

## WORKSHOPS TO UNEARTH AND RE-TELL STORIES

**Grappling with Taranaki's history – the delightful and the devastating – is motivating a series of historical gatherings called *Our Shared Story*.**



Rob Baigent-Ritchie (left), Ailsa Claridge and Rob Green.

Rob Green, Rob Baigent-Ritchie and Ailsa Claridge will lead the monthly workshops at the cathedral, open to the public, with the first one having got underway.

As well as introducing people to different parts of our history, it's hoped the project will unearth family stories and documents.

Rob Green of Heritage Taranaki has helped develop a free app exploring the history of the Land Wars, and is one of the instigators of the project.

"For me the motivation for studying this history is simply that it is our history. It has made the Taranaki of today.... the way in which we think about our province has been shaped by this past.

"It still mostly shapes (subconsciously) the way in which we relate to our physical and social surroundings. It is only by looking squarely at our stories – warts and all – that we can begin to understand and move forward in a true spirit of treaty partnership."

Assistant priest Rob Baigent-Ritchie, also a keen amateur historian, says:

"I think the idea of Our Shared Story came from a realisation that our identity in Taranaki is tied up with our history in this place [the cathedral]

"I look forward to people hearing the stories of our ancestors (physical and spiritual) in Taranaki; in New Plymouth and in St Mary's."

There is already a foundation of material thanks to the work of Heritage Taranaki, parishioners such as John Pickering and Pam Holdt, as well as from Australian actor Rebecca Gibney, whose ancestor James Way Jnr was part of the military invasion of Parihaka.

"The benefits seem to be very potent to me in that having a stronger sense of our background, may well mean we are better able to appreciate the history others have here; and especially our treaty partner both in the Anglican Church and in Aotearoa/ New Zealand."

Pastoral minister Ailsa Claridge says it will be a safe environment in which to ask questions, clarify ideas, and experience in person some places that have been key in Taranaki.

"We have an outline for it, but also recognise that it is of itself an organic series.

**"We will see how the series is being received and then respond to that in a way that works for the participants."**

The format will be varied – talking, walks and field trips, discussion, presentation of documents etc.

Topics covered will be varied but will include: Early European settlers, the beginnings for St Mary's, stories from the graveyard, tensions rising across Taranaki, outbreak of the Land Wars, the Parihaka story and much more.

\*The first Our Shared Story workshop was on Sunday October 1. The second on Sunday November 12 at 3pm will consider the beginnings for our cathedral – the first stages of building and use and its role in New Plymouth's township. John Pickering will then give a tour of the graveyard, sharing stories behind some of the families who are buried there. The workshops resume in February and include a visit to some key locations in Waitara.

# What's our story?

UNDERSTANDING OUR PAST,  
BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Historical stories from the St Mary's archives.

## 50-YEAR VICAR GENEROUS, WORKED TOWARDS RACIAL HARMONY

**When the first Vicar of St Mary's, William Bolland, died in 1847, The Revd Henry Govett was appointed as his successor. His fruitful ministry was to last 50 years.**

Govett walked immense distances over Māori tracks to visit all parts of his huge parish, holding services in districts as far apart as Opunake and Waitara.

Like Bolland, Govett was an Oxford graduate who had come to New Zealand to seek adventure. He found New Plymouth an isolated community.

In 1855 troops were stationed in the district, and five years later the many differences between Māori and European over the possession of land erupted into open conflict. For a time St Mary's was taken over by the British armed forces, and Govett wrote: "The churchyard has been turned into a bullock yard for transport teams, and for a while it served the purpose of a military magazine."

Expansion in the parish was frustrated by the wars. Govett had made every effort to bring about a better understanding between the races, but received some abuse from both sides.

The original small church building was enlarged on three occasions during Govett's tenure. An organ was built and installed in 1864, and added to in 1896.

In 1898 Govett celebrated the 50th anniversary of his appointment as Vicar, and he died in 1903 at the age of 71. He was buried with military honours beside his predecessor and friend, the Revd William Bolland.

Govett's generosity to St Mary's was monumental. He gave to the church the 986 pounds he received from the War Office for his work as military chaplain, and he returned the 600 pounds paid to him for the vicarage in Vivian St which he built and in which he lived.

He was said to have been an outstanding pastor, "able naturally, simply, and through the incommunicable gift of personality, to make all feel what his church and faith meant to him and could mean to them."

At his death his Māori friends said "A great totara in the forest has fallen."

**Mark Birch**

## THORNY QUESTION OF TREE'S ORIGINS

**The secret is out – the Taranaki Cathedral's celebrated Glastonbury Thorn Tree is an impostor!**

Perhaps it's not so much of a secret after all. Many New Plymouth people are aware of doubts about the true identity of the tree that stands at the foot of the Vicarage garden bedecked with a cockeyed and weatherbeaten sign suspended by two bits of twisted wire and proclaiming "The Glastonbury Thorn, planted by Archdeacon Govett in 1860."

There seems to be no doubt that Archdeacon Govett did do the planting, believing that he had a graft from a tree descended from the one associated with the supposed visit to Britain of Joseph of Arimathea after the crucifixion of Christ.

A wealthy man, Joseph was a disciple of Jesus and may have been his great-uncle; he assumed responsibility for the burial of Jesus' body. Subsequently, according to legend, he visited Glastonbury with the Holy Grail, and thrust his staff into Wearyall Hill, whereupon it grew overnight into the original Glastonbury Thorn.

However, the St Mary's tree is of a different species of hawthorn, one which originated in the eastern United States and is known as the Cockspur Thorn. One possibility is that when Govett took his graft he used as rootstock a different variety of hawthorn; the graft died, and the rootstock survived.

Meanwhile, after more than a century and a half the venerable St Mary's tree is still cheerfully bluffing it out, unrepentant, under its misleading signage. "It's not the real thing," says New Plymouth horticulturist Glyn Church, "but it's flourishing. It's happy."

**Mark Birch**



# A message from your Dean

**TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ**

**my warmest greetings to you.**

It has been a momentous few weeks. I am writing this as we ponder one of the most nail-biting elections we have had. I have no doubt that each of the parties seek to do the best that they can for our nation and for our people. It has been encouraging during the campaign to see a strong emphasis on issues such as housing, education, poverty and mental health. These issues speak to what our values are as a society. It is reassuring that overall the electorate - we the people - hold the health and well-being of our brothers and sisters as so important. As Mahatma Gandhi said, 'The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members'. Let us pray for our newly elected MPs, that they hold to such a principle in how they work to govern our nation.

In other pages of this magazine you will read of the momentous hui that was held in the Interim Cathedral on September 10. Here, Archbishop Philip laid out the kaupapa for the future vision, life and role of Taranaki Cathedral, a place and community which seeks to be open and welcoming to all.

I am personally humbled by the overall willingness and desire of the cathedral community to go on this journey of discovery as we seek to live out what a true gospel focused and treaty based partnership might look like, especially with Māori, both iwi and church leaders.

We will make haste slowly and carefully. The result as Archbishop Philip puts it, "will be a legacy that will impact on generations to come and help to shape a strong, just and generous culture in Taranaki". This kaupapa is of course not only for the cathedral community. It is for all of our Anglican whānau around the mountain, and I look forward to the ways in which we can share this journey and vision together with all our ministry units. Through the year it has been

a real pleasure to visit several parishes with the cathedral choir to sing Evensong and to share news about the Cathedral Project.

One hope we have for our cathedral is that it will be seen as a place of welcome for people of all faiths and none. I like some other words from Mahatma Gandhi when I ponder on this:

'I came to the conclusion long ago that all religions were true and that also that all had some error in them, and while I hold by my own religion, I should hold other religions as dear as Hinduism. So we can only pray, if we were Hindus, not that a Christian should become a Hindu; but our innermost prayer should be that a Hindu should become a better Hindu, a Muslim a better Muslim, and a Christian a better Christian'. In a world where religious bigotry is firing oppression and discrimination we must stand for a vision of peace, justice and reconciliation, which is at the heart of all the great faiths.

This magazine contains obituaries of two people who have been lights of Christ within St Mary's and the wider community – Rosemary Ellis and the Reverend David Pearce. Both these good people in their several ways have been inspirational in their commitment to our Lord and how they have lived out that commitment in such faithful loving service. I am humbled to have known them in the short time I have been here. Their faith deepens mine and I know of the love and respect they hold from so many in our cathedral parish and beyond. Now held safely and embraced in the closer love of God, may they rest in peace. 'Well done thou good and faithful servants'.

Dear friends let us pray for one another and our mission to 'be as Christ to the community'.

Blessings  
**Peter**

# HONOURING SIR PAUL IN CATHEDRAL VISION



From left: Those attending the hui included Cathedral Kaumatua Tiki Raumati, Dean Peter Beck, former Dean's warden Ross Smith and Taranaki Bishop Philip Richardson.

## A simple setting played host to an aspirational, auspicious occasion.

On Sunday September 10, around 100 people attended a special service at the Interim Cathedral in the Peace Hall.

Its purpose was to set out a vision for the cathedral, made up of different strands: Bicultural relationships and involvement of iwi in the Cathedral Project as well as a governance model reflective of church and community.

The conduit was Sir Paul Reeves (Te Paora) and members of his family who were present throughout the

afternoon service to agree to a cathedral request to use the Reeves name in the kaupapa of the vision and particularly the atrium.

**It was an honour to be present, Sarah Reeves told the gathering. “My father shared a vision with Philip and Tiki [Raumati] about St Mary’s, about the potential for the place of St Mary’s in this community and Taranaki... for it to be a place of peace and reconciliation, for a place that models right relationships between Māori and Pakeha.**

“So we are here to lend our support to that very important kaupapa and more significantly to say we agree for our father’s name to be given to this space.”

Earlier in the service Bishop Philip had alluded to the Reeves’ whakapapa.

Lady Beverley Reeves is

descended from Major Robert Parris, notable among other things as an early parishioner of St Mary’s as well as being involved in purchasing Māori

land on behalf of the Government.

Sir Paul hails from Te Whiti O Rongomai, the peacemaker closely affiliated with Parihaka.

Bishop Philip acknowledged the Reeves family’s grace: “This gift of a name gives life to what we are beginning to dream

is possible, what is beginning to emerge.”

He also spoke of Sir Paul’s influence on his own early ministry training.

A stint in India 35 years ago was deeply affecting and unsettling. “I came back a bit of a mess. He [Sir Paul] knew that was



Judge Sarah Reeves

the most profound and deep education I could have had.”

The church was not just about a building, he said, alluding to its outward facing role.

“The church is working out the dream of the knowledge of community that God wants for us.” That included equity and justice for all.

**It was also about being a place where every door and window is open and “people can call it their place. That’s the vision and that was embodied in Paul and lives in his family.”**

New Plymouth MP Jonathan Young touched on similar themes.

The story of St Mary’s enriched NZ and it was important that story continue to be told.

Before becoming an MP, he was a pastor for 20 years in West Auckland, working with multiple communities that spanned a range of ethnic backgrounds and social economic groups.

“I think for me, the purpose of caring for people and enabling them to reach their full potential is one of the greatest purposes in life.

“I’m here to join with you and celebrate the purposes that we come together for. I thank you for the legacy and the heritage that you nurture and carry on, and are determined to continue.”

Reeves Canon Wharehoka Wano also spoke of the church’s “new responsibility as we move this conversation forward.”

Iwi would be interested in conversations around protocol and language and “how they will be played out in a place like

St Mary’s.”

The gifting of the Reeves name was the start of the conversation; iwi would also want to know that people truly understood both sides of the region’s history, “because for my community to step into this place and be satisfied of this future we need to know that people are informed and genuine.”

Noting that the hui was in the Peace Hall, he said the venue’s name had meaning beyond words – “it’s not just a name we bestow.”

In an open forum following the formal service, Lady Beverley talked of her husband’s peace making skills, pointing out that his background was humble and he learnt much from his Māori mother.

Once a parish priest in Okato, he went on to become the first Māori Archbishop. As an adult his sense of whakapapa and tribal connections strengthened and by the time of his death he strongly identified as Māori.

Bishop Philip asked those gathered to ponder a series of questions: What does mana whenua mean in this place, how that is expressed, how might kaitiaki be expressed and by whom, and what will governance look like going forward.

“If we mean that this place belongs to everyone, we need to find a way of governance that genuinely involves everyone in a direct and explicit way.”

Discussions will be ongoing – for now, the project to earthquake strengthen and future proof the cathedral site have reached another milestone.

**Sarah Foy**

**Photos by Bob Richards**



From left: Cathedral Kaumatua Tiki Raumati, Reeves Canon Wharehoka Wano, Lady Beverley Reeves, Cath McVey

# THE CATHEDRAL PROJECT

## A TARANAKI TAONGA

UNDERSTANDING OUR PAST. BUILDING OUR FUTURE

**At the time of writing we are very close to achieving our first \$1 million .....something to celebrate!**



Jan Mason

Given that St Mary’s is the oldest stone church in New Zealand, it is an important part of our cultural heritage, and it is imperative that it be strengthened. The Ministry of Culture and Heritage has funds that organisations can apply to when faced with the issue of earthquake strengthening.

**Prior to the election, religious organisations were not eligible to apply to these funding schemes so our team did a lot of research, contacted our MP Jonathan Young and sought his assistance in getting the criteria changed so that significant ‘churches’ could apply.**

On Saturday 9 September, when the Prime Minister was in New Plymouth, he visited the cathedral and announced that a National Government would provide a further \$30 million for the Regional Culture and Heritage Fund (RCHF), spread over four years, as well as the inclusion for the first time of historic churches and places of worship “that are central parts of the community’s character”. He also noted “whether you’re a religious person or not, historic churches and other places of worship are central parts of a community’s character. They are landmarks, venues and meeting places for many people and among our grandest and most architecturally significant buildings. It’s not just restoring what is here, but altering and changing its use somewhat in a way that is going to be beneficial to the whole community”.

As our Campaign Chair, Peter Tennent said, this was a game-changer for us...so at the time of going to print we were still waiting to hear the outcome of negotiations to order to find out who will form the next government.

Our Cathedral Project fundraising will come from a variety of sources: From parishioners, from

members of the wider church, and through the project executive who will engage with the community, invite them to become fully informed about the project, and discuss how they can make a gift which is appropriate for them, their families or their

business. St Mary’s parishioners are planning some direct fund-raising events in the new year, so we will keep you up to date with those and their progress. We have some bright billboards going up around the city in coming

weeks, so keep an eye out for these.

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If you would like any further information, or would like to have a chat about how you might support us with our vision and our fundraising, please give **Jan a call 021 020 3388**, or pop into her office on site at the cathedral.

**Jan Mason**

# TRIBUTE ROSEMARY ELLIS

22 August 1934 - 18 June 2017

**It was with somewhat of a shock and with much sadness, that on Wednesday 21 2017 members of our parish and friends met at Holy Trinity Church, Fitzroy to say farewell to Rosemary Ellis, who passed away suddenly on June 18.**



A true lady. Rosemary touched the lives and crossed the paths of many at Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary's and also at St Andrew's in Inglewood.

Many people were influenced by her character, her grace, and her courage.

Although Rosemary's husband Fred was a practising Roman Catholic, she was a very committed Anglican and remained so throughout her life.

She was an active member of St Andrew's Church in Inglewood where she sang in the choir, was the church administrator for a period and a loyal member of the women's groups. She was also my "go to" person while I was Vicar.

For her service to St Andrew's, and after study, she was admitted as a Lay Minister. She was delighted when St Mary's relicensed her as a Lay Minister. She so enjoyed her role helping at the cathedral's

8am Holy Communion services.

Rosemary was totally dedicated to her husband, who in later years has not enjoyed good health.

He was admitted to a nursing home in New Plymouth and Rosemary was devastated.

Her comment to me was: "We have been married for 55 years and never been separated and now in the twilight of our lives we are no longer together."

With skill and determination, Rosemary made certain that she was with Fred every day.

It was a tremendous privilege and deeply moving for me to be able to pray and anoint her at the hospital, just an hour before she passed away.

The parish extend to Fred and the family our sincere sympathy and love. Rosemary was a very dear and gentle lady. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**The Revd Canon Bill Marsh**

## CRAFTY CONNECTIONS REPORT 2017

**Our very talented group of ladies meet every Tuesday morning from 10-12 noon, above the Hatherly Hall in St Mary's Cathedral.**

We create a variety of items, Xmas decorations and cards, culminating in a Xmas Craft Fair, which this year will be on the morning of November, 25th.

This is very much a fellowship/social morning and we often carry this over to a cafe lunch.

We are always grateful for donations, throughout the year; of used greeting cards (as we up-cycle), ribbons, interesting floristry wrappings, lace, buttons, plain backing card etc. We also put together toiletry gift baskets so any unwanted gifts along that line are also welcome.

At the moment, we would appreciate offers of Xmas cakes, Xmas baking and sweets, to be delivered to the Church Office by November 20th. A big thanks to those lovely people who have already promised goods for our Fair. Also a huge thanks to Kathi Egli, our very capable chief organiser, who is currently overseas.

**Christine Robson**

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# David Pearce

OBITUARY

10 July 1931 – 23 September 2017

## HEALING AND HELPING THE WORLD THROUGH GOD'S MESSAGE



**David Pearce's autobiography is titled *Kondoa 31 – One Man's Journey Through Life*. But equally it could be titled something like *'The Great Adventures of an Englishman who became a Kiwi and then an African resident – before taking up the mantle of ordained ministry.'***

His 86 years are packed full of action, not because he was a thrill seeker in the sense that we know it today, but because he never shied away from a challenge. In the life of David Pearce, life was for living. How right that the scripture read at his funeral and included in his autobiography is: John 10:10 'Life, life in all it's abundance.'

David was born on 10 July 1931 in Lancashire, England to Marjorie and Jock Pearce, one of five children. Jock was a GP in Walkden, Manchester and in the family's early years the surgery, consulting room and dispensary were also part of the house.

David was sent away to boarding school at age eight, and then onto secondary school (another boarding school) where he didn't fancy the obligatory public school occupations.

Farming was what appealed, so in his late teens he took up a job in Dorset moving between farming jobs.

He attended church but it didn't feature prominently. He was too busy working, riding motorbikes (and then cars) and enjoying a social life.

Then in 1953, the same year Queen Elizabeth II was crowned, David spotted an advert for a herd tester in NZ.

It was a two-year contract; he applied and was accepted, boarding a ship in June 1953.

David had no idea what herd testing work involved, he didn't know a soul in NZ but – like so many other times in the following years – he took the plunge.

Seasickness, homesickness and apprehension marked the six-week journey halfway across the world.

The UK herd testers reached Wellington and

before even setting foot on dry land, were loaded onto buses with David being 'designated' New Plymouth.

He spent two years learning the ropes, travelling from farm to farm before chancing across Jen Prankerd at a farm in central Taranaki.

He describes their first meeting in 1955: "As I go past the clothesline a really stunning young lady appears, collecting the washing."

Three weeks later they were engaged, and then married seven months later in June 1956.

Over the following years the couple owned several farms before settling on a property in Lepperton. They raised four sons: Michael, Malcolm, John and Robin and immersed themselves in the community.

David was on the board of the Lepperton Dairy Company; there were Scout gatherings, hockey matches, school board meetings and, both became increasingly involved in St Mark's church at Lepperton.

David's relationship with God was building, inspired by 'Life in the Spirit' seminars at Fitzroy Holy Trinity church. This was a life changing experience for he and Jen.

Over the following years the couple kindly took people into their home: Lloyd whom they found living under a hedge, Andrew an apprentice with the chicken industry, Rick who went on to work in hospitality as well as Geoff who is still a part of the family.

In the eighties, Jen and David embarked on a series of overseas mission trips. They turned over their Lepperton farm to son Malcolm and daughter-in-law Kim, before first heading to a World Vision-run Somaliam refugee camp.

As project co-ordinator of the Las Dhure refugee camp, David was in charge of three shifts of medical staff, drawn from around the world.

Home to 50,000, mostly women and children, Islam was the dominant religion.

He writes: "Culture, language, homesickness, heat and so many decisions being called for every day were challenges that I had never really thought about before."

His autobiography is full of wonderful – sometimes-frightening – stories.

The time for example, when he's heading back to the camp late one day and it rains, for the first time in three years. The roads are flooded; he loses control of his Land Cruiser and the vehicle tips over into a shallow trench.

He waits throughout the night, reading from his Bible, upended but protected. In the morning his lucky escape is apparent. Water gushes through a canyon less than 50 metres away. If the vehicle had not tipped, David would have plunged into the gorge and lost his life.

There are many successes during their year including the introduction of a successful immunisation programme that helps eradicate infant diseases such as diphtheria.

Back home in NZ in 1982 the couple embarks on evangelism around NZ, travelling in a caravan as part of the Church Army.

World Vision sends them to Africa again in 1985, this time to Sudan to head up an aid project for refugees fleeing from war between Chad and Libya. There's no refugee camp – yet – it's their job to set it up.

The challenges are extraordinary; David's writing littered with phrases like: "But and this was a huge But..." or "Yes. It was time for another of those prayers. HELP."

NZ is home again, for a few years before the couple embarks on their longest stint, six years in Tanzania beginning in 1989. They learn Swahili; their home is Kondoa and over the years' special friends are made (including Given Gaula, now Bishop of Kondoa). David's practical, can-do nature, Jen's gentleness means that together they introduce many to the Good News: A large prison camp, groups of Masai warriors, and villagers in remote locations.

The construction of a Bible School to accommodate around 40 students is one of their greatest achievements. David builds as well as oversees the construction after rudimentary plans are sketched.

David's autobiography ends at the point at which the couple returns to NZ in 1996. In the same year David takes up a ministry post at Brooklands Co-operating Parish in New Plymouth where he remains until 2001. The next chapter starts at the cathedral where he ministers alongside Vicar David Hollingsworth and, later, Dean Jamie Allen.

Alpha courses, a contemporary service, ministering at rest homes, delivering donated bakery goods to low-income families, as well as regular duties demanded of a ministry team, mark out the following decades.

We will remember David for his humour, storytelling and an unshakeable, joy-filled faith. Jen and he have sprinkled seeds of spirituality and the fruit is flourishing.

*Matthew 13: 31-32: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."*

**Sarah Foy**

## RECIPE FOR KINDNESS

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup of passionate
- 1 cup of love, 2 tablespoons of trustworthy
- 1 cup of caring, 2 tablespoons of helpful
- 1 cup of friendly, 2 tablespoons of inspiring
- 1 cup of supportive, 2 tablespoons of faithful
- 1 cup of encouraging, 2 tablespoons of cheerful
- 1 cup of happiness, 2 tablespoons of loyal
- 1 cup of generous, 2 tablespoons of humble

### Method:

1. Add love and happiness and mix, making a core.
2. Add creativity and warmth and mix, making blood.
3. Add inspiring and supportive and caring and mix, making many cells.
4. Add loyal and humble and helpful and mix, making values.
5. Add passionate and cheerful and friendly and mix, making colours.
6. Add generous and faithful and mix, making spirits.
7. Add encouraging and trustworthy and mix, making a wall.
8. Add core and blood and cells, add values and colours and spirits and the wall and mix, making kindness.

You know when someone has kindness because you need a core, some blood, some cells, some values, some colours, some spirits and a wall. Now you know what kindness is.

**By Jasminelee Hope**, a young person at the cathedral

# FROM THE ORGAN CONSOLE – SEPTEMBER 2017

**As we head towards the end of another busy year, the Cathedral Choir continues to offer richness and warmth to the liturgy on Sunday mornings. It has been an interesting transition for the choir to move to the stage area of the Interim Cathedral. They are certainly not used to being “on show” to the congregation up there, whilst also feeling slightly isolated from what is taking place down below.**

This year, the Cathedral Choir and I, along with the Dean, have resurrected our “On the Road” Ministry programme, where we take our Anglican tradition of Choral Evensong to parishes in the Taranaki Bishopric. This year we have taken our ministry to St Andrew’s in Inglewood, St Barnabas’ in Opunake and St George’s in Patea. As each of the churches is without a pipe organ, we have taken our chamber organ “on the road” with us, to accompany the liturgy and support the congregation singing of the hymns. It is pleasing to report that each of these services has been met with great enthusiasm, not to mention a wonderful afternoon tea beforehand! For some of these churches, Choral Evensong has become a thing of the past, yet it is probably the most loved of all liturgies outside the Eucharist. I have certainly enjoyed taking people back to a time in their lives where Evensong was a staple of their Anglican diet.

It is interesting to note that whilst Evensong is sadly lacking in New Zealand, it is on the up in popularity in the United Kingdom with many cathedrals and university college chapels noting a large rise in congregation numbers over the past 12 months. Maybe as Europe, and other parts of the world, continues to be dominated by acts and the fear of terrorism, there is a sense of need amongst people to be in a spiritual place where for a brief period in their busy day there is peace, unity and concord. Let us hope a reinstatement of Evensong on a more regular basis in our cathedral and our parishes comes not from fear, but from the desire to worship in the beauty of holiness.

As The Cathedral Project continues to take shape and engage with the people on a level that is sensitive to the needs of the community through reconciliation and social justice, the “On the Road” ministry allows us, as the mother church to the Bishopric, to continue our engagement with the community on a spiritual level, even when two or three are gathered in the Lord’s name.

**Christopher J. Luke**  
Director of Music to  
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**✠ 2017 Music Programme ✠**

**St Joseph’s Recital Series**  
*First Tuesday of the Month @ 1.00pm*  
7 February | 7 March | 4 April | 2 May  
6 June | 4 July | 1 August | 5 September  
3 October | 7 November | 5 December  
*Gold coin donation followed by Refreshments*

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*Third Thursday of the Month @ 12.15pm*  
16 February | 16 March | 20 April  
18 May | 15 June | 20 July | 17 August  
21 September | 19 October | 16 November  
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*Cathedral | Wednesdays @ 11.30am*  
7 June | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
2 August | *Eternal Father, strong to save*  
4 October | *All creatures of our God & King*  
6 December | *O come, all ye faithful*  
*Gold coin donation*

**Christmas Organ Recitals**  
*St Joseph’s Catholic Church*  
Thursday 21 December @ 1.00pm  
*Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary*  
Saturday 23 December @ 2.00pm  
*Gold coin donation*

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## ENCOURAGING WORK RECOGNISED BY AAW

**St Mary's parishioner Rosemary Bent has inspired members of the Association of Anglican Women and Mothers' Union in Aotearoa and Pasifika with her work in Overseas and Outreach. This year she received a certificate of recognition from the AAW executive.**

Born in England, Rosemary came to New Zealand in 1962, and met her husband Michael when she was working for the Christian Mission Service. The couple lived in New Plymouth during Michael's term as Vicar of St Mary's (1976-85), and later in Fiji and Papua New Guinea when Michael was serving there.

Rosemary became Waikato O and O convenor in the 1980s, and when she and Michael went to Fiji in 1985 she was the AAW magazine Circle's correspondent on the Polynesian Executive. She helped Sister Clare Masina at the Anglican orphanage St Christopher's Home, and was secretary for its Board of Governors.

Rosemary and Michael experienced the first two Fiji coups: on one occasion Michael was threatened with stoning when trying to take Communion to the sick in the hospital in Suva.

They returned to Waikato in 1989, where Rosemary had

another term as O and O Convenor, then in 1994 they were called to Papua New Guinea, where they were involved in dangerous situations, being held up in their house at night and shot at in their vehicle during the day.

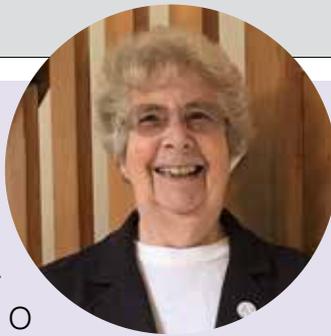
Rosemary has written: "I taught English to the Anglican nursing students, and helped establish the women's programme at Newton Theological College. This programme... was a wonderful help to students' wives, giving them opportunities to learn English or pidgin if they could not read.

"I taught them how to make more nutritious food using vegetables and fruit from their gardens, how to share one egg by using it in cooking instead of father having it to himself, and unravelled the mystery of a cooking stove when they were used to outside fires."

On the couple's return to New Zealand in 1998, Rosemary was for three years New Zealand O and O Convenor. From 2008-2011 she was MU provincial president and representative on the AAW executive.

\* With acknowledgements to the AAW magazine 'Circle'.

**Mark Birch**



## SPECIAL SERVICES – ALL ARE WELCOME

**Thursday 19th October**

**12:15pm** Lunchtime Organ Recital

**Saturday 4th November**

**10am** Parihaka Memorial Service

**Sunday 5th November**

**8am/** Angel Tree

**10am** blessing

**3pm** All Souls service, for our children

**7pm** All Souls service, for all

**Sunday 12th November**

**10am** Remembrance Sunday

**Thursday 16th November**

**12:15pm** Lunchtime Organ Recital

**Saturday 25th November**

**10am/** Christmas Craft Fair,

**3pm** Hatherly Hall, Taranaki Cathedral

**Wednesday 29th November**

**7:30pm** Ecumenical Blessings of Advent Wreaths

**Sunday 3rd December**

**5pm** Advent Service of Lessons & Carols

**Wednesday 6th December**

**11:30am** Hymn Lecture No. 4

**Sunday 17th December**

**5pm** Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, Holy Trinity Stratford

**Wednesday 20th December**

**7:30pm** Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

**Saturday 23rd December**

**2pm** Christmas Organ Recital

**Sunday 24th December**

**5pm** Children's Christmas Liturgy

**11:30pm** Carols & Midnight Mass

**Monday 25th December**

**8am/** Christmas Day

**10am** Services

*\*All our services are held in the Interim Cathedral in the Peace Hall unless stated otherwise*

## BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS

**June 2017 – September 2017**

### Funerals

Name	Date of Death	Date of Funeral
Douglas Colin Hardy	22 Jun 17	30 Jun 17
Hettie Winstanley	13 Aug 17	17 Aug 17
Ronald Ivan Marple	31 Aug 17	04 Sept 17

### Baptism

Name	Date of Baptism
Aubry_Rose Margaret Manu-Millar	30 July 17
Honor Jane Wilson	13 Aug 17

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