

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

ST FRANCIS

96 PARK ROAD, CNR TITIRANGI BEACH RD APRIL 2016

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We had a busy and quite inspirational Easter week-end. Thanks to all who participated so splendidly.

It began on Maundy Thursday evening at 7pm with the foot-washing and a simple Eucharist. Earlier that day there had been a very industrious clean and polish, with a commercial cleaner coping with the less accessible parts.

Then at 9am on Good Friday morning a group made a Procession of Witness carrying a suitably rugged cross down to St Francis.

There David led a thoughtfully crafted reflection on selected Stations of the Cross, the Biblical rather than the traditional ones.



7am Sunday morning a bunch of 8 early risers kindled a small bonfire on a concrete slab near the car park; Lindsay showed he had lost none of his Boy Scout skills. Val was fire warden.

From this fire we lit a taper and thence the Pascal candle which we processed up through the darkened church.

The Vigil liturgy took us through to a hearty breakfast, and then the first arrivals were there for the 9.30am Easter Eucharist.

What a celebratory occasion this was! Christine presided and we had some hearty singing, a stirring sermon from David, and a brightly decorated church.

On Sunday afternoon at 3pm Christine presided at a Eucharist for a small group unable to be there in the morning. See below for more on this.

A busy time indeed. This important season of Easter runs through to Pentecost, and it certainly had a lively start. There's more to come! Details inside.

There are those for whom attending a service at 9.30am is extremely difficult, usually for health reasons. So at 3pm on Easter Sunday Christine was privileged to celebrate an extra Easter Holy Communion with healing prayers.

8 were present and they seemed to appreciate the loveliness of the church decked out for this special occasion. All of the 8 parishioners commented that they would be glad of an afternoon service once a month. This is being discussed.

Diary notes

April

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Funeral brochure available at back of church

A special welcome to our visitors today

Sunday 17th April is this year's Harvest Festival at St Francis

Harvest Festival is a little late this year. Traditionally it's held somewhere around the autumn equinox, March 21st.

However, with such a full and exciting programme we decided to hold it later, 17th April, the Sunday after David's Ordination.



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Possibly your gardens will have dried up a little by then; all the grapes will certainly be in, a good vintage we hear.

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Loads of fun at first "Mostly Craft" meeting

"Mostly Craft" started their year in fine style on Saturday 19th March. Elaine and the team had obviously put in a lot of work and a busy, happy atmosphere was generated. Margaret Strid was thrilled to come back to such a positive tone. The timetable was tweaked a little to fit in the sausage sizzle and that went well too.

Most of the families were returnees, reports Margaret, which is exciting as we would like to try to develop closer relationships.

"There were several families (team members) where there were 3 generations present, happy to be there involved in a church initiated venture though not wishing to come to services."

One newcomer was a Japanese mother and daughter. Mother would like to find/attend English

But you might have preserves and jars, and of course packets and tins are always welcome. There might be apples and pumpkins too.

We see this as a good opportunity to gather produce for the many needy in our locality, distributed through Waitakere Outreach and the Salvation Army. Every year they are so appreciative of our help.

So do keep 17th April in mind. If possible, leave your goods at St Francis Saturday morning 11am to 12 noon. Or just bring them to church Sunday morning. We usually manage a fruitful collection, so let's see what we can do while the glow of autumn still lingers.

conversation classes/groups. Is there anyone in the congregation interested in helping her?

Next "Mostly Craft" - May 7th.

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Westies Cluster meets

An enthusiastic bunch of LSM people from Huapai, Ta Atatu, Waiheke, Titirangi and Pt Chev met at St Chad's, Huapai recently.

While we were saddened to learn of Pt Chev's withdrawal, the overall mood was positive.

Enabler Chris Harris led the first session where we summed up current trends. Then we met in "focus groups". I was able to introduce several LSMs to the "8 characteristics of a healthy church" that St Francis have found useful. We will host the next cluster on 30th June.

Bishop Jim visits next Sunday 10th April to ordain our third priest

It's another highly significant event in the history of St Francis Local Shared Ministry Unit.

David Crawley will be ordained priest, making a splendid team of three sacramental ministers.



Our enabler Anne has been overseeing his training, though of course David has a fine theological background through his study

and lecturing at the Laidlaw College.

Preaching at David's ordination is fellow Laidlaw College lecturer, the Rev Dr Tim Meadowcroft, also the sporting whiz in their Pub Quiz team.

Bishop Jim will preside, and Chis Harris has prepared the special ordination Eucharist, including some of David's favourite hymns.

Our Lenten studies concluded yesterday. Thanks to Neil and Jenny for leading this low key but rewarding study. Meanwhile the Monday night group continues. All welcome—see Neil or Freda for details.

**“...goals
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mission..”**

Ponder on these ideas from our Synod reps

Gentle reminders about information that might be of interest to you coming from the Auckland Diocese and now posted on the church notice board by your Synod reps Judy and Deborah.

- *Motion 30 or exploring ways of recognising same – sex marriage within the Anglican Church in Aotearoa/New Zealand and Polynesia.*

Please read the Motion 30 Report “The Way Forward” located on round table near the church notice board and then read Archbishop Phillip’s letter on notice board in which he encourages us to prayerfully consider the reports findings . Please do let Judy and Deborah know your thoughts – or questions !

- *Current priorities and goals in the mission of God for the Auckland Diocese.*

The following 5 priorities for mission have been developed by the Auckland Diocesan Mission and Ministry Oversight group. Please read them and consider how St Francis LSM might apply them as a framework as

we consider our own mission and ministry to our Titirangi / West Auckland community. Again, do let Judy or Deborah know if you have any questions. Share your thoughts with each other and the MST group. Again, a hard copy of the full version is posted on the church notice board

1 **Children and Young People** (eg reviewing resources, networks and training for people leading children’s ministry)

2 **New Ways of being Church** (eg identifying new mission and ministry models to meet changing contexts and demographics)

3 **Empowering Local Leadership** (eg identifying new talent and new ways of engaging with our community during 2016.

4 **Collaboration** (eg aim to meet with at least 1 local community ministry unit before Synod in September 2016)

5 **Interaction with Other Tikanga** (eg aim to include some Te Reo Maori (possibly the Lord’s Prayer) in our regular worship.

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Readings for April

3rd Acts 5:27-32; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.

10th Ordination of David Crawley

Acts 9: 1-20; Revelations 5: 11-14; John 21:1-19

17th Harvest Festival: Acts 9: 36-43; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30; Ps 23

24th Acts 11:1-18; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 1st Acts 16:9-15; Rev 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Goodbye! Sadly on the 15th April, Lorraine and Brandt Bregmen leave again for Australia. They are so involved in the life of our church while in NZ, and their grandchildren were baptised here a short while ago. We will miss you! Please come back soon.

April 23rd: St George's Day, also Shakespeare's birthday.

Later this year, probably in June, we will be exploring "Services of the Word", that is, non-Eucharistic services.

Remember appropriate prayer is always available at the altar rails after the service.

News and notes from here and there

Council Corner:

We have recently purchased some altar linen; an altar cloth is being made now, and a purple and red burse and veil. Our old ones were looking very much the worse for wear! (These are the coverings over the chalice and paten on the altar).

We also hired the Housewash company to clean the outside windows, the inside windows of the sanctuary and all the gutters which were bowing under the weight of the leaves.

We are waiting for the organ specialist to come and "tweak" the organ.

The Council minutes are always available for your perusal. The current Council members were returned to office at the AGM.

They are: Christine Nash, John Hyatt, Donna Glover, Ian Mackley, Pam Dowd and Synod reps Deborah Roland and Judy Evitt and Administrator Norman Leach. Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected at the next Council meeting.

If you have any items of business you would like brought to Council, please let Norman know.

Community:

Lindsay for St Francis has again been asked to conduct part of the Anzac

Day service at the Titirangi RSA.

Christine is celebrating weddings at the Soldiers Memorial Church in April and again in September.

Valerie Parker and Freda Morgan have again been organising the "voucher" scheme to help those less fortunate in the village.

All of these initiatives, besides being very worthwhile, give us a presence in our parish area.

Easter:

The church looked beautiful for Easter Sunday, bright banners, splendid flowers, gleaming brass and new linen.

Thank you to all involved in the working bees, and cleaning, dusting, polishing, arranging.

The Titirangi Soldiers' Memorial Church is holding its AGM in the church at 116 Park Road on Friday April 22nd at 7.30pm

St Francis appoints four trustees together with four Presbyterian trustees to administer this 92 year old historic building. You are welcome to attend.
John White

