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The beginning of August sends signals

It's always a treat to have visitors and guests here at St Francis.

Last month, for example, there was the Rev Ian McCleary, a colleague from far off Mt Albert Grammar School days.

Mid-winter we joined with our Titirangi Presbyterian friends for a lively service up the hill.

It was good too to have a training session with our enabler Sarah.

This week-end we've welcomed Gillian Reid who, as part of her work on a doctoral thesis on LSM, interviewed four of our congregation.

Later this month we greet again our cluster Archdeacon, the Rev Carole Hughes, who preaches on

16th August. Then on 30th our enabler Sarah will preside.

We're also in conversation with the Very Rev Jo Kelly-Moore, the lively and articulate Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral. She said again when we talked at the Indaba gathering how she would love to visit us.

Meanwhile we look forward to the kitchen refurbishing (see inside) and the official blessing of our lounge space. We have much to be thankful for.



A couple of experimental changes introduced

A practice we learned from an Indaba partner was turning to face the liturgist at the back of the church towards the end of the service for the dismissal.

We'll give it a try to see what you think.

We're also trialling the two readers coming to the front together, one to sit while the other reads. There will still be a suitable pause between readers. Let's know your opinion here too.

The processing of the Bible on Bible Sunday was a "one off" though some churches do it regularly.

After consulting with those who attend our mid-week communions at the Soldiers' Memorial Church and listening to others, the MST have decided to cancel them in the meantime. Home communion will be available. We'll review the situation in the summer. If you have any comment please see Norman.

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A special welcome to our visitors today

“Where to next “ ask Indaba at gathering in St Mary’s in Holy Trinity Cathedral

A very special gathering was hosted by Bishop Jim of folks who had been involved in the recent Indaba Conversation Initiative across the whole diocese.

Nine from St Francis attended and we were very impressed by the feedback from others. In particular our partners from St Peter’s, Onehunga and St Mary by the Sea, Torbay spoke with appreciation of the welcome they found at St Francis.

We were the first church out of our three to host the dinner, the conversation and the visitors to our Sunday service. In fact, the Rev Anne Priestly from St Peter’s said that she felt “ *really welcomed home even while away from home!*”

Others from around the diocese talked of gaining “ *a deeper and more abiding family resemblance which they didn’t realise they had with other ministry units* “.

They said how significant it was to realise they were not alone with their own challenges. Lots of other ministry units had the same or similar ones. The value of sharing, seeing strength in our connections

and thus learning from others was seen as the most significant outcome from the Indaba process.

And part of that learning was hearing the LSM story by those who really know nothing about it. They were impressed!

Bishop Jim will collate the feedback and consider where to next. Most people see this as Indaba being done again, possibly next time with ministry units closer to home.

But it was very clear that everyone there had gained new friends from this process and they would be endeavouring to maintain them. Indaba was a unique event for the diocese and St Francis really engaged so well with it!

In fact, check out the latest “ Anglican “ magazine; there’s a photo of our Indaba friends and a relevant quote from Lindsay Nash.

Deborah Roland



“...a
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event...”

Mostly Craft Saturday, 8th August 1—3pm

Do please share this date with any families you know who have children between the ages of 5-12 who would like to do some crafty things. Pre-schoolers also welcome .

And if you would like to contribute to this very special outreach initiative (eg come and help in the kitchen or talk with the adults over coffee/tea or come to help set up) that would be really appreciated. Just ring Margaret Strid (ph 817 1330) or talk with one of the

Mostly Craft team after church. All contributions are really welcome. Mostly Craft is a very special time for kids and their families and it all happens in our special place, St Francis.

And it’s not “ladies only!” We often have fathers bringing their children, and sometimes staying. **8th August will see us short staffed, with a number of helpers and junior leaders away. Can you give us some “one off” help?**

Friendship Circle hear details of needy people in West Auckland

A most interesting talk about Lovelink from Helen Philip held the attention of the Friendship Circle when they met on Tuesday 28th July. She explained its origin, how it is developing now and the tremendous need it helps meet.

This year similar organizations in the West - Salvation Army, Wai-takere Outreach, Vision West - have formed an information network to prevent double dipping by the few dishonest clients. There are all too many whose need is great. Our food donations help, so please keep up the good work.

The demand for food parcels have almost tripled this year, and money is needed to pay for the

office. Volunteers to help deliver parcels after 12.00 noon will be very welcome too. Phone Helen 817 - 6481. This ministry runs on prayer. Knowing of your support does help.

There is no meeting planned in August for the Friendship Circle as the kitchen builders are in. We hope to arrange a trip to Eden Gardens at the beginning of September to see the Spring flowering.



“..demand almost tripled...”

Warning!—get creative in clusters

Creativity in Worship is a hot topic, and we'll be doing our best to widen our boundaries on Thursday 1st October, 1.30pm– 4pm at St Francis.



We'll be meeting then with representatives from our fellow cluster LSMs, Point Chevalier, Helensville, Huapai/Kumeu, Te Atatu and Waiheke Island.

There'll be special input too from the Rev Sarah Park, Diocesan Ministry Educator. She impressed us greatly with her dynamic presentation at the '14 LSM conference.

All are welcome. Join us in this cornucopia of cluster creativity in an inter-active afternoon.

Team Quiz—general knowledge 7-15pm Friday 14th August

No, it's not a Bible quiz, more like Trivial Pursuits.

Get your teams organised, 4 to 6, when we meet to challenge visiting LSMs in a light-hearted duel. Points are accumulated, Pub Quiz style, with occasional quick prizes.



A spread of interests in useful but not essential. Entry is \$5 a team, and we gather at 7-15pm for a 7-30pm start. Contact David 816-8713

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Readings for August:

9th: 2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps 130; Eph 4:25-5:2 John 6:35,41-51;

16th (Our Archdeacon preaching) 1 Kings 2:10-12:3:3-14; Ps 111; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

23rd 1 Kings 8: 22-30,41-43; Psalm 84; Eph 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

30th Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45,1,2,6-9 James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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6th Prov 22:1-2,8-9,22,23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Dear Readers - please don't mention all the various verses when you announce your reading:

Just "The reading is taken from 2nd Samuel chapter 18, beginning at verse.....

Here and about with St Francis folk

Kitchen Update Update:

We now have approval from the Diocese to proceed with the proposed upgrade of our church kitchen and a contract for the work has been awarded.



If all goes to plan the work will start at the church on Monday 24th August and finish by Friday 4th September. It is unlikely that the kitchen will be able to be used on Sunday 30th August so we ask you to bear with us on this.

Thanks, Ian

Overseas news:

We had a lovely little email from Cynthia now back in England after time with her Elcoat family. We send her the newsletter from time to time, and she loves keeping in touch.



The Guthries:

We also had a very appreciative email from Barbara thanking us for

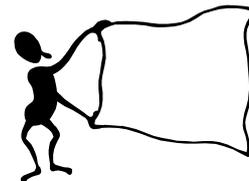
our prayerful support and the comments in the last newsletter. Though she is worshipping now at the cathedral, she would like to retain links.

Bible Sunday:

Thanks for those who produced such an interesting range of material.

Banners:

Thanks to Joan Williams and Stephen Johnson we have a marvelous collection of banners. But perhaps it's time to explore some additions and the MST has discussed this.



We plan to put out all the banners so you can see what we have. There is a small team of people who are willing to help design, make and hang some new ones maybe. Let Lindsay know if you too are interested.

Prayers for a speedy recovery to Eva Tollemache after her op. and for Bob, who has been in hospital

