

# E-ffervescence!

Friday 05 June 2020

## Draw Near to the Vicarage

The process which will see the Vicarage building brought forward and relocated in the vicarage grounds is about to begin. As the Cathedral community, we have an opportunity to revisit and reconnect with the Vicarage and our memories of those who are embedded in its history.

The building will be open to welcome (with live music, thank you Christopher and Amelia Luke) those who wish to renew their connection on

Wednesday 10 June from 10am until 12 noon

and Sunday 14 June following the 10am service

Draw near, bring your memories, your family and friends, your hopes and dreams and together let us weave them into the journey of this historic place. *Mary Harker*

## Exciting Times!

We certainly are living in exciting times! Every week appears to bring a new reality into our Cathedral post covid world.

You will have already read above that we are about to embark on the first stage of the Building Project.

To add to that, the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June will see **Jay Ruka** joining us for the first time. His time here will coincide with the blessing of our building site on **Monday 15 June at 8:30 am** (details to follow).

The huge task of moving the vicarage forward will begin not long after that.

With the reality of becoming a building site for a couple of years at least facing us, a number of changes will also occur in the Hatherly area. The office will be housed upstairs, the chapel will move to the existing library, and the library will move downstairs into the office space. All this will occur next week!



Rest assured that all is under control, and that we are planning for all stages of the building removal, construction and church remediation with our staff and community in mind.

Due to this rather major re-organisation, we will not make great changes to our Sunday services in the near future, regardless of a move to Level One or not. However, groups are welcome to approach me regarding planning about their possible re-starts whenever suits.

Know that we will continue to be a community who prays and cares together, regardless of disruptions to buildings, pandemics or any other discombobulation! However, I also ask humbly for your patience and prayers over this continuing time of transition. Do not hesitate to contact us if you require any more information – or have something positive or helpful to say about how it is all going!



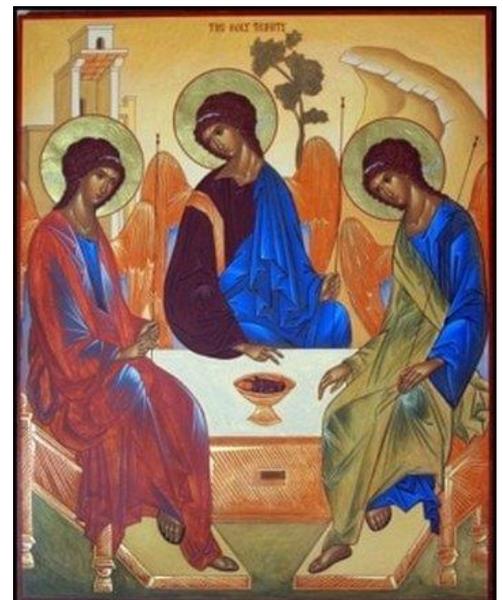
Due to the Hatherly Office Spaces Re-Organisation,  
10 am Communion will be offered on Monday and Tuesday only next week.  
Please remember to book in at the Office!

### *Trinity Sunday- Exploring Rublev's Icon- a snippet from the Sermon*

These days the word 'icon' has become one of the most overused words in the English language, used to refer to anything from a charismatic film star or rugby player to Leonardo's Mona Lisa.

In the context I am referring to on Sunday, the word eikon means 'likeness, image or picture', particularly referring to the holy icons written (not painted or drawn) predominantly in the middle ages for Christian purposes. In this case, imagers that provided a focus for veneration and reverence- therefore a pathway to a deeper relationship with God.

So for my purposes on Sunday, the word 'icon' does not refer to a brand like McDonalds, or even a well known personality like Jacinda Adern. I am referring to the paintings, usually on wooden panels, made for public use in particularly the Eastern Orthodox Churches. Such icons were (and still are) a form of art which promotes and supports Christian faith and worship, and communicates the ways in which believers understand their world. An effective icon may well appear uncomplicated and simple initially, but is never simple in the message and symbolism it conveys.



So, this Sunday, it is appropriate to share with you one of the most famous icons, Andre Rublev's 'The Trinity', which speaks to many people of the depth and mystery of God in Trinity. What I really love about it is that the writer has not only depicted the three unique ways we experience God as persons of the Holy Trinity, but also that he shows they are not mere

individuals- they work together, they complement each other. Together they depict the necessity and goodness of love in its fullness- and together as God, invite us to be part of their intimate conversation, and to join them at the table. Note there is a place reserved just for us!

## Faith Crew $\alpha$ @ Home

What a pleasure it was to return to our worship space on Sunday. I had a conversation with a friend the day before where we were discussing how we had become quite content with worshipping from home and weren't feeling in any great rush to return. However I must confess I had to eat my words on Sunday morning when I remembered the beauty of being in a sacred, set apart space. It was wonderful to be with my brothers and sisters in Christ and to experience the beautiful music once more. Not something easily recreated through my computer screen! I am grateful that we have the option of gathering, albeit in a slightly different way but with our hearts the same. And we have the option of watching the Facebook livestream offerings too – what a feast!

On Monday which was Queen's Birthday, our kids decided they wanted to climb the mountain at Willkie's Pools. As you may remember, it was very wet, cold and dismal that day. Yet our children were most insistent that we carry on, rugged up and as prepared as we could be. We set off, rain jackets, snacks and water at the ready and as we neared the mountain, the temperature and visibility dropped but our spirits remained high at the prospect of exciting adventure.



As always seems to be the case with the McVey whanau and trips up our maunga, we went to the wrong side of the mountain, so our trip was delayed a little (actually a lot). We had discussions about fuel gauges, timing (it was already 12:30) and half of the family wanting to simply give up and return home, whilst others keen to press on regardless. We decided to head in to Stratford, get fuel and try again. Needless to say, we got absolutely soaking wet! We made our way up to the pools and then clambered yet higher over fairly slippery and possibly slightly treacherous rocks to get to the top bit over

looking crystal clear pools and waterfalls and misty city far below, the arguments of before forgotten. I'm sure those of you with experience of young children can relate to this sort of experience.

Our reading this week from 2 Corinthians speaks to this very well I think "be of one mind, live in peace" (2 Cor 13:11). Our little family was initially unified in our common goal, however, when things got a little tough, the cracks began appearing. We were a little less patient, a little freer with insults and on the whole, divided. How easily this happened. Simply our common goal had become diluted by our individual plans and opinions. We had forgotten the goal of our trip – to spend time together in God's creation connecting with each other. My prayer this week is that as we begin returning more to the normal we knew before Covid-19 we are reminded of our common goal, to be of one mind and live in peace, even when we may have different opinions and ideas of what the best way forward looks like. *Arohanui Cath*

### From the Director of Music:

Next month I'm looking forward to returning to public performance though services offered at the Cathedral as well as in the community. The following events are scheduled for June 2020:

- Tuesday 2 June 2020 - 1.00pm: Lunchtime Organ Recital at St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth
- Wednesday 3 June 2020 - 11.30am: 2020 Hymn Lecture Series - "Guide me, O though great Redeemer" - Taranaki Interim Cathedral

- Thursday 18 June 2020 - 12.15pm: Lunchtime Organ Recital at Taranaki Interim Cathedral
- Wednesday 24 June 2020 - 11.15am: Organ Recital at Wesley Methodist Church, Hāwera
- Thursday 25 June 2020 - 11.30am: Organ Recital at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford

There has been a wealth of information from around the globe in regards to COVID-19 and singing, both in church/cathedral contexts and community choirs. Although there have been some devastating stories where community transmission of the virus has possibly been enhanced by singing, we are quite fortunate here in New Zealand the virus seems to be contained as well as it has. The Ministry of Health continues to work along side such groups as the New Zealand Choral Federation to work through the challenges around communal singing. It is this Diocese's recommendation that singing in church remains suspended until further clarification and guidance is given by the Ministry of Health. Until then, I am very pleased to be able to offer some music performance at our Sunday services as well as through the Virtual Choral Evensong services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. *Christopher*

## **Meditation of the Week!**



*May the ancient God who is for ever young,*

*Bless, inspire and warm us.*

*May the suffering Christ whom death cannot touch,*

*Continue to journey with us.*

*May the elusive Spirit who is nearer to us than our life-blood,*

*Be our companion and guide.*

*May the God who is ever and only One,*

*Be known to us in three-fold presence.*

**The following are the readings set for Sunday June 07, 2020,**

**which you may wish to read and reflect on.**

### **Psalm 8**

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you. When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers— the moon and the stars you set in place— what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority— the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, the fish in

the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents. O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians Chapter 13, beginning at verse 11.**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless, indeed, you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed.

But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

### **Matthew Chapter 28, beginning at verse 16**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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