

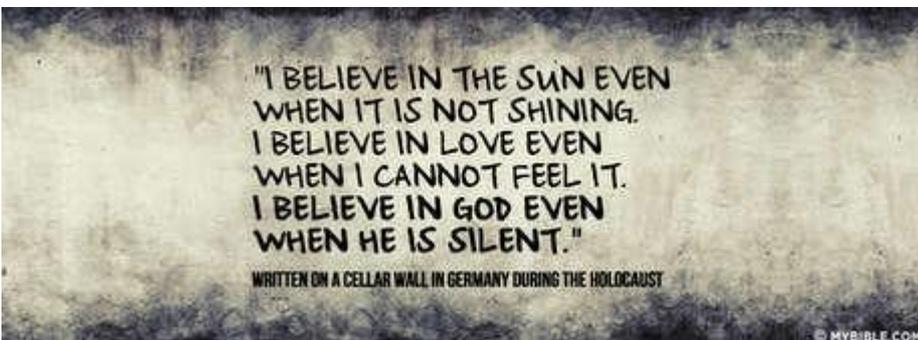
# E-ffervescence!

Friday 10 April 2020

Welcome to Week Two of **E-ffervescence**... and I hope you have found something during the week that has filled you with 'vivacious enthusiasm' as you wait in your bubble!

It is, of course, a source of frustration that this information cannot be distributed to those without e-mailing capability. Level Four must be taken seriously, and of course there are no exceptions to that right now! Therefore, all we can do is our best, so I encourage you to ring those you know would be interested in our news and read them the pertinent bits (the whole thing may be far too much!) or read to neighbours from a safe distance. Another useful ploy is that if you are tuning in on your computers to worship or a Zoom conversation, that you ring a friend without a computer, hold the phone so they can hear, and they can be part of things too!

I am mindful that Sunday is Easter Day and many of you will be missing being able to be together, worshipping, holidaying, spending time with family and friends. It has been helpful for me to remember that first Easter Day, when as far as we know Jesus re-emerged into a world that was mostly unaware of



the momentousness of the occasion. This notion has also brought to mind all those Easter Sundays since, when people have been unable to participate freely in worship, due to war or ill health or incarceration or oppressive regimes.

The stunning truth of the empty cross is that God is with us always, no matter what or where we find ourselves or how desperate our situation may seem. I hope that on your Easter Sunday this year, you do find a moment in the day to walk or sit alone, amidst God's glorious creation, and, like Mary Magdalene, be able to say, "I have seen the Lord" (*John Chapter 20*), or, in some deep, deep part of yourself, know that even though you cannot see or hear or touch...God is indeed with you this Easter Day and always. *Arohanui, Jacqui*

## 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. The service (around 25mins) will involve a shortened form of Evening Prayer interspersed with musical offerings for the Psalm, *Magnificat*, *Nunc dimittis* and an anthem from some of the finest choirs around the world. The Old Testament and New Testament readings appointed for the day will also be offered and an Order of Service is also provided to follow along and join in. We are suggesting you light a candle at 5.00pm and play this recording.

• Good Friday: A recording of John Stainer's great Good Friday meditation *The Crucifixion*. The work lasts around 70 minutes, so you may like to start playing this 1.50pm on Good Friday for it to conclude at 3.00pm - the recognised time of Christ's death.

• Holy Saturday: An hourly devotion for you to use during the day. Beginning at 9.00am, you are welcome to use each of the 11 readings on the hour through until 7.00pm - a wonderful way to conclude Holy Week.

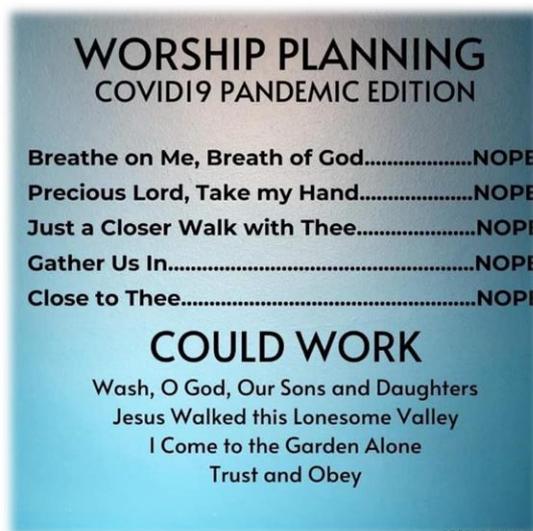
• Easter Day Choral Matins: Taken from a 1958 recording, Choral Matins for Easter Day will feature the Choir of King's College, Cambridge directed by Boris Ord. Something for you to enjoy at 11.00am on Easter Day - this will also be provided with the normal Choral Evensong.

***For printable Easter Eggs to decorate try :***

[https://www.strandz.org.nz/uploads/4/6/5/9/46590535/strandz\\_easter\\_egg\\_templates.pdf](https://www.strandz.org.nz/uploads/4/6/5/9/46590535/strandz_easter_egg_templates.pdf)

**Taranaki Cathedral Facebook Page:**

- **Good Friday Meditation:** email, website and Facebook- from 10 am



- **Faith Crew: Good Friday 2pm:** Facebook
- **Holy Saturday Reflection:** email and website
- **Easter Sunday Worship:** email, website and Facebook- from 10 am
- **Faith Crew: Easter Sunday 2pm:** Facebook

We are learning as we go regarding our on-line worship. We now have the confidence to offer for others to take part, if they are prepared to video themselves via their computers, and email to Dan or myself for editing. Please let us know if you are keen, and we can send you a copy of the reading/prayer. The less of my face you see the better!

## **Zoom**

- **Coffee Hang with Dan – 10am 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!)*

## **A Message from your Wardens**

### *Greetings from our bubbles to yours.*

For some, being in lock down has been a time for reflection and creativity, particularly on the way we do church. Thank you to our ministry team who are participating in and putting together new ways to be church. We all know that “church” is about people and worshiping collectively, not buildings; so, this is a challenging but innovative time to be connecting in new ways. (Who had heard of Zoom before March 25th?) Our faith is fluid and responsive to the world in which we humans live. We reflect our world; we don't sit apart from it.



A beautiful example of this was the installation of our new leadership team, Jacqui Paterson and Jay Ruka. We do hope you were able to watch it. It was very moving, personal and actually more intimate than a regular service would have been, given that we were looking right into the faces of the people speaking. Thank you to the team that put it together and those participating.

Meanwhile Zoom has taken over - all around us people are setting up Zoom or other online group-sharing platforms for business, for exercise classes, for church services, the Community Cafe, family catch-ups.... But not AGM's so our AGM has currently been postponed and people in elected positions are continuing on for now. Our cathedral leadership groups are staying in touch and supporting Jacqui and Jay.



Having said this, we are also mindful of those not connected to the internet and we are developing a list so they can be reached in other ways. Thank you to all who are already staying in touch with parishioners.

Although we are surrounded by much uncertainty in the short term, we look forward with excitement and anticipation to a new beginning for the cathedral and its people. We are supported by our bedrock of faith and the well-established connections in our community through which we can continue to offer support and aroha to one another. *Julie and Sarah*

### **Project News- Jenny Goddard**

Just as the country was starting to close up we received word that we had secured the Resource Consent (planning approval) allowing the relocation of the Vicarage, the building of Te Whare and the on-site car park. This was great news and would have allowed us to get on with the Vicarage relocation in late May. Clearly now the relocation will be delayed because Building Consents are not being processed and construction has stopped for at least a month. It is difficult to know how well the building industry will re-start once it is allowed to, but expect bottlenecks in product and labour supply.

While we just have to take "a wait and see approach" on the building front, we are currently working with Provincial Growth Unit on sourcing people to curate, research and create the on-site exhibition and resources to tell the stories of our place. An 'Expression of Interest' document is being distributed this week and will be able to be requested through our website. Please tell people you know who have experience in these fields about this exciting opportunity - it would be great to involve locals or ex-locals.



So Covid 19 has us locked down but The Project continues. Alert 4 is just another bump on the long road of this project!

### **Introducing our new Communications Advisor**

Kia ora koutou, I'm Michelle Cruickshank and I'm chuffed to be the new Communications Advisor for Taranaki Cathedral. If the name seems familiar, there's a good chance it is. I grew up in New Plymouth (I was at St Pius X School then Sacred Heart) and have been living back here with my two primary school-aged daughters for nearly 7 years.



I have a degree in Communications, majoring in journalism, and spent the first part of my career working as an entertainment writer before switching into PR and Communications.

It's strange starting a new job while we're in lockdown but in some ways the timing is great. Communications is all about connecting people – in these strange times that's more important than ever. There's lots of change within Taranaki Cathedral right now. New faces, new projects, new challenges. I'm looking forward to being able to use my talents to share what's happening with you all (and where appropriate with the wider public) in a way that brings us together, minimises fear and uncertainty and continues to build the obviously strong bonds you have as a faith community.

### **Pastoral Communication- Mary Harker**

Hello everyone, Like most of you, I have found myself being lifted and encouraged by the many lockdown stories about people helping one another in acts of generosity, care and kindness, through building new relationships or sharing expertise.

Many people have contacted the Cathedral indicating their availability to offer time, energy and support during the lockdown. We are working towards centralising



pastoral requests and information to make the best use of available resources and then to ensure continuity and effective follow-up. Let me know if you become aware of any unmet needs in your communities.

### Up-date from Jennifer Smart

My dear friends...you are all in my prayers at this time. I'm aware that some are finding this period hard, with no physical contact with family and friends, the worry of their health, some are possibly enjoying the precious time with their families, and some are having a well-earned rest. Who knows what people are experiencing, My feeling change on a daily basis, sometimes I'm sad because I miss you at the Cathedral and the daily faces which call in, sometimes when I'm out in the garden I give thanks for the stunning weather we have been having and when I'm out walking, seeing all the families out enjoying the sun I feel really happy for those children who have all this time together with their parents/caregivers. My days funnily enough seem to be pretty full, with a large garden, spring cleaning, family to feed, countless walks and bike rides, learning Te Reo, and some work thrown in, I don't know how I manage to find time to work!! As I count down the days, I'm mindful that there maybe someone who needs support. I'm more than happy to have a chat over the phone or whatever might help you at this time. Plus I've planted about 110 ringaringas and countless aggies, any excuse to have a break from it! So please, take up my offer if you feel you need help. Much aroha and blessings to you all...see you on the other side! *Jen Smart*



### Cathedral Leadership Team

Jay and Jacqui are enjoying getting to know each other via Zoom. Jay is at his home in Raglan with whanau, while Jacqui is in hers in New Plymouth, supported by husband Craig. For the remainder of 2020, Jay will be working with us for one week per month, focusing initially on the Cathedral project and Paul Reeves Education Centre. Jacqui will be working full time, managing the day-to-day aspects of Parish and Cathedral life, as well as time spent on Archdeaconry business.

2021 will see changes to how we work in partnership, when Jay and whanau move to New Plymouth, and Jay takes up full time ministry with us.

We both look forward to the time when we can actually get to know you all face to face, so to speak, but for now we believe we are making the most of the extraordinary circumstances we all find ourselves in.



### Palm Crosses

Usual Palm Sunday practise would have had us leaving church with a Palm Cross, to take home and keep until Ash Wednesday next year, when they would be the basis of the ashes imposed on that day.

So when it comes to Ash Wednesday next year- what will we do! Christopher Luke has come up with a great suggestion.

'There may be some members of the parish who have made their own today, but may I suggest if you have flax near your home, we all collect some today so that we can at least symbolically have something ready to use for Ash Wednesday next year. Once the lockdown is over, we can simply store it at the Cathedral until then - as we all know, the drying out process of almost a year is really required to ensure good ash!



If we follow our usual pattern of Ash Wednesday services in 2021, it will be the Cathedral's turn to host the Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service with the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth and so plenty of ash will be required (as well as the 10.00am Service and "Ashes to Go"). It will also be a symbol of what we are going through right now, and the chance to offer it up to God in the form of a burnt offering sounds about right to me.

Wishing you all a very sacred Holy Week. *Christopher Luke*

### **Missed Opportunity or Timely Gain?**

As I sit at my computer and look back over the life I have had as a Priest I have to wonder at the speed life can change.

We are now in a pandemic which will change incredibly the life we knew prior to this virus hitting New Zealand. I recall my first introduction to epidemics in 1948. The polio epidemic. No school for 8 weeks. Fortunately, I lived on a farm at Egmont Village and enjoyed the opportunities a farm gave to a youngster. Riding my horse and teaching it new things such as jumping – racing imaginary horses. Epidemics had little meaning at that time but when the epidemic hit with force in 1952 and again in 1955 when all young people were at extreme risk a Government publication reminded us of the disastrous outcome of polio.

"Polio is typically a disease of children and adolescents, but the risk of paralysis increases markedly with the age of the patient, making young adults especially at risk if they catch this disease." There was no effective treatment so careful nursing and palliative care were the main medical responses. The lives of seriously paralyzed patients could only be saved by long periods in an 'iron lung'. Survivors with a withered leg were fitted with strengthening calipers, which helped them walk." Many young lives were lost and my best mate, after months in that infernal iron lung finally died at the age of 21.

Thank goodness for the Sabin vaccine which eradicated polio from our shores.

Many of my friends were left with disabilities from this disease and carried the disability to their death. Our little world of New Zealand changed dramatically as young people were required to look at other occupations where their disability could be accommodated.

I spent 24 years of my secular working life with these people and other folks who through an accident had their whole life changed.

During the 70's I had a strong call to the Priesthood, and this was encouraged by the Bishop of Waikato the Most Rev Alan Johnstone and the Vicar of Okato Rev Earle Howe. I was ordained Deacon on November 30th 1977 and Priested at St Mary's in May 1978 and subsequently inducted as Vicar of St Andrews Inglewood in 1980.

On my retirement from secular employment Rev Canon David Hollingsworth invited me to come and assist him at St Mary's and from November 2001 I have spent the intervening years here at St Mary's until I resigned on 31 March this year. During this time, I have made so many friends and appreciated the love that parishioners have shown to Shirley and I. David remains a wonderful friend as does Jamie and I so appreciate their wise counsel. I was privileged to spend time as Priest in Charge and I must mention my

two colleagues at that time Rev's David and Bruno. We had many discussions and ideas but we supported each other. I continue to have deep affection for them both.

Although I retire as a stipendary Priest that does not mean I retire as a Priest. I believe that once a Priest you are committed for life. I intend to continue my work as on call Chaplain at the hospital and hope that I qualify for a P T O and the new regime will offer to let me preside sometimes at the Eucharist as well as being there when needed.

To you all thank for your support, your love, your prayers. *Kia Kaha. Bill Marsh*

Faith Crew  $\alpha$  @ Home

Kia Ora Faith Crew Whanau

This week I came across an Instagram post by Nicky Gumbel at Holy Trinity Brompton in the the Uk. Nicky is an Anglican priest and author and is well known as the developer of the Alpha course. He shared the following image, done by Charlie Mackesy, an English artist.



It really made me stop and look hard. Such a simple, beautiful illustration which captures quite profoundly, the dynamic we are currently operating in. It got me thinking more about how simple is good at the moment. I don't know about you, but with the huge amount being made available on line at the moment, there are times when I long for simple. Upon watching our simple Sunday worship offering, I was reflecting at how usually at this time of year, I am so busy. Busy checking we have a donkey and palm branches for Palm Sunday; busy creating Stations of the Cross material for our Good Friday gathering; busy sourcing hot cross buns and Easter eggs and things to do with the kids on Easter Sunday...busy with stuff. Now, I find I am stripped of this stuff, much like how we strip our altar and surrounds for Lent and I am confronted by the true message of Easter. The waiting, the suffering and on Sunday, the glorious resurrection of our Lord. The simple message that Jesus endured all that for me. And you. And quite honestly, I am good with simple this Easter. I am good with connecting via technology with our Cathedral Whanau and the worship that is offered. And I am good that God simply will not run out. He will always be there and I can talk to Him, simply. Wherever and whenever. How are you doing with the simple? Do you need a chat? A simple phone call from someone to say they know you are still there...if so,

simply reach out. Text, email, or call if you are able. I would simply LOVE to be in touch with you. I have prepared a simple Easter Sunday activity for the children and young at heart. They will air at **2 pm** both days. For them, **you will need** some Lego; a marshmallow, melted butter, cinnamon and a square of pastry per person. **Arohanui, Cath** – 021 02435698

## **Meditation of the Week!**

And people stayed home.

And read books, and listened, and rested,  
and exercised, and made art, and played,  
and learned new ways of being, and stopped.

And listened deeper.

Someone meditated, someone prayed,  
someone danced, someone met their shadow.

And people began to think differently.

And people healed.

And, in the absence of people who lived in  
ignorant ways, dangerous, meaningless,  
and heartless, even the earth began to heal.

And when the danger ended, people found  
each other, grieved for the dead people, and  
made new choices, and dreamed of new  
visions, and created new ways to live and  
healed the earth completely, just as they had  
been healed themselves.



*Kitty O'Meara*

**You may wish to prepare for worship on April 12, 2020, Easter Sunday,  
by reading and reflecting on the scripture in advance.**

### **JEREMIAH 31:1-6**

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

### **PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."  
The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.  
Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
"This is the gate of the Lord;  
he who is righteous may enter."  
I will give thanks to you,  
for you answered me and have become my salvation.  
The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

### **ACTS 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### **MATTHEW 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed

he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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