

Effervescence

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Reconnecting



Trust me to be awkward! While most other people will be preparing for the new year of routines (as we recognised at our Candlemas Service last Sunday)... as you read this I will be taking a small break (4-13 February).

I enjoy working during January – life still goes on and the pastoral needs of people do not go on holiday! Also, I manage to get a tremendous amount of preparatory work done for the year ahead. As I take great pleasure in forward planning and organisation, it means I begin the year in a relaxed and peaceful state.

Before you assume that this break of mine will occur in some tourist hotspot languishing with the bold and beautiful, think again.

I will be staying with my mother and stepfather in their retirement unit in an Invercargill Retirement Village. My mother, Gaye, will be celebrating her 80th birthday later in the year, and I am beginning the organisation for what will be quite an event. I checked out the entertainment in Invercargill for the weekend, and wrestling appears to be the big attraction, so instead we will embark on a tiki tour of cemeteries where we can remember relatives long gone and rekindle memories of the 'good old days'.

So, not for me the playgrounds of the rich and famous. Rather a moment of respecting and honoring my mother, and shared people and times now gone, which are precious. Seize the day I say!

However, I will also be stopping for a 24 hour stay in Christchurch, where my son Tom and I will spend a night in the City (staying at the Muse Hotel- chosen because I like the name) and enjoy old haunts and new opportunities, reminisce, make new memories and catch up with good friends. It has been eight years since I moved to

New Plymouth from Canterbury, and it will be interesting to experience the vibrancy which has emerged out of that which was broken.

So have fun when I am away!

And thank you for January – it has been delightful!

*Arohanui
Jacqui*



Spirituality

A Meditation of the Week:

**“Injustice ANYWHERE
is a threat to justice
EVERYWHERE”**

— MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Weekly Notices

4 Bedroom House Wanted

The Bishop's Action Foundation is looking to buy or rent a 4-bedroom house (or 3-bedroom with a study etc that could be used as a 4th bedroom). If a rental, it needs to be cat and dog friendly. Archbishop Philip would be grateful for any leads. Contact Jen at the Parish Office on 75 83 111.

The **Saturday Lunch Team** will meet in the Hatherly Hall on Thursday 18th February at 1.30pm to plan for 2021.

Christchurch Quake Service

On February 22 it will be 10 years since the devastating Christchurch earthquake. Join us for a special service to remember and reflect on the events of that day and their consequences. Monday, Feb 22nd, 12.15pm Interim Cathedral.

Waitangi Day Festivities

Come and support Ngāti Te Whiti and be part of the public Waitangi Day celebrations they are organising this Saturday (February 6th) at Ngāmotu Beach from 11am – 2pm.

2nd Hand Book sale

Do you have any books that could be a blessing to someone else? The Good News is have a 2nd hand book sale on Friday 12th/Saturday 13th February. Donations can be dropped off at the shop in Fitzroy (581 Devon St East). For more info call or email 06 758 4912/ goodnewsnp@outlook.co.nz.

The **Food 4 Thought** bible study group resumes this coming Thursday, February 11th (and weekly thereafter) at 10am in the Upper Hatherly Chapel. New members are warmly welcome. Come along or contact Kerry on 753 3004 for more details.

Pūkeko Stomp is back on at 10am every Monday and Thursday. Cath is looking for people who'd like to get involved by volunteering for the Pūkeko Stomp Kitchen Helper Roster (or sending in home baking). If you can spare an hour every few weeks – or if you're after any info about our young people and families programmes get in touch on 021 024 35698 or cath@taranakicathedral.org.nz.

Want To Be A Faith Crew Leader? Cath is looking for a volunteer to help her run Faith Crew on Sundays at 10am. All you need is energy and enthusiasm – Cath will work alongside you and supply oodles of support and guidance. Call or email Cath (021 024 35698 and cath@taranakicathedral.org.nz) to find out more.

3-layer *Cotton Face Masks* in a variety of colours, handmade by one of our parishioners, are for sale for \$10 in the Office – all money raised will go towards the Pipe Organ Refurbishment Fund.

Request for Accommodation Mature single Christian woman from Hawaii requiring short or long term accommodation in a Christian household from early/mid February. "I value health and wellbeing, faith and wise company. I'd prefer to be accessible to town and beach or Welbourn and ideally not too far to the west of town." If you help contact Kulia on 020 4193 9684.

Ash Wednesday Preparation

It is almost THAT time of year again- when we burn last year's Palm Sunday Crosses into ashes for our upcoming Ash Wednesday service. If you have some crosses lurking could you please bring them to the parish office by Monday 15 February.

Christopher's 100th Organ Recital

2021's Organ Recital Series will begin with a special 1pm concert on Saturday 13th of February at the Interim Cathedral (\$5 admission). The regular series will continue throughout the year on the third Thursday of every month at 12.15pm with admission being a gold coin donation.

WAITANGI DAY SATURDAY FEB 6TH

Ngāmotu Beach 11am-2pm

**Come along to learn and celebrate
the significance of Waitangi Day.**

Enjoy live entertainment, Kapa Haka, kai &
activities for the whole whānau!

THIS FUN, FAMILY EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY NPDC, SUPPORTED BY
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Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?

He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the Lord!

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Weekly Readings List

SUNDAY 7 FEB

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Te Rātapu

Tuarima o He wā noa iho

Isa 40:21-31

Ps 147:1-11,20c 1 Cor 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Morning Prayer: Ps 2,3
Jer 26:1-16 Acts 3:1-10

Evening Prayer: Ps 5
Numb 13:1-2,27-33
Phil 2:12-28

MONDAY 8 FEB

Gen 1:1-19

Ps 104:1,2,5-12,25 Mark 6:53-end

Morning Prayer: Ps (27),30
Eccles 7:1-14 John 19:1-16

Evening Prayer:
Ps (26),28,(29)
Gen 29:31-30:24 2 Tim 4:1-8

TUESDAY 9 FEB

Gen 1:20-2:4a Ps 8

Mark 7:1-13

Morning prayer: Ps (32),36
Eccles 7:1-14 John 19:1-16

Evening prayer: Ps 33
Gen 31:1-24
2 Tim 4:9-end

WEDNESDAY 10 FEB

Gen 2:4b-9,15-17

Ps 104:10-11,28-31

Mark 7:14-23

Morning prayer: Ps 34
Eccles 8 John 19:31-end

Evening prayer: Ps 119:33-56
Gen 31:25-32:2 Titus 1

THURSDAY 11 FEB

Gen 2:18-end Ps 128

Mark 7:24-30

Morning Prayer: Ps 37
Eccles 9 John 20:1-10

Evening Prayer: Ps (39),40
Gen 32:3-30 Titus 2

FRIDAY 12 FEB

Gen 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-8

Mark 7:31-end

Morning Prayer: Ps 31
Eccles 11:1-8 John 20:11-18

Evening Prayer: Ps 35
Gen 33:1-17 Titus 3

SATURDAY 13 FEB

Gen 3:9-end Ps 90:1-12

Mark 8:1-10

Morning Prayer: Ps (41),42,(43)
Eccles 11:9-end of 12
John 20:19-end

Evening Prayer: Ps (45),46
Gen 35 Philemon