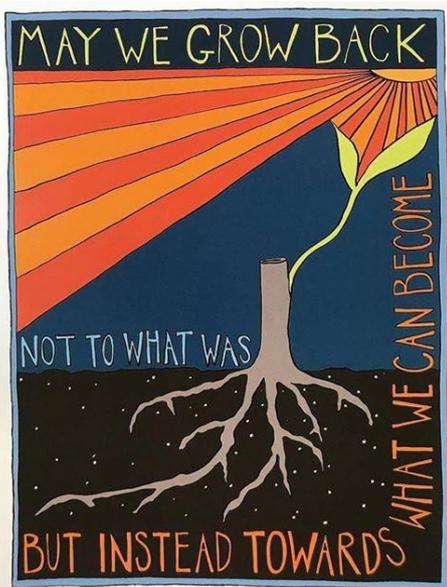


# E-ffervescence!

Friday 15 May 2020

Kia Ora All



I hope that you are enjoying receiving your *Effervescence*, and that today's version provides you with some helpful information, particularly regarding life under Alert Level Two!

As we now know, we are unable to gather in groups of over 10 people, and even then there are numerous regulations which need to be put in place to ensure that happens safely. NO churches will be open in our Diocese for the next two weeks!

(Although there is permission to hold a funeral with up to fifty people attendees in particular situations)

Please be assured that we will continue our worship offerings on-line, and making connections through telephone calls and Zoom sessions. We may be distant but we do care!

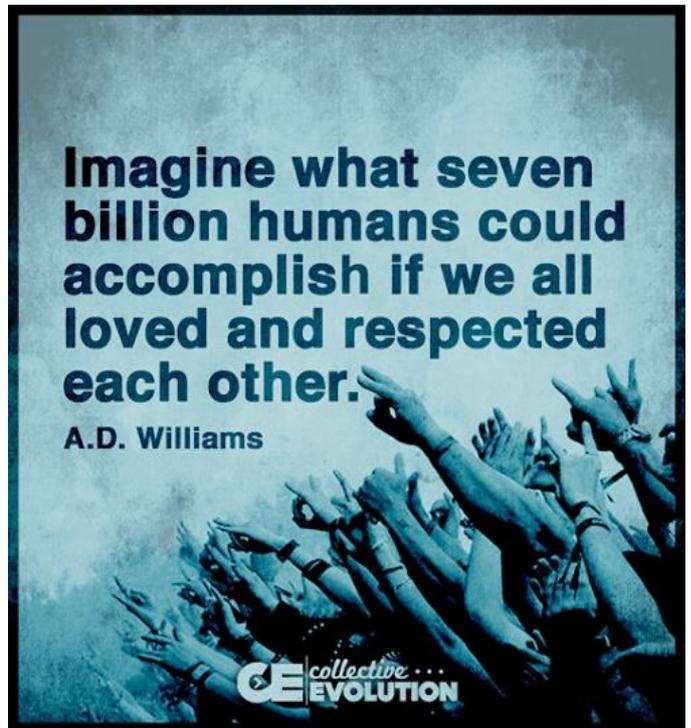
This week, staff began to return to their offices at the Cathedral, and learned the 'new normal' of sanitizing, disinfecting and signing in and out of the building, which a few of us spent a good part of two days organizing. Please note that it is only the offices in the Hatherley Hall that are open for at least the next week. If you need to make a visit, please ring ahead if possible, so that we are there to let you in! Please do not come if you are feeling unwell, or if you are 'at risk' of infection.

Because of the need to provide fastidious care to all our practices, we are going to move slowly and carefully into opening up other activities and building spaces.

I am hoping that we can all apply the biblical value of *The Common Good* as we make decisions regarding the timing and ways we will meet as community in the future. That is – that we make sure that we prayerfully seek to be inclusive of everyone who seeks to be part of our community, and ensure that no-one is excluded. Of course, this applies to those who for very good reasons, are unable to place themselves at risk of infection. So please, when you pray for our community please keep this in mind. It is a challenge, but an extremely worthwhile one!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding study or parish groups, pastoral visits, or any other issue pertaining to Level Two (and One).

Be assured that you will be kept up to date regarding progress. *Aroha nui Jacqui*



### *Worship on Sunday- a Taster!*



This Sunday's gospel reading is from John 14:15-21. It is found in what is known as "Jesus' Farewell Discourse," or Jesus' final words to his disciples as he prepares for what lies ahead. In our gospel reading Jesus says to his disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to be with you forever... I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you." They are words of comfort to a group of followers who were entering a place of uncertainty and an encouragement that the work of Christ would continue through them, just in a new way. But perhaps Jesus farewell to his disciples is also a farewell to the old order and a hello to a new way of doing things when the Holy Spirit arrives. These are comforting and encouraging words for us today. In the aftermath of Covid-19 things are uncertain, things will look different, things must look different. Could our passage today be both a word of comfort in the face of uncertain times and an encouragement to reimagine and build a new way of doing things that reflects God's reign of justice and love? *See you on Sunday! Dan*

### **Alternative Annual General Meeting Date**

Fortunately, the Diocese has given us more time (at least until September) to hold our AGM, which is obviously not going to be able to go ahead on May 31, as previously advertised. We will give 21 days' notice before the REAL event can safely occur- watch this space!

**Practices to adopt in the 'new normal' of life after lock-down,  
which may help us achieve our value of seeking 'The Common Good',**

*Practices of Resistance*

Rev Dr Samuel Wells and Rev Dr Maureen Knudsen Langdoc

There are a variety of ways Christians might faithfully live in this new season, and a host of ways in which individual and collective acts of goodness from beyond the church humble and educate us all. We want to suggest ten practices that can help us be fully alive through this time of isolation and disempowerment.

1. Resist denial: practise truthfulness.
2. Resist assuming control: develop patience.
3. Resist the impulse to be right: discover humility.
4. Resist anxiety: find courage.
5. Resist fleeing from yourself: become your own friend.
6. Resist the suffocation of technology: embrace joy.
7. Resist the assumption of scarcity: celebrate abundance.
8. Resist self-centredness: embody charity.
9. Resist greed: realise simplicity.
10. Resist despair: choose hope.



*Kia Kaha*

*Mary Harker*

**Tax Donation Receipts**

"Tax Donation Receipts will be emailed to parishioners who have registered an email address with us in the near future. If you do not have an email address and cannot wait for the church to reopen (whenever this may be) please let us know and we may be able to deliver them to your letterbox if you live in New Plymouth." *Julie Otene Peoples Warden*

*Donations to the Food Bank are able to be made through on line banking-  
account number 15 3942 0861123 00.*

## Worship and other Resources for the Week:

**Diocesan Website** <https://www.wtanglican.nz/> is a wonderful go-to place for up-to-date information as well as a feast of resources.

**Taranaki Cathedral Website:** [www.taranakicathedral.org.nz](http://www.taranakicathedral.org.nz)

On the left of the menu bar is a tab "Worshipping during Lockdown"

The menu items are 'Resources for Lockdown Period' which is a page containing some explanation and various links. Notably directly to folders in the Home Worship Library, our Face Book page and Easter Alive.

The second menu item is "Home Worship Library" which directs you to a document library with a number of areas containing resources . These include service sheets and readings, there are also a selection of recordings of choral work. Particularly a folder for Holy Week.

Scrolling down the home page you will see the latest blogs loaded to the website. These are being added to daily and this week included the seven words from the cross meditations, a link to the video of the commissioning service and the *E-ffervescence* newsletter.

A bit further down again there is a list of upcoming events.

At the top of the page there are other menus which link to content that is not specific to the current Lockdown.

From anywhere on the website if you click the Cathedral Logo should get back to the top of the Home Page.

***In our Home Worship Library you will find the following :***

- Readings
- Solo Organ works
- Hymns
- Choral Evensong: each Sunday and Wednesday during the lockdown. We are suggesting you light a candle at 5.00pm and play this recording.

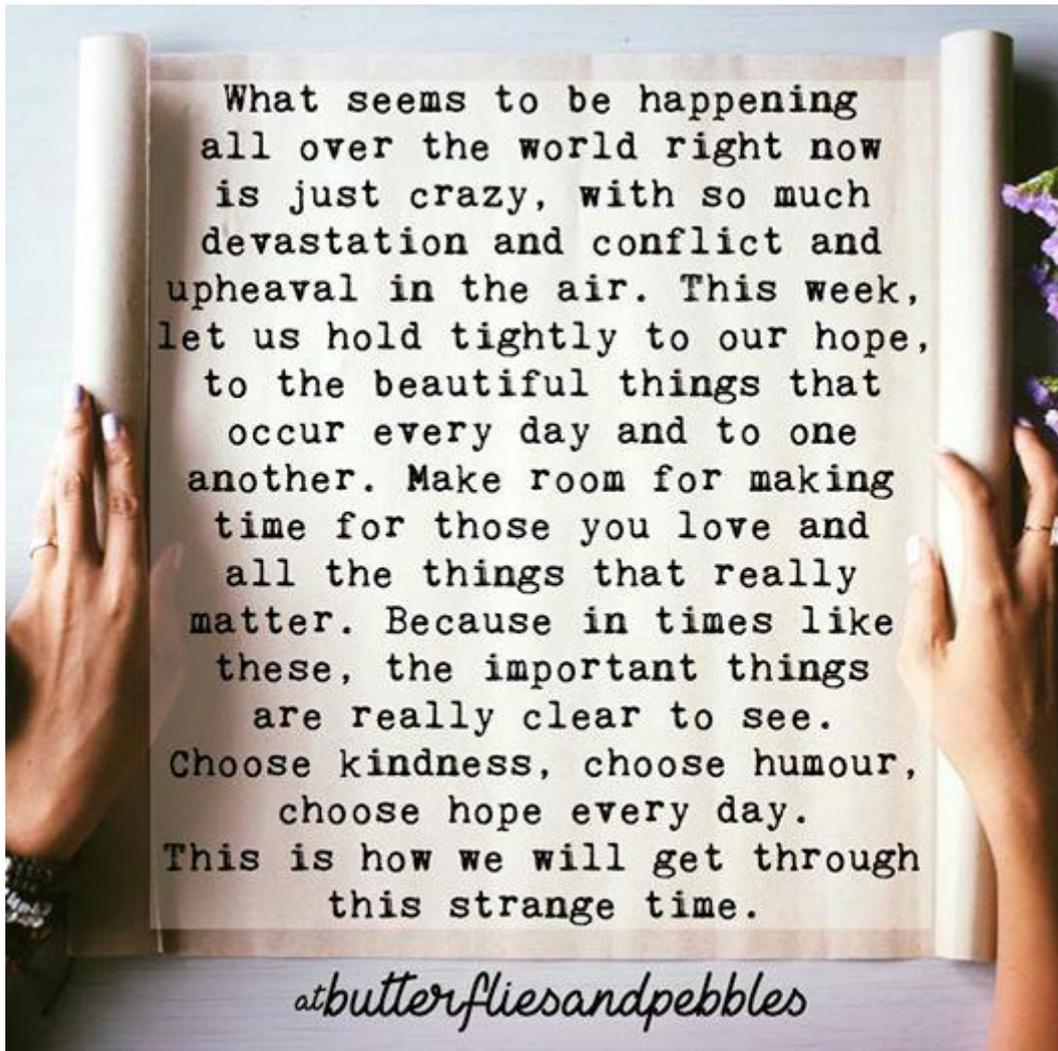
**Taranaki Cathedral Facebook Page:**

- **Easter Three Worship:** email, website and Facebook- Live at 10 am
- **Faith Crew**

**Zoom**

- **Coffee Hang with Dan – 10-11.30 am Every Tuesday:** *Instructions to join Zoom coffee: 1) Download the Zoom app (Zoom cloud meetings) 2) At Tuesday at 10am click on the below link or copy and paste it into your web browser and it will take you straight to the meeting (if you don't have Zoom installed, you will be given the option at this point) 3) Zoom link to join coffee group - <https://zoom.us/j/553014152> 4) We will use this same link until further notice (so keep it at the ready on Tuesdays!)*

## Meditation of the Week!



**The following are the readings set for Sunday May 17, 2020,  
which you may wish to read and reflect upon.**

### **First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17**

Philip went down to the city of Samaria  
and proclaimed the Christ to them.

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip  
when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,  
came out of many possessed people,  
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.

There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem  
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,  
they sent them Peter and John,  
who went down and prayed for them,  
that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

for it had not yet fallen upon any of them;  
they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Then they laid hands on them  
and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.  
Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!  
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,  
sing praise to your name!"  
Come and see the works of God,  
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.  
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land;  
through the river they passed on foot;  
therefore let us rejoice in him.  
He rules by his might forever.  
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare  
what he has done for me.  
Blessed be God who refused me not  
my prayer or his kindness!  
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

Beloved:  
Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.  
Always be ready to give an explanation  
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,  
but do it with gentleness and reverence,  
keeping your conscience clear,  
so that, when you are maligned,  
those who defame your good conduct in Christ  
may themselves be put to shame.  
For it is better to suffer for doing good,  
if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.  
For Christ also suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,

that he might lead you to God.  
Put to death in the flesh,  
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

### **Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,  
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,  
because it neither sees nor knows him.  
But you know him, because he remains with you,  
and will be in you.  
I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.  
In a little while the world will no longer see me,  
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.  
On that day you will realize that I am in my Father  
and you are in me and I in you.  
Whoever has my commandments and observes them  
is the one who loves me.  
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

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