

It has been brought to our attention that TVNZ may soon stop screening Praise Be on a Sunday morning. Production of the programme ceased last year and no re-placements have been offered. Many people will be concerned at the loss of a valuable programme and at the lack of consultation about the decision. If you are concerned about this matter, write to TVNZ. They can be sent feedback by post at TVNZ Victoria Street, PO Box 3819, Auckland 1140 or email to [centraladmin@presbyterycentral.org.nz](mailto:centraladmin@presbyterycentral.org.nz)

### **Easter Camp 2017**

Presbytery Central Easter Camp 2017 was a huge success judging by the positive feedback received from youth leaders and young people alike. Speaker Al Ronberg from St Kentigern College in Auckland challenged the young people to see the personal relevance of the Easter story as he looked at the events of that first Easter from the disciples' perspective covering topics such as perspective, and the importance of mission.

The camp continues to grow in popularity with the 160 attending making it our largest for a number of years. The size was something many appreciated – not so big that groups kept to themselves, but big enough to generate energy and excitement.

This year we (thankfully) relocated to El Rancho in Waikanae and the young people were able to take advantage of a wide range of activities including mini golf, go karts, rifle shooting, archery and kayaks. The new venue gives us scope to continue to grow on into the future.

### **Emerging Leaders**

“Emerging Leaders” is a leadership retreat for those at high school in years 11, 12 & 13 (or equivalent) with involvement in leadership or an interest in stepping up to leadership. It's planned for Queen's Birthday weekend, 3-5 June and will be held at Green Pastures Camp near Wanganui. The retreat content follows a two year curriculum and aims to equip young leader with all the essentials they need to know in areas such as understanding Christian leadership and the skills required to lead, along with topics related to personal development and Christian growth.

If you have young people in your youth group in this age group who have leadership potential, encourage them to attend. More information can be found on the Central PYM website:

<http://pym.org.nz/central/events/emerging-leaders/>

(Whilst we have no young people of this age group in our parish it is good to read what is happening in other parts of our region. ed.)

## **STITCH-N-TIME - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FUNDRAISER**

The Stitch N Time group are raising funds for Operation Christmas Child which they are supporting as their project for this current year. Funds are required to

- Purchase various items required to fill the Christmas Boxes for children between the ages of 2 – 14 years of age (**More information on Church Notice Board**)
- To provide assistance towards the cost of freighting the filled boxes to their destination.

**Stitch N Time cordially invite Parishioners & Friends to a**



**Soup & Bun Luncheon, St Paul's Church Lounge**

**Monday, 3 July commencing 12 Noon**

**Admission \$10.00 per person – RSVP by 28<sup>th</sup> June Tickets available from Dorothy Finlayson 8431266 – Inez Rudd 8449071 - Anne Silson 8448381 – or Church Office 8355359**

## INTRODUCING THE JITTERBUGS TEAM

It was suggested at our last Session meeting that it would be good for me to introduce the Jitterbugs team to you. It is the most fortunate group in the church, well that's my opinion. We get to know a lovely group of Mums, some Dads and a steady stream of caregivers, and of course the children they bring with them each week. It is a privilege to be the face of the church with this group of people.



Alan and Jerry have been involved for longer than the rest of us put together, and I'm not sure what we would do without them. Alan is the doorkeeper, a position with a lot of responsibility. He is the first welcoming face for all those who attend and then makes sure no child goes out the door unaccompanied. Jerry mans the kitchen helped by a team of helpers, Margaret, Megan, Christine and Pam who are rostered on. We serve the children with a simple morning tea of cracker, chocolate teddy and water and the adults get tea or coffee and a biscuit, which is graciously served by the kitchen team. This group is also assisted by Kim and Debra, 2 women who come from Idea Services. It is good to be able to have them as members of our team and give them a sense that their contribution is valued. The cleaning up is probably the biggest part of the morning, this includes collecting up all the crumbs that manage to find their way off the mats the children sit on. There is always some child who wants to help use the carpet sweeper. But we don't make these helpers stay in the kitchen. Once the morning tea is set up the helpers are able to join in with the dancing and singing, a good way to build relationships with the Jitterbuggees. Then there is Jackie, she leads our music and movement session, selecting a range of music and the supporting equipment. It is her job to be a little bit silly with a frog or rabbit hat on her head, prancing around showing the children the actions. She does a great job, and the kids all think Jackie is a very special person. We do too!

Our Minister, Sally pops in when she is able, usually leading the welcome song, and impressing us all with her ability to remember the children's names. Her willingness to play with, talk to and interact with the children on a one to one basis is a really special to the children.

Then there is me, and I am just a member of a well-oiled team, making sure we are signed in at the beginning of the session and sometimes remembering to sign us out, turning on the heaters and making sure we have enough biscuits, coffee and milk. I guess there are a few other things on my job description, like organising birthday cards, name tags and the roster.

I also need to mention the card group, especially Phyllis, who supply us with amazing birthday cards and those of you who support us with prayer. Without your support we would not be able to do the job we do. If you think this is a ministry you would like to be a part of don't hesitate to let me know. It is not an arduous task, but it is one that brings great reward.

*Lynne Arnold, Jitterbugs Convener*

**HELP PLEASE** Russell, who operates the Antiques Fair in Asher Hall over Art Deco weekend, has asked the following: "A few years ago (Feb 2014) I bought a collection of old linen from a woman who I think is a member of the parish. Among it was embroidery from the First World War. It is soft blue silk with a heavy Belgium lace surround. The Ipers Cloth Hall in Belgium is embroidered onto the silk. I sold it in 2014, but have just received an email from the Belgium Museum, where it is now, and they would

appreciate some more information about it.” If anyone has any information on the above, could you please contact Helen Morgan, 8354979 – thank you?

## **ENVIRONMENTALLY SPEAKING**

The incursion of yet another unwanted organism!

When the first infestation of myrtle rust was identified in Northland, NPI announced that it would be difficult to eradicate it completely. The second find, within a few kilometres, had NPI saying that it would be even less possible to do so. Now that more has been found in Taranaki, we can believe that it is here to stay.

‘Blown across the Tasman?’ Who knows? The consequences are not good. Are our beautiful pohutukawa rata and manuka under a death threat? The manuka honey industry, worth over \$300m a year to NZ, will be scrambling.

Now another nasty plant is threatening to strangle any trees it decides to climb. All spindleberries are a nuisance, being prolific seeders. The climbing one apart from dropping seed, all of which seem to grow, will eventually strangle and kill the trees it creeps up, and in the doing so will have produced seed galore. What next?

*Isabel Morgan*

## **THANKS**

Fireside Group thanks the parish for their support of the annual project of Presbyterian and Methodist women. The Stall in the foyer on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May raised \$193.10 and Isabel’s sale of Avocados over the previous past weeks \$217.40, a total of \$410.50. Well done. If there are some folk who would like to add to this, the opportunity is still there until June 20<sup>th</sup>. And here is a reminder of what the monies are for – Training women to assist in programmes to stop gender violence in Nicaragua, and Support for carers of children with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. **And in regard to the latter, you are invited to come to the Presbyterial Meeting in St Paul’s on Thursday, 22nd June at 10am, when the speaker will be a nurse who has a child with FAS.**

*Jill McConnochie, Fireside Convener*

**THANK YOU** to all our knitters for the beautiful slippers and scarves you have made for the small ones at Richmond School.

“-----as you have done it to the least of these-----“

*Isabel*

## **FAVOURITE HYMNS**

**Ella Haigh**

**All hail the power of Jesus’ name** by Edward Perronet. Quite a number of hymn-writers have become famous through the popularity of a single hymn. This is so in the case of Edward Perronet, who lived from 1726 to 1792, and wrote many hymns. His fame rests on only this one. It has given him a high place amongst hymn-writers. The words have been much revised by Dr John Rippon and the last verse beginning ‘O that yonder sacred throng’ was not written by Perronet at all.

Early in his life he became associated with the Wesleys and Whitefield in the Evangelical Revival. He was very critical of the Church of England. He later parted from the Wesleys because he wasn’t allowed to administer the sacraments. He finished up as Congregational pastor of a small church in Canterbury. Surprisingly, he was buried in the cloisters of Canterbury Cathedral.

The tune ‘Miles Lane’ was originally composed for this hymns, and is mostly sung to it. This is the only surviving tune of its composer, William Shrubsole, who wrote many hymn tunes. He was closely associated with Canterbury. The preacher and composer probably met there. Because the tune was written by Shrubsole at Perronet’s request. This hymn is also sung to ‘Diadem’ composed by Ellor who lived some years later than the other two men.

**Jesu, lover of my soul**, written by Charles Wesley (one of his 6500 hymns). Various stories have been told about the origin of this hymn. 1. That while Wesley was on a ship during a storm at sea, a seabird flew on board and took refuge on his lap. 2. Wesley’s own deliverance from a hurricane when he was on a voyage. 3. When he was being searched for by a band of enemies in Ireland he hid under a hedge and there wrote the

hymn. 4. Charles was once sitting at his desk when a bird pursued by a hawk flew into the open window. There is no foundation to any of these stories. It is certain that the hymn was written soon after Wesley's great spiritual experience in 1788.

We have sung this hymn to two tunes – Aberystwyth by Joseph Parry, a Welsh composer, and Hollingside by John Bacchus Dykes. Parry came from a musical but poor family. He left school at 9 years of age and worked in a coalmine. The family moved to Pennsylvania in 1854. Joseph showed a great gift for music and when nearly thirty years old Welshmen in Britain and America subscribed to send him to London to study at the Royal Academy of Music. He became a Doctor of Music and held posts at Welsh University Colleges. He composed operas, oratorios, orchestral and choral music.

The other tune, Hollingside was composed by John Bacchus Dykes, a precentor at Durham Cathedral and a Vicar of St Oswald's parish. Seven other tunes of his are in With One Voice. The best-known are 'Holy, Holy, Holy!', 'Lord God almighty', 'Eternal Father, strong to save', 'Praise to the holiest in the height', 'The king of love my shepherd is', and 'Lead kindly light.'

### **PENTETCOST 2017**

An opportunity for the Covenanting churches congregations to celebrate together – **7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at St Patrick's. All Welcome.**

### **MORE PUNS**

7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: You stay here; I'll go on a head.
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

### **THOUGHTS ON AUTUMN**

From Charles Kingsley:

Oh, the splendour of the universe! For many of us autumn time is the most glorious of all the year. God has dipped His paint brush in His palate of colours and splashed the hills and woods and fields with robes of saffron and crimson and gold and yellow and brown and scarlet. The maples and chestnuts and oaks vie with one another in autumnal beauty. The sumac dazzles the eye with brilliant scarlet. The sunsets are too gorgeous for human description. In this amazing garden of beauty our lips involuntarily sing forth the praises of the psalmist: "Bless Jehovah, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

From Rose Fyleman:

The summer is over, the trees are bare, There is mist on the garden, and frost in the air.  
The meadows are empty and gathered the sheaves – But isn't it lovely kicking up leaves!  
John from the garden has taken the chairs; It's dark in the evening and cold on the stairs.  
Winter is coming and everyone grieves – But isn't it lovely kicking up leaves!

"This newsletter was delivered by .....phone .....  
Please feel free to phone me with any questions or if you would like a visit."

# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Noon Lunch Group	3
4 <b>WORSHIP</b> 10.30, 7pm <b>Communion at All Services</b>	5 1.30 Stitch in Time	6 9.15 Jitterbugs 7pm Session	7 1.30pm Cards 7pm Pentecost service at St Patrick's	8	9	10
11 <b>WORSHIP</b> 9.15am,10.30, 7pm	12	13 9.15 Jitterbugs 7.30pm Fireside	14 1.30pm Cards 7.30 Study Group	15	16	17
18 <b>WORSHIP</b> 9.15am,10.30, 7pm	19 1.30 Stitch in Time	20 9.15 Jitterbugs 7pm Board of Managers.	21 1.30pm Cards	22 Presbyterial 10a.m	23	24
25 <b>WORSHIP</b> 9.15am,10.30, 7pm	26	27 9.15 Jitterbugs	28 7.30 Study Group 1.30pm Afternoon Fellowship	29	30 Choir Practice 9.30 am each Sunday	

Items for the July Newsletter to Parish office [stpaulsnapier@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsnapier@gmail.com) by Monday, 26 June 2017