



St Paul's Presbyterian Church

"Partners in God's Mission of Love"

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2020



"This do in remembrance of Me."

Services of Holy Communion

Sunday, 8 March 2020 at 9.15, 10.30am and 7pm services

Please accept this as a personal invitation to be present.



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Lent Season

Fakaofu, Moderator



Lent is the season of preparation and discipline, which begins on Ash Wednesday 26 February and concludes at sun-down on Holy Thursday 9 April. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the Church remembers the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus leading to the cross, and renews its commitment to Christian discipleship.

This is the explanation of the Season of Lent according to the Common Lectionary.

Key words jump out: “preparation, discipline, remembers, ministry of Jesus, leading to the cross, renews commitment to Christian discipleship”. We as Christians are each called and challenged to prepare and to discipline ourselves as we remember the sacrificial life and ministry of Jesus. Death on the cross is brutal and humiliating. Jesus died on the cross for you and for me.

It is a time also for renewing our commitment to Christ, and for our Christian discipleship. In every season we are challenged and put on the spot about our acceptance and belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Lent, for me, is reminding us that our lives are measured, examined, re-examined and renewed in our commitment to Jesus Christ.

Forty days reminds me of the Israelites' forty years in the wilderness. It reminds me also of the Lord Jesus' forty days in the wilderness during his temptation. It speaks to me of all our life, our years. "Forty" is a long time. Our lives, our days, matter to God's plans for each one of us. Jesus is God's Way, Truth and Life, for you and I.

Simply put, in preparation for Jesus this Easter, unclutter, clear out, put down what you do not need to carry and unnecessarily

burden yourself with. Clear your mind, let go of lingering issues, free up yourself (physically and spiritually). Lent Season reminds us that Jesus suffered and died. We need to focus on this in preparation.

Discipline in this Lent Season, for me, is about changing my life so that the Holy Spirit may be able to transform. Giving up whatever is in the way of a quality lifestyle, ie particular food, television, hoarding, idleness, over working etc. The Christian life, at all times, is a disciplined life. It must be managed well both physically and spiritually.

Editorial

Rae Wildbore & Pam Clare

You may have noticed that the introductory message is not from Reverend Sally Carter. Fear not, she was on a well-deserved break when the newsletter was being produced, but we'll hear from her again next quarter.



Our quarterly Newsletter seems to leave a large gap between seasonal happenings which are a regular part of our Church life together. During December we lead into Christmas with the Advent Season. By the time you receive this Newsletter we will be almost into the season of Lent which leads us into Easter. This thought led us to the importance of communication. At our February Session Meeting it was deemed to be a good idea, particularly for newcomers, to advise you of all the 'Groups' who are active in our Church and also contact details. You might rightly tell us that there is a list of Church Officers in our Directory. Well, while most of it is correct, it is a little out of date now! So, please read the

amendments which will be published in the Church bulletin for the next two weeks and update your Directories accordingly.

We hope that you enjoy part two of the article of history on the Miller Memorial Congregational Church. In the next two editions we will publish a short history on St. David's and then on St Peter's Presbyterian Churches.

Thank you to all our contributors; this is your Newsletter and we appreciate receiving your articles. The June Edition closing date will be 18 May 2020 to the Church Office please.

Elder Emerita Kitty McNaughton:

Pam Clare

An afternoon tea was held in November honouring Kitty McNaughton's long and faithful service. This was attended by many from St Paul's and her son David. Kitty was presented with a certificate in recognition of becoming an Elder Emerita.



Kitty became an Elder at St Paul's in 1977, one of the first women among the congregation to do so. She is well known for her many years of pastoral visiting; always seeming to know what was needed within the congregation; and responding in her own quiet unobtrusive way. (This often included a bunch of flowers from a bucketful in the back of her car).

Always with a desire to stay out of the limelight, her care for others extended into the wider community, who, like us, also benefited from her intelligence and wisdom.

Miller memorial Congregational Church (Part 2)

Anne Silson

This article continues from the December 2019 Newsletter.

What of buildings. The church building had recently been renovated with voluntary work by our men and was given to the Roman Catholic church. Some of the new furniture donated by families came to St Peter's – the deacons chairs and the cross – a memorial to the Payne family and designed by Mervien Leitch. The other sanctuary items were given to the Pacific Island Church in Auckland.



The uniting service was held in the Wycliffe School hall on Sunday, 9 March 1969 when most of the members transferred their membership. It is interesting to note that 20 members of the bible class transferred as a group and there are still familiar names from that group attending here.

Looking back through the record of names, it is interesting to see names amongst the very early ones of Ennor, Crawford, Silson. The first organise was Miss Cole to become Mrs Arrell – Margaret Leitch's grandmother.

Deacons mentioned through the years have been Maynard, Ennor, Briasco, Smyrk, Ball, Anderson, McAuslin, Janes, Jarvis, Nicol, Ewen, Silson, Crawford, Cowie, Parnell and Purdom. Other names appearing through the record are Leitch, White, Duley, Mayo, Northe, Gillies and Graham.

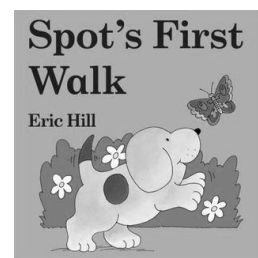
The church building, having been given to the Roman Catholic Church, it was agreed that the equity from the sale of the manse and the land would be divided to the Haigh Hall to be called the Miller room and the balance given to the National Congregational Church.

So, 22 years later, a decision was made to replace the old Cathedral, built as a temporary building after the 1931 earthquake and to build a new worship centre. And this took place and proved very successful. The complete complex is now used by the Napier Family Centre. Following a review of church properties in Hawke's Bay and after much prayer and discussion, it was agreed that we approach St Pauls with a view to uniting and this took place with most members becoming members of St Paul's and some joining St Columbas in Taradale.

Swinburn House

Marion Fell

The Christmas gift books donated to Swinburn house were received with great delight! Thank you to all who supported us. Now there is another opportunity for Outreach from our St Paul's members. Paper Plus are supporting us again with discounted books and Session has approved this new project. A graduation ceremony is held at Swinburn House at 1 pm monthly on a Friday for pupils reaching their 5th birthday. Presentations to three pupils were made in January and February already this year. Any offers for the coming months would be much appreciated.



Interplast

Jill McConnochie

Interplast – have you heard of it? I hadn't until recently when Elizabeth Wright came to speak to the women in the knitting group at Princess Alexandra retirement village who have knitted teddy bears. These were given to Interplast through our Sales Adviser at the Village who is presently the President of her Rotary Club.

Interplast was established by Rotary in 1983 through a partnership with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons whereby medical people (including surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, etc) give up their annual holiday, and visit hospitals throughout the Pacific and into Asia as far as Bhutan to work with the local medics to repair bodies and rebuild lives.

Elisabeth, who has been on many such trips, showed us pictures of people (mostly children, but some adults) with terrible growths, malformed limbs and cleft palates. Some pictures would bring tears to our eyes. After corrective surgery, each child is given a knitted Teddy, and in many cases, it is their only toy. Oh, how they appreciate them. One little girl awaiting surgery saw another child return from the operating theatre with a teddy and started to cry, so she was allowed to have hers prior to surgery. Elisabeth is the go-between for doctors, parents and children and although not a medical person herself, stands with them, comforts and assures them.

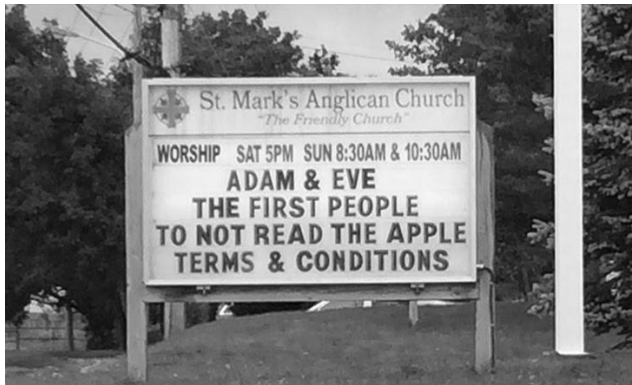
But what is also good about this organisation is that they not only perform the medical procedures, they train the doctors already working there in the intricate procedures with the aim being that oneday Interplast will no longer be needed.

Asked about the equipment in the hospitals, we were told that compared to what we have in New Zealand, there is plenty of room for to upgrade and update the facilities and equipment.

We were told that at the moment they have a good supply of the Teddy Bears, but if our group makes more, they will sell them for \$20 with the money going to Interplast Funds to assist where most needed. If you would like to know more of Interplast, go to Google.



Just for fun



Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, I've lost my electron. The other says Are you sure? The first replies, Yes, I'm positive.

GCSE answers

Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

Solomom had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines

Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada.



Environmentally Speaking

Isabel McClymont

To find a little seabird dying in agony because of something foreign in its stomach, must have been a very sad experience for those who found that young albatross. Too many of our wild creatures are either dying or not breeding because of lack of food. Is our world to be inhabited by selfish humans?

Care and Share

Dorothy Finlayson

We are excited about the new year and have many interesting times to celebrate. Art Deco in Napier has grown to be quite an event and our group will expand on that this year with our very own fashion parade. Our first meeting for 2020 was held on Monday, 17 February so I hope you were able to join us for that. During the year we will meet in the Church lounge at 1.30pm on the third Monday of each month February to November. Sometimes you will be entertained by a speaker and other times we will entertain ourselves. Last year we included men to our group and it's always lovely to have three or four and more would be fun. I'd like to hear from you if you would like transport and although I set up early on the day, I'm sure we could arrange something to include you. All welcome and we hope to see you soon.



Parish Register

Rae Wildbore

Funerals

Barbara Lawson died 4 February 2020

We extend our loving sympathy to the family.

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Regular Events

- **Sunday Services:** 9:15am and 10:30am services each Sunday and 7pm evening service on the 2nd Sunday of the month (NB: 9:15am service not held on statutory holidays)
- **Care and Share:** 3rd Mondays from 1:30 until done in the church lounge (February – November)
- **Fireside group** meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30pm in the lounge (February to November)
- **Lunch group** meets monthly on the 1st Friday at noon for food and fellowship at various venues around the city
- **Choir** meets each Sunday at 9.30am in the church
- **Jitterbugs Pre-school Music and Movement** each Tuesday from 9am (during the school term)

Upcoming Events

	March
4 th	Lent Service @ 7pm St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
6 th	World Day of Prayer @ 10am, St Andrews Church Westshore (see the church noticeboard)
11 th	Lent Service @ 7pm St Andrews Westshore Anglican Church
18 th	Lent Service @ 7pm Trinity Methodist Church
25 th	Lent Service @ 7pm St Thomas Moore Roman Catholic Church
29 th	One Service Breakfast @ 10am
	April
1 st	Lent Service @ 7pm St Pauls Presbyterian Church
9 th	Maundy Thursday
10 th	Good Friday 9:30am @ St Paul's 10am Clive Square
12 th	Easter Sunday
	May
17 th	Taize Candlelight Service
31 st	One Service Breakfast @ 10am

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